FILLED AND OVERFLOWING

Each corner of our church on the week of June 24-28 was filled with energetic children and youth participating in our Athens Vacation Bible School and Service Camp programs. Jesus was praised as we worshipped twice daily with our Athenian Flames Praise Team. We heard from the Apostle Paul himself about his dangerous journey to share the love of Jesus with the world. The children were challenged to be ‘bold and courageous like Paul’ and share the love of Jesus with everyone around them. The puppet team daily demonstrated practical ways to share Jesus in our communities through their skits and music.

The Bible stories in the Bible Room emphasized the daily Bible points and shared the Bible stories while keeping the children enthralled with their special effects and props. The children participated in daily arts and crafts activities, munched on delicious snacks prepared lovingly by our snack team, as well as enjoyed lots of laughter and fun in the game station.

We averaged 356 kids over the five days at both VBS and Service Camp. COOL Camp joined VBS each day. Monday was our highest attendance with 402.

The Service Camp youth from age 10-13 participated in many outreach projects for our church and community serving as the hands and feet of Jesus. Service Camp

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activities and projects included:

- **Operation Prayer Raid**: Went door to door offering prayer
- **Operation Shiny**: Made car wash signs and washed vehicles
- **Operation Samaritan**: Tuesday and Thursday at Samaritan Center
- **Operation Walk-Chalk**: Wrote Bible verses with chalk on sidewalks around campus
- **Operation Drama**: Performed skits for VBS
- **Operation Giveback**: Wrote cards, and gave them to local business owners, thanking them for their service of the community.
- **Operation Generations**: Visited Collegedale Life Care, gave out cards, painted residents’ nails, and played games with residents.
- **Operation Beautiful**: Wrote affirming statements post-it notes and stuck them to car windows
- **Operation Servolution**: Sabbath Plaza yard work in creek next to the youth room.
- **Operation Lolli-flowers**: Wrote on flower cut-outs and poked lollipops through the middle and then placed in neighborhood lawns.

The VBS and Service Camp kids, along with your generous offerings on Sabbath, raised $1056 to be used to purchase food and medicines to be distributed in Haitian orphanages that the youth will be working in during a mission trip next Spring Break.

“This amazing week would not have been possible without the dedicated and faithful service of our VBS director, Sharon Mohr, as well as over 130 youth and adult volunteers who gave of their time, love and energy to minister to our VBS and Service Camp children,” says Pastor Carole Verrill. “God was glorified and worshipped throughout the week as children shouted praises to Him and learned ways to share and be bold in their faith. The highlight for this Children’s Pastor was watching the children worship the Lord through their singing, their prayers, and their praises. How wonderful to be part of a church family that values children enough to serve them through this vibrant ministry!!”
DR. TAYLOR SEMINARS

Dr. Arlene Taylor returns to Collegedale this fall. The Friday, Sept. 13, topic will be “Optimizing Communication Strategies” which will include the “Brain Program” in the afternoon. For Sunday, Sept. 15, we have a special seminar for families and those who are either single, dating or engaged titled “Gender Differences: How to relate to them without losing your sanity!” These topics are so appropriate for families and their adolescents that we highly encourage you to attend and also partake of the brunch provided by Collegedale Academy’s Class of 2014. These seminars are one of the largest fund raisers for the upcoming senior class and we hope you consider supporting them by attending one, if not both days, for a wonderful day of laughter and learning.

Dr. Taylor’s knowledge of current brain research brings a brand-new perspective to the topic. Do you wish to know who you are innately? Are the bulk of your life’s activities matched to what your brain does easily? To learn more, plan now to attend.

Dr. Taylor’s principal assessment system is the BTSA (Benziger Thinking Styles Assessment). This is quite possibly the best tool for understanding, measuring and making decisions about how a person thinks. It involves an in depth questionnaire (completed before and outside of the seminar), which is then scored by Dr. Taylor. As one of only 10 licensees in the US qualified to provide this service, Dr. Taylor will then send you an in-depth, thorough and individualized analysis of your BTSA. As an encouragement and bonus to the attendees of this seminar, Dr. Taylor is providing the BTSA and its scoring at 50% off the regular fee. Your cost for the BTSA test: $100. Plan now to register and attend the upcoming seminars and order your BTSA now so that you will have time to complete the BTSA. Once completed, send it in to Dr. Taylor to have her score the test and she will explain how your brain functions best for you.

