“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me, but Him who sent Me.” Mark 9:37

Jesus LOVES children and so do we at the Village Church. We want to help busy moms and dads by providing a Quiet Bag that will help keep the children reverent in the sanctuary and their minds stayed on Jesus and the things He created.

We have been blessed by generous hearts throughout the years who have taken the time, resources, and energy to contribute, organize, and maintain the bags each week. Thank you! Marj Snyder, Jennifer Ruedinger, and others have contributed bags, and goodies for the bags. John and Elizabeth Hinkle from Justified Walk Ministries donate the paper for the small clipboards.

We just received another tremendous gift to our ministry! Kimberly Spare from Continental Specialty located right here in town, donated 20 lovely embroidered bags. We now have a total of 29 bags. We pray that the good Lord will continue to bless our little children with things that will nurture them and keep them occupied so that older siblings, parents, and grandparents can hear God’s word.

We kindly ask that children take one bag per family. Why not learn the value of sharing! We are asking mommies and daddies to please sign out your little one’s bags and sign them back in. We will have a book for you to sign at the Guest Ministry Table. It’s happened to many of us that we inadvertently take the bags home with all our other stuff. The bags are so lovely and it takes time and effort to maintain them. We want very much to be able to have them always available for the little ones. Signing in and out will help gently remind us to return the bags.

What a blessing it is when parents bring their children to church. Children among us means we are ALIVE FOR JESUS! Many have said that children are our future. That they are, but they are also our present, and their presence fills God’s house with JOY!

We greatly appreciate any donations anyone would like to make to these bags such as coloring books, crayons, small stuffed animals, etc. - anything that is Sabbath appropriate. There is a box in the foyer closet in the Welcome Center where you can leave your donations. Also, parents, please put in that box anything that your child may have put in their mouth so that we can clean the item before passing it on to another child.

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14.

Anna Chiarenza
Heart to Heart

What Does It Take?

Nina Pham, the first nurse to contract Ebola, was released from a Washington DC hospital yesterday, just as Dr. Craig Spencer of New York City was coming down with a new case. He rode the subway, went bowling, and spent time with his fiancee before developing a fever. So the natural questions go something like this: “How long does ebola live on a bowling ball, or a subway handrail?” Many are infected with fear.

As doom waited for the nation of Israel in Isaiah’s day, the prophet was directed that “... you are not to fear what they fear, or be in dread of it.” Is. 8:12

God is calling us to a relationship that will immunize us against the wanton and random fears of an arrogant and insecure age, barreling towards judgment, and reading in the headlines omens of things to come.

Bring a friend November 2, and come rediscover God’s amazing ability to inoculate His remnant generation from the plague of fear. He has what it takes.

Pastor Kelly

Brunch for a Bunch!

The women’s ministries team prepared brunch for the ladies of our church on Sunday, October 19. About 40 women attended the meal and presentation.

Many ladies prepared homemade waffles with a variety of toppings, apple crisp, and fruit salad. Following the meal, Layna Beckermeyer led out in singing, and Nancy Church, women’s ministry leader, spoke to the group. Teri Anzures summed up the experience with this comment, “What a blessing!”

Margaret Michel finds joy in serving our neighbors next door to the church, at the Loving Care Home. After eating their lunch on Sabbath, she puts on the CD from that morning’s message for the residents to hear. Many stay and listen. While some are not able to leave the home, others join us for worship on Sabbath mornings.

Cement, Smiles, & Sunshine: Parking Lot Renovation at its Best!
**Week of Prayer with Pastor Vine**

Monday, October the 13th was the first day of the VAES Week of Prayer.

Students were blessed to have Pastor Conrad Vine as the featured speaker.

Pastor Vine met with grades K-4 and grades 5-8 separately, and led them in prayer, devotion, and a call to focus on their relationship with Jesus. The lower grade students were impressed with his stories of encounters with lions, scheming with siblings, boat wrecks, and how Jesus has led and protected him through it all. Pastor Vine engaged the older students with object lessons that charged them to make their faith their own through dedicated Bible reading and devotional time everyday.

