

FAMILY MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Why In The World Do We Have VBS Anyway?

I know that VBS is a challenge. I mean if you have been around children for any length of time you know if you get 50 (or more) children together—you have your hands full. But it is important! This week I fired up my computer's Bible search engine and began reading all the various scriptures about children. This is some of what I found:

There are over 400 different references in our Bible about children—about the joys and challenges of raising them right. But what I really found interesting is that there were two scriptures about children that really tugged at my heart.

The first was: *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it”* (Proverbs 22:6).

Many times our kids are so bombarded by other things—such as school and athletics and band (which are good) - that they do not have much time to study God's word. As parents and grandparents, we should encourage our kids—and their friends to be a part of VBS. As dedicated Christians, we should be willing to do what we can to help the children of our church and our community. The second important passage was this: *“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’”* (Luke 18:16-17). In this verse Jesus demonstrated the great value he put on children. Can we do any less? -
-L. Fitzgerald-



Our Vacation Bible School Saturday, August 1, 2015

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ages 2 yrs—4th grade

Theme: **“Training Super Heroes For God”**
Next Meeting - Sunday, July 19th after morning
worship! See John Thomas for details.

Guest Article....

“Hot Wheels” and a Burning Conscience

Just down the street from where I grew up was a drug store that sold “Hot Wheels” cars. That was great news to a little boy who loved to play with and collect “Hot Wheels.” One day I saw a car that I just had to have. It was on a shelf and the sticker beneath it read 89 cents. However, when the cashier rang it up, I was only charged 59 cents. I left the store and I was thrilled! The store had under-charged me 30 cents, plus I had a really cool new “Hot Wheels” car! However, my excitement was short lived for I soon discovered that I just couldn’t bring myself to play with the car. Every time I tried, my conscience would burn within me. Since I couldn’t stand the pangs of guilt, a couple of days later, I took three dimes from my savings, went back to the store, laid them on the counter, and ran out of the store as fast as I could go. I still have that car to this day. The front wheels are broken off from a lot of play. Most people might throw away a broken car with no wheels, but I’ve kept this car through the years as a reminder not to violate my conscience. What about you? Do you have a clear conscience? If not, collect your 30 cents and go make things right! You’ll be glad you did!

-Steve Higginbotham-



Please Pray For...

John Bryant is home and recovering from back surgery. **Sam Yeargan** had an accident at work last week but nothing was broken and he is just sore and bruised. **Betty Garrison** was diagnosed with a brain tumor this week. She is seeing her specialist on Friday to determine treatment. Please keep her and Doyle in your prayers. **Gabriel and Marina Orta** with their children were traveling in Mexico a few days ago and had a car accident. No one was seriously hurt but the car was totaled. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel back home. Others who need our prayers are: **Doyle Garrison, J.W. Bennett, Louise James, Jim Wilson, Donna Anderson, Cory Jones, Geovanie Orta, Mack Purnell, Jill Muegge, Eva Brock, Loyd Upchurch, Lillie Hallmark, Lucy Ette Ayres, Mary Huebsch, Betty Pratt, Dixie Cooper, Joseph Chidester, Larry & Bettie Goff, Dave Peters, Don & Louise Newton, Nathan Couch, Carolyn Beadles, Jeremy Sweat, Kevin Jenkins, Jacob Jones, Randel Carlock, Sandra Fort, Arthur Freeman, Todd Ephriam, Opal Cox, Dee McGlaughn, Ashley Bradbeary, Lloyd Harkins, Miquil Lopez, Scott Dutton, Victor Jefferson, Ron Kelley, Patricia Kelley, Vasha Reeks, Carroll Davis, Karen Herndon, Colton Contreas, Hubert Baker, Christine James Meitzene, Damion Meitzene, Jerry Honeycutt, Isa Smith, Michael Thomas Gray, Janet Fuller, Jeremy McDonald, Denise Sanders, Kim Anderson, Terry Simpson, Ethan Sliger, George Barr, Joni McCulloch, Erdice McDaniel, Martha Stafford, James Willis, Trey Jackson, & Lisa Brimcombe.**

Upcoming Events –JULY

15 - Wed. Night Meal will be Italian.

