



God is love and love lives here!

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Sunday, June 16, 2024, Father's Day

VBS is just around the corner. Our children's ministries are going to be working hard to decorate and get ready for one of the biggest outreach events of the year when it comes to young families. This is a great article discussing how important it is and how beneficial it can be to serve and be a part of VBS. See you next week! Love you guys!

-Pastor Tommy

Why Vacation Bible School is as Important Now as Ever

Sam Rainer, July 1, 2018

He's older now. Retired, but not done. He doesn't move quickly, and his hearing is not great. For thirty years he shepherded our church. Now he leads a Life Group. We call him "Brother Bob." All of Bradenton calls him that. He's a passionate evangelist for evangelism. Give him a minute of your time, and you'll hear him share the gospel. Boldly. Without apology.

He was at Vacation Bible School every day last week. He brought three children. Two of them accepted Christ. In fact, seventeen total children accepted Christ, along with two parents. Countless gospel seeds were planted.

What other program or event bears this kind of fruit in a one-week timeframe? VBS is a local mission trip that just about any church can do.

Multiple generations came together. For one intense week, a multi-generational army united around the good news of Jesus. It's one of the most beautiful scenes in ministry.

People from the neighborhood showed up. They claimed it was the packed parking lot that piqued their curiosity. In reality, the Holy Spirit guided them from their front yards to our front door. VBS was an opportunity for us to be good neighbors.

The gospel is the central focus. The reason we do VBS is to share the gospel. No doubt, the games and activities and skits are a lot of fun. But the focal point is telling children about Jesus. Everything else is periphery to the grand purpose of sharing with a child, "Here is how Jesus saves you."

Men get to be kids. Our VBS happens at night, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There are several reasons for this timeslot, but one of the biggest is that a later time gives many men in our church the opportunity to serve. The women at [West B](#) always step up in incredible ways, but there's something special about seeing a middle-aged man in an orange wig doing kid song motions on spirit night.

We carry with us the legacy of Brother Bob and his generation. Some in our church are in their fifth decade of VBS. When I'm older, retired—when my hearing is gone and I don't move as quickly, I hope to bring children to VBS just like Brother Bob. VBS is as important now as ever. I believe it will be just as vital in the future. We're all VBS-tired, as deacon Don in the below picture can attest, but it's worth it. Every bit of it.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Romans 8:28-30

"All Things Work
Together For Good"



New Concerns

Mike Cleveland
Sharron Schall
Steve & Morgan Warner
Randy Mayfield

Continue Prayers for:

Sara Colbert
Marilyn Fowler
Linda McIntosh
Family of Dan Mendenhall
Savannah Boggs
Mary Leary
Family of Jennifer Spence

Tom Gamble
Betty Bowen
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for June 9

Operating Budget.....	\$8,633.00
Food Pantry.....	150.00
Total.....	\$8,783.00

Worship Attendance

126

Sunday School

55



Rev. Henry Bass

Growing up in Tanner, Alabama, Reverend Henry Bass developed a love for Christ early on in life. It was this love that led him to become a pastor at the age of 30. He served people of the faith in North Alabama for 11 years before moving to the Valdosta District. Reverend Bass pastored in Alamo, College Place in Brunswick, Blakely, and other places across South Georgia before accepting his appointment as the Valdosta District Superintendent. As the Valdosta District Superintendent, Reverend Bass spent eight years providing support and guidance to local pastors and their churches.

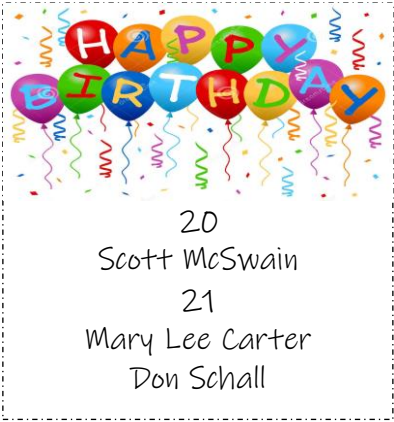
Reverend Bass currently serves as the Vice President for Church Relations at Magnolia Manor, where he is responsible for informing local churches about Magnolia Manor's ministry. Magnolia Manor is a non-profit, faith-based organization committed to serving seniors in nine senior living communities across South Georgia. As the V.P. for Church Relations, Reverend Bass uses his love for God and passion for serving people to help residents at Magnolia Manor receive the quality care they need to live full lives.