Both groups of students also learned about the importance of Pastor Vine’s global work through Adventist Frontier Missions, and how many unreached people there are in the world. He challenged our students to put their talents to use for the good of the kingdom. All in all, it was a blessed week and the Holy Spirit was leading. Thank you, Pastor Vine, for your leadership and the gift of time you gave to our school family.

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**Cancer Awareness Month at VAES**

During October our school is not only honoring Breast Cancer Awareness, but we have extended the month to include all types of cancer. We want to not only discuss and understand the challenges that patients and families with this illness are facing, but also find ways to reach out to them and minister to them as a student body.

**WEEK ONE**– We asked our families to talk with their children about someone they may know who is suffering from, surviving, or even lost to cancer. During this week we gave them the opportunity to write the name of that special person on a banner that is now hanging outside the school. The Journal Era came out to take a photo as well. Nancy Church came in to do a special worship that revolved around cancer and the needs of those who are going through this illness.

**WEEK TWO**– During this week our students had the opportunity to take a flower or balloon to the cancer patient (or family member of that person) to let them know that they are special.

**WEEK THREE**– Do something to show support to one or more of these special people. Teachers and classes will decide what they would like to do. Things like a meal, cards, a video, etc. are just a few ideas.

**WEEK FOUR**– This week will feature a “Think Pink” day when student will dress in as much pink as possible to support Cancer Awareness Month! A few winners will be chosen and will receive a prize to take to their special person /family member.

**Cancer Awareness Month Vespers**:

On the evening of Oct. 30, from 7 - 8 p.m., students and their families will gather for a quiet hour of honoring their special person. They will have the opportunity to write the name of the person that they have chosen on a luminary that will line our back drive. We will end the evening with a prayer walk so that we can all pray for the people named on the luminaries or their families, and we will conclude with some quiet praise in song.

Our students and staff will enjoy some fun events while drawing attention to this very important illness that touches the lives of everyone.

*Sarah Kurtz*

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**VAES Welcomes New Spanish Teacher**

The Village Adventist Elementary School welcomes Mr. Manuel Gomez as the newest member of our team. Mr. Gomez will be teaching Spanish to grades K-5.

Manuel is a new student at the Seminary. He has been sponsored by the Florida Conference and is a graduate of Southern Adventist University with a BA in Theology with Ministry Certification.

His resume gave evidence of strong leadership skills. Manuel has a Cuban background and has worked with children. He coordinated and led the Youth Ministries Department for three years at his church in Florida. He has coordinated and run large VBS programs. Manuel is very motivated to not only teach Spanish, but to share Jesus with his students here at VAES. Welcome to the Village school and church community, Mr. Gomez!
The Angel & the Hour

As the Village Church begins its second century, Pastor Kelly will preach a timely series on the first angel’s message. The nightly presentations will run from 6:30-7:30, Sunday through Friday night, beginning November 2.

Sunday: Houston - We've Got A Problem
Monday: 178 Seconds to Live
Tuesday: 10 Days of Grace at Remagen
Wednesday: The Kaiser and the Cowgirl
Thursday: Operation Final Deliverance
Friday: Immunized for the End

Chef Mark Anthony will be the speaker for both first and second service on November 15, as well as present the vespers thought. His cooking program will be on Sunday, November 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center.

VAES Upcoming Events

Oct. 28: Bonfire/Hayride at 5 Pines, 6:30 PM
Oct. 30: Cancer Awareness Vespers in the school back parking lot, 7 pm
Oct. 31: Pink Day for Cancer Awareness
Oct. 31: Strings performing at the Friday evening 100th Anniversary Weekend
Nov. 1: 1st Service: Bell Choir performing
Nov. 1: 2nd Service: Praise Team and Choir performing
Nov. 3: NO SCHOOL, Teacher Inservice Day

As friends, family, former members, and guests celebrate our 100th anniversary next weekend, let us pray that the fragrance of Jesus will waft through our corridors, perfume our worship, and fill each heart.

The Friday evening program begins at 7:00.
First service starts at 8:30, and second service begins at 11:20.

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