15 - Guest Speaker is Layne Heitz

18 - Cooking Class “Freezer Meals” here in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m.

19 - Wedding Shower for Seth Harrison and Marlee Erwin 3-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

“If you talk about your troubles, and tell them o’er and o’er, the world will think you like them, and give you more and more!”



Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower held in honor of Seth Harrison and Marlee Erwin on Sunday, July 19th from 3-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. They have selections at Target, Kohls, and Amazing Grace.

SUMMER SUMMIT

This FUN family event is just around the corner on July 27-28. This includes a Rangers baseball game, a day at Six Flags, devotionals, and lots of fellowship! See John Thomas on departure time.

That The World May Believe!

Perhaps the Bible's greatest enemy is preaching; preaching that makes the Bible to appear to be a book of conflicting, contradictory doctrines. Robert Owen, the notorious atheist said in controversy with Alexander Campbell that the reason he was an atheist was because he had read so many conflicting doctrines all of which claimed the Bible as their source, so he decided the Bible was no good.

Jesus prayed that all his disciples would be one as He and the Father are one so the world would believe that God sent Him into the world. Adding human creeds and doctrines to the Bible is fatal; not only fatal to those who do the adding, but fatal to those deceived by false teachings. The Bible does not teach many of the doctrines which man says it teaches. Jesus prayed that all his disciples be one through the word of the inspired apostles (John 17:20). But the word of the apostles is God's word (John 17:8,14). Therefore, those who reject the word of the apostles reject God's word.

One reason there are atheists, infidels, and sceptics is because multitudes of preachers have left the impression that God's word contains all the conflicting doctrines taught in the religious world. But God's word does not contradict itself; God's word teaches just the truth on any subject. If it is not handled aright it may be wrested into meaning that which it does not actually say.

We in the church of Christ are pleading for people to exile, burn, bury, destroy the human doctrines that divide men, and which the Bible does not teach so that people will respect the Bible for what it is. It is a book of harmonious truth and contains the soul-saving gospel which if obeyed by all, nothing more, nothing less, will bring about the oneness Jesus prayed for, and will cause the world to realize that God sent Jesus to save sinners.

-Basil Overton-

BACK TO THE FREEZER MEALS

Freezer Meal Classes will begin again
Saturday, July 18, 10:00am at the
Madill Church of Christ

This month's meals include:

- BBQ Chicken Roll Ups
- Crockpot Honey Dijon Pork and Green Beans
- Lemon Caper Tilapia Packets
- Mustard, Herb and Cheese Crusted Pork
- Beef Fajitas

Cost: \$40 RSVP by Tuesday, July 14
by calling 580-795-3563

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"Life Signs"

	<u>7/12</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>5yr</u>
AM Worship	170	160	159
PM Worship	nc	60	44
Wednesday	126	72	nc
Contribution	\$6,443	\$5,403	\$nc
Hispanic Church	A.M nc		
	P.M. nc		
	Wed. nc		
	Cont. \$150		

A Special Thanks!



Dear Madill Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely plant in memory of Mark. Your prayers, cards, and phone calls were comforting to us. Mark loved to visit Madill. We love you all.

Richard & Robbie Jones

On The Lighter Side.....:)

Family Problems

Little Jimmy was having problems in English class, so his teacher decided to stop by on her way home one day to speak to his parents. When she rang the doorbell, little Jimmy answered the door.

"I'd like to talk to your mother and father," the teacher said to little Jimmy.

"Sorry, but they ain't here," he told her.

"Jimmy!" She exclaimed. "What is it with your grammar?"

"Beats me," Little Jimmy replied, "but Dad was sure mad that they had t'go bail her out of jail again!"

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say 'thank you?'"

-William Arthur Ward

Come Join Us!

"When the lights first come on, you can bet it is going to take some adjustment for the effects of darkness to wear off. Light always overcomes darkness though, even in the darkest places!" Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. as we continue the following series:

