



Vacation Bible School 2021

Many, many thanks to those who made our VBS 2021 successful!

Our Mount Vernon children enjoyed hearing Bible stories by Pastor Jae; singing and ringing handbells with Juliet; making birdhouses with Gary Benefield, Caroline Hylton, and Emily Hylton; doing art projects with Skylar Payne and Charlie Hungarland, going on boat rides with Tom Underwood and Thomas Hungarland; recreation and snacks with Harper Mitchell, Alana Mitchell, and Laura Daniel; and working at the Urban Farm at God's Storehouse. Thanks to Joyce Underwood, Lin Benefield, and Terri McKee for their assistance. Special thanks to Kathryn Waters, who coordinated this event.



The Evangelism Committee has been interested for a long time in making contact with the students at Averett, but we never got anything worked out with Averett.

This year Skyler Daniel, who is youth minister for West Main Baptist and Chaplain at Averett, has come up with a plan. He has reached out to many churches suggesting that we assemble bags to be handed out to students as they return to school this year. Each of these "welcome bags" will contain about \$5.00 worth of non-perishable snacks and school supplies. We will also have a welcoming note in each bag encouraging students to visit Mount Vernon. Several people related to our committee met the idea with a lot of enthusiasm, encouraging us to commit to at least 75 bags, and they made generous monetary donations.

Skyler suggested Little Debbie snacks, chips, candy, and so on (but nothing that can't withstand some heat) and school supplies such as notebooks, pens, highlighters, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers. He encouraged us to have creative fun with this!

We'll need to have a quick turn around for this project, so **please bring your contributions to the church or to our house (177 College Avenue) by July 23** so that we'll know what we need to shop for, to finish out the bags!

Thanks for your support.

— Beth Ranson, Chair



More VBS photos inside



Please Note Change in the Prayer Chain

Marlyn Sigmon has resigned as the leader of the Prayer Chain. **Catherine Bendall** will now serve as the leader of this committee. Please call Catherine at (434) 793-3333 if you have a prayer request.

Due to sickness, deaths, and people moving away, this committee has lost members. If you are interested in serving on the Prayer Chain, call Catherine.



June Carpenters Project: Frank Cuthrell and Chuck Sampson repair a hand rail.

The Carpenter's Project is a mission of Mount Vernon Church that helps local people with needed home repairs. Most are referred by the local Community Development office because they are physically or financially unable to make the repairs, yet their income level causes them to "fall between the cracks" for getting other help.

Teams of volunteer workers from Mount Vernon make the repairs, and other church members support the teams with donations and prayers.



Best Wishes!

*to
Abby
deAristizabal
&
Josh Via,
who were
married
on June 19!*



Our youth enjoyed two fun gatherings in June!

The Hyltons hosted them at their farm, and the Burtons and Mitchells hosted them for a day at Smith Mountain Lake.

A wonderful time was had by all !!!!

Plans for Re-opening:

We look forward to resuming in-person gatherings at church for children and youth this fall, and we are currently making plans for a fun, safe kick-off!







The Urban Farm at God's Storehouse is a community farming space that is intended to increase access to healthy, fresh food for area residents. Fresh fruits and vegetables are grown throughout the year and donated directly to God's Storehouse for distribution.

This once-empty lot now holds nearly an acre of raised garden beds, and a greenhouse, toolshed, composting facility, shade structure, and many rows of vegetables. In 2020, over 800 pounds of food was harvested, with 400 hours of volunteer help.



One of the goals of the Urban Farm is education, so our VBS children first had a tour of the garden with Stephanie Adkins, the farm manager. Then everyone went to work, watering, hoeing weeds, picking trash out of soil in a raised bed, and building another raised bed frame.



Here is a wishlist of things the Farm needs:

- A tractor
- An ice machine
- A pump system for rain barrels that will pump water from the river to the crops, and educate the community on the importance of recycling water
- A generator
- Knee pads for gardening
- Craftsman water hoses
- 4 screen doors (2 right, 2 left opening)
- Work gloves for children
- Sun hats

See the God's Storehouse website (Urban Farm), or contact Stephanie about volunteering, donating, and educational programs, at urbanfarm@godsstorehouse.org or (434) 228-9063 or (434) 793-3663.





At Stratford Rehabilitation Center:
Billy Johnson

At home: **Dorothy Stephens, Bill Hardy, Joyce Johnson, and Berkeley & Van Keck**

At Roman Eagle: **Marian Adkins, Tom Darkis**

Mount Vernon has said goodbye to Sandie Parker, our financial secretary, as she is returning to her teaching career.

We wish her well, and are grateful for her time here.

Leslie McMinnis is filling in for her.

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July Birthdays

- 3 Marian Adkins
Earle Garrett, III
- 4 John Ranson
Edgar Love
- 5 Jenna Rudder
- 6 Tommie Blackmon
Beth deAristizabal
Dana Glass
David Parrish
- 7 Tom Darkis
Thomas Farley
Nick Fowler
- 9 Jim Daniel
- 10 Amy Eller
- 11 Jerrye Mayhew
Mary Wilkes
- 13 Libby Spainhour
- 14 Jae Cho
Beth Daniels
- 16 Lisa Blackmon
Christy Robertson
Baxter Jennings
Stephen Milam
- 17 Andy Pickeral
- 20 Shirley Gammon



- 21 Jerry Foster
Marge Peters
Brooks Powell
- 22 Barclay Coleman
Dan Newell
- 23 Page Harris
Kate Milam
- 24 Melanie Thomson
Vida Wilkes
- 25 Ron Allen
Will Booker
Michelle Larking
Heather Slayton
Ashley Yates
- 27 Susan Dibrell
Jimmy Jefferson
- 28 Frank Cuthrell
Charlotte Parrish
- 29 Nicola Parrish
- 30 Knox Milligan
Matthew Payne



August Birthdays

- 1 Casey Fowler
Rhonda Yates
- 2 Neill McMillan, Jr.
Sonia Williamson
- 3 John Morris
Zoey Zickefoose
- 4 Tobias Lutz
- 5 Edward Long
- 6 Carter Bauman
Hudson Dunn
Sophie Parrish
- 7 Catherine Bendall
Lindsey Fehl
Dick Patterson
Stephanie Spainhour
Zickefoose
Charles Lee Turbiville
- 11 Margaret Ashby Maloney
Phillip Blackmon
- 13 Charles Jackson
- 14 Lindsey Burton
Audrey Daniel
T.J. O'Neill
Chelsa Williamson

*Gifts in memory of **Joan Clark**
have been received from the Landis Sunday School Class,
Patricia Maurakis, and Carol & Lewis Williamson*

*A gift in memory of **Nancy Robinson**,
sister of Glenn Giles, has been received from
the Landis Sunday School Class.*

*Gifts in memory of **Philip Carter**
have been received from Catherine Bendall and
John Hiltzheimer.*



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