To register for the September 2013 seminar and for pricing information, contact: Yolanda Londis at jumpingjl@msn.com or (423) 987-0036, or Kim Suekert at noahagenda@charter.net or (423) 790-7339.

INSIDE OUT LEADERSHIP RETREAT

by Gary Weber

We are all leaders, whether we realize it or not. Each of us has been given a unique sphere of influence. As students, parents, grandparents, educators, administrators and pastors, the Holy Spirit desires to work through us to help others develop a relationship with Jesus.

This spiritual retreat will begin on Friday evening July 19, resume Sabbath afternoon and conclude early Sunday afternoon, July 21. To obtain more information, or to register to attend the retreat, e-mail Gary Weber at gary@indiscipleship.org, or call 396-2120

Take time during this weekend to reflect and build a deeper relationship with Jesus, and consider what the Holy Spirit wants to do in and through your life. Learn what you can do to help others know the truth about Jesus and his love.

55+ CLUB MEETING

55+ Club members will meet July 14. All members and anyone in the greater Chattanooga area age 55 and over are invited. Visitors are encouraged to RSVP for seating arrangements. We look forward to hearing “Miracles in Chad” and “Music of the Heart” by Josie and Kelvin Burgoyne. Their slide program accompanied by music will depict their mission work and heart songs.

Members are encouraged to bring their food ready for serving by 11:30 a.m. to the Fellowship Hall. The program at 1:00 p.m. follows the vegetarian potluck luncheon which begins at 12:00 noon.

Vegetarian Food Assignments:
A-B: Vegetables
C-F: Potato Dishes
G-L: Entrees
M-O: Dessert
P-S: Tossed/Macaroni/Potato Salads
T-Z: Sandwiches/Rolls

For information or reservations, call Erling Odell at (423) 591-4779 or Rita Vital at (423) 505-6605.
**NEWSPAPER AND ROLLS OF MASKING TAPE** are needed for a COOL Camp craft project. Drop them off at the COOL Camp office (in the Prayer Room, lower level) by July 18.

**BLOOD ASSURANCE** will be at the Church Sabbath, July 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATE A CENTURY** with Alice Tornow, who will be 100 years old on July 20. Her daughter, Joyce Dick, and family are honoring her with a time of joy and good wishes in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, July 20, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All are invited. No gifts, please. Your presence would be the greatest blessing she could receive.

**THE BOWMAN HILLS CHURCH SCHOOL & BAND RUMMAGE SALE** (300 Westview Dr. Cleveland) is July 17-19. Donations are accepted in the gym through Sunday July 14, but the earlier the better. Larger, nice items can be picked up (only if necessary). Call Lee Uhelski at 715-5323 to schedule a pick-up.

**BOYS CAYA SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP** for grades 9-12, is July 21-23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the CA Gym. Pay the $80 fee to the Church Office. For more information, email doctull@yahoo.com.

**LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL BASED KINDERGARTEN?** If your child will be 5 by August 15, call 396-2122 to find out what AW Spalding has to offer.

**A SONRISE 2013 DVD** is available for $10 in the Church Office during office hours (add $2 to mail). All proceeds benefit SonRise.

**REGISTRATION** is open for the Dave Cress Memorial Golf Tournament on September 22 at the Nob North Golf Course in Cohutta, GA. Proceeds go for student tuition assistance at Southern. Fees are $75. For more information visit southern.edu/golf or call (423) 236-2829.

**IN MEMORY**

**Genevieve Dickerson,** sister of Eva Nordgren and Bob Dickerson, passed away June 23. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, at the Church. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Union College, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.

**Gretchen Teter,** mother of Ken Teter, and grandmother of Wendy Teter Fisher (deceased), Mark Teter, and Brady Teter, passed away July 1. She was 101. A Memorial Service will be held May 25, 2014 at the family cemetery in Liman, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan Center, 9231 Lee Highway, Ooltewah, TN 37363.