

Kids of the Kingdom!

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10 a.m. Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday

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9 a.m. Sunday
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I hope you are getting excited about our upcoming Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS will take place on July 22-25 from 6:30-8:15 each night. We are calling the theme "Kids Of The Kingdom" as we examine four different youth who did great things for the Lord. The purpose is to instill in these kids the fact that they can be servants for the Lord and His kingdom at a young age. The overarching idea will be based on Jesus' words in Matthew 18:3 where He states, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Specifically, we will learn about the unnamed Jewish servant girl of Naaman's wife who pointed Naaman to the one who could heal him of leprosy (II Kings 5:1-14). We will see how King Josiah started his reign at eight years old and made a lasting impression upon the nation of Judah (II Kings 22:1-23:30). We will examine Jesus in the temple at twelve years old listening and questioning the teachers of the law (Luke 2:41-52). Lastly, we will learn from the example of Paul's nephew who saved Paul's life by warning Paul and others of an ambush (Acts 23:12-35). These lessons are certainly beneficial for the kids, but adults will also get the opportunity to learn from these young people each night in the auditorium.

As always, this is a good event to invite some of your family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends! You can reach out to people through three main avenues: (1) pick up a VBS shirt in the lobby and wear it often for the month of July; (2) pass out invitations to families (registration sheets are on the welcome desk and can serve as an invitation); and (3) if you are on Facebook, search and join the "Kids Of The Kingdom Vacation Bible School - VBS 2018" event. Once a part of the event, share the event on your wall every once in a while so your friends can see it. You can also directly invite friends to the event once you are a part of it.

So many people have volunteered to teach and help in various ways, but I am still in need of some help. Specifically, I am in most need of guides who lead the age groups to their classes, skit leaders, decorators, and people to help with games. If you are interested please contact me soon so I can set you up with some role in which you can serve the Lord and others.

Lastly, registration sheets are available on the welcome desk in the foyer. Rather than coloring a pre-made image, I am having the kids draw a picture of them serving the Lord and others. Please fill them out and decorate them for our coloring contest! You can turn them in to me when they are completed, and I will put them up for display. Let's make this Vacation Bible School the best on that we have ever had!



Luke Yates

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Currently confined to home: Betty Ball, Joyce Clarkson, Lee Crabtree, Glen Crumbliss, Faye Haught, Mae Hill, Wilma Hill, Gary Neilan, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.

- Glen Crumbliss has moved to Oak Pointe Assisted Living room 108.
- Bette Sinden expected to be released from Mercy Hospital in Joplin today after spending a couple days there.

Remember our kids and adults who are at **Horizons Camp** at FHU this week as you pray. They plan to return Friday.

Tim and Carla Murray and Keri Collinsworth will travel to Honduras July 11-16 to visit the children helped through Childhaven. Please pray for their efforts and safety as they seek to be a blessing to families living in extremely challenging circumstances.

Welcome! Shawn and Tammy Crawford are our fellow Christians and want to be identified with the Hillcrest church. They live at 17878 Raven Road, Granby, MO 64844.



every ONE counts!

Every "One" Counts: Thank you for adding an extra dollar to your offering each week to help people in need. We recently were able to help two

families with electricity bills thanks to your generosity. Please let Luke know if you have any people who could use some financial help.

Fifth Sunday Opportunity: On July 29, everything we give above our budgeted needs will help to pay off the loan on our valuable new activities center. Please make prayerful plans.



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *The Law and the Promise*
(Gal. 3:15-22, Danny Boggs)
PM: *One Word: Fellowship*
(Danny Boggs)

Pick up your copy of the new issue of *Christian Woman* at the ladies' corner.

Men's Breakfast: Join us this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's.

Join us Saturday, July 14 for **Creek Day at the Cook's**. Watch for details.

Join the **senior saints for lunch** in the fellowship room at noon Saturday, July 14.

Help encourage the residents at **Medicalodge as we share a short devotional** with them at 1:30 Sunday, July 15.

Men's BBQ Night: Monday, July 16, at Big Ben's BBQ Station in Carthage.

Youth Devotionals: If you would like to host by serving the meal and planning a game in the activities center some Thursday night this summer, please sign up at the bulletin board.



Golfers: Enjoy your sport while helping to raise money for Green Valley Bible Camp Saturday, August 11, at Cave Springs, Arkansas. See the flier posted on the bulletin board.

Vacation Bible School is only three weeks away! See Luke's article on page 1 for details.

What Makes a Rope Strong?

What makes a rope strong? Pulling together. That's the answer. Many tiny strands, each weak by itself, but united in a common effort, become strong enough to bind a giant.

What makes a rope strong is what makes a church strong also. When you take hold of a rope, you seldom think of those tiny little parts that are entwined about each other so as to give the rope such strength. When we speak of a strong church, the little things that really combine to make the unity and power are often overlooked.

The strands that make a strong church are individuals. Under the mind and hand of God, they are directed toward a common end, united in a common cause—God's glory and man's salvation. This is true if the church is a strong church. It cannot be strong unless its members are united.

Remember this: strong ropes don't just happen. Neither do churches just happen to be strong. It takes pulling together. The influence of every member—his thought and time, his money and his prayers—should all be coordinated with that of every other member to give the church its greatest strength for its task.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, July 8

- AM Opening: Tucker Anderson
- AM Closing: Wayne Douthitt
- PM Opening: Casey Flint
- PM Closing: Eldon Morgan

Wednesday, July 11

- Opening: Kaed Thomas
- Closing: Fred Bukowich

RECORDS	07-03-18	07-02-17
Bible Study	105	121
AM Worship	172	178
PM Worship	120	110
Wednesday	122	144
Contribution	\$13,883.76	\$6,859.51
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67