Flowers on the Altar and Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ☼ In memory of Woody Davis by Marie Davis
- ☼ In memory of Jennifer Spence by J.O. & Lynn Miller, Brenda Craw & Paul Smith
- ☼ In memory of Debbie Herrington by J.O. & Lynn Miller, Frank & Linda Campo
- ☼ In memory of Dan Mendenhall by Jim & Barbara Hilliard



- ✓ 06-30-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a
- ✓ 07/01-07/04 Office Closed
- ✓ 07-08-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 07-08-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 07-12-24 Blood Drive 1p-6p
- ✓ 07/14-07/17 Vacation Bible School 6p-8p
- ✓ 08-05-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-02-24 Office Closed
- ✓ 09-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 09-09-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 09-29-24 5th Sunday Lunch 11:30a



Bible Reading Plan

Week of June 16th:

Sunday.....	Galatians 6
Monday... ..	Ephesians 1
Tuesday... ..	Ephesians 2
Wednesday.....	Ephesians 3
Thursday.....	Ephesians 4
Friday.....	Ephesians 5
Saturday.....	Ephesians 6

Community Missions

- Food Pantry totals for May:: Families served- 568; People served- 2175; Weight of food distributed- 16,538 lbs... the hands and feet of Jesus!
- The Food Pantry is open June 26, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Open Door Mission Closet (Clothes Closet) is open every Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon. Tuesday is our new Sorting/Processing day and volunteers are also needed on that day.
- June 19 volunteers- Lisa Toth, Becky Martin, Linda Blanton

Youth News

Sundays- 9:30a-9:45a- breakfast and socialize; 9:45-10:15a- Sunday School lesson
June 23- Swimming and lunch after church at J.O. & Lynn Miller's pool
July 3- Youth Bowling Night
July 14-17- VBS, there will teaching and activities age appropriate for teens
July 21- Swimming and lunch after church at J.O. & Lynn Miller's pool
August 3- Wild Adventures for the day and Skillet concert that evening

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise rotation is June 30, July 1 and 2... volunteers are needed to provide meals. Supper times are Sunday- 4:30-5:30p; Monday and Tuesday- 6:30-7:30p... contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Young at Heart

This month our Young at Heart group will meet on Thursday, June 27 as it is National Bingo Day. Lunch will be from 12 noon- 1p and then we'll play Bingo from 1p-3p. So, come on out and join us! We have a really fun time!
*Please note – we are not changing our meeting day permanently, this is just for National Bingo Day.

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- June 16

Father's Day

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Terry & Kitty Barfield
Eric & Gloria Nelson

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- June 16

Nursery- Lynn Miller, Laura, Cinderella
Children- Dawn Wilkins

Sunday- June 23

Nursery- Linda Blanton, Laura McKenzie
Children- Amber Gamble

Monday- June 17

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- June 18

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga

Wednesday- June 19

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9a-12p Clothes Closet
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- June 20

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- June 21

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- June 22

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

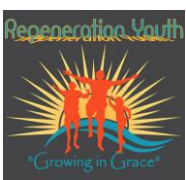
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Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

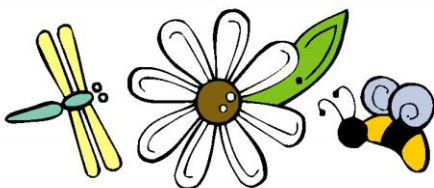
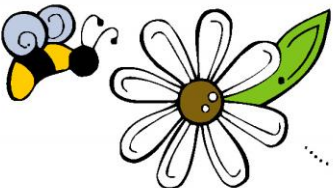
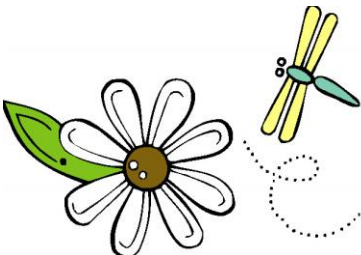
Nehemiah
Mark
Revelation
Hebrews
God's Goodness and Temptation

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson



Carter



Men at the Well

**Cooking Baby Back ribs
for your July 4th \$25
each, pick up
Wednesday, July 3,
8a-1p, See any “Man” or
come by/call the office
to get yours!**



REGISTER FOR **Vacation** **Bible** **School**

Vacation Bible School is

July 14 through July 17, 6p-8p

Email lawanna.office@thewellatcenterville.com

to request a registration form