



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Otha Spencer
David Crenshaw

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mark Sullivan	Donna Cottle
Janet Skauge	Nita Clark
Bill Terrell	Gene McKenzie
Fred Tarpley	Tracy Hammons
Helen Dickson	Peggy Fox
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Lonnie Visage (The Heltons' friend)
Robert and Sally Cooper (Mary Dagenhart's parents)
Mona Brown (Jim Brown's mother)
Kathryn Scott
Fred Klaus
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
George O'Kelley
Scott Sands (Carolyn Miller's brother)
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)
Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
Chance Thornton
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)
Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)
Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
Jim Hunsicker (in Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Matt Skelton (in Iraq) Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
Nathan Grove
David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
Brian Richards-nephew of Judy Rudoff
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
Terry & Robert Starkey-brothers of Wanda Beane
Lt. Dan Barton
Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
Garrett Johnson

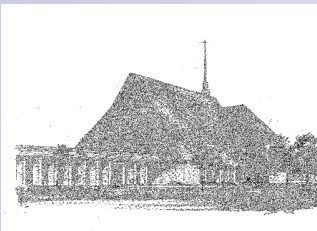


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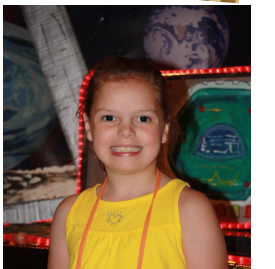
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VBS Galactic Blast Report by Alison Walker

What a wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent, AWESOME week we had! PRAISE GOD! We had 156 "cadets" aboard the Starship Galactic Praise, and at least 57 adult and youth volunteers here each day. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who contributed snacks, drinks, donations, supplies, time, energy and prayer! It is such a blessing to serve the children of our community alongside such a loving and supportive congregation, dedicated to programs - such as VBS - that lead our kids to God. You may never know what a difference your contribution has made in a child's life, but I hope you all know how deeply grateful I am for your support!!



Session 1
The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
Psalm 24:1, NRSV

Praise Phrase: Our God is wonderful! Praise God!

On the first day the kids heard the story of Creation. They learned that God has given us Earth as a gift and that we share the responsibility to care for our planet and its inhabitants!

Day 2 took the kids to Mt Horeb, where they learned to listen for the "still small voice of God" - just as Elijah did when he was lonely, frightened, and discouraged. We must remember to pray and LISTEN!

Session 3
O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
Psalm 139:1, NRSV

Praise Phrase: Our God is amazing! Praise God!

On Wednesday, the kids met the woman at the well, and witnessed her amazement as she learned what Jesus knew about her. God knows us just as he knows the placement of the stars in the sky.

Session 5
The LORD lives!
Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be God my Savior!
Psalm 18:46, NIV

Praise Phrase: Our God is magnificent! Praise God!

Session 4 took the children to a road outside Jericho. We heard how a crowd gathered saw a blind beggar as unimportant, but that beggar believed Jesus loved and cared for ALL people - and his sight was restored! Jesus loves and cares for each of us in that same way!

Praise Phrase: Our God is awesome! Praise God!

On their last "Mission" the kids heard the story of Jesus death and resurrection. By believing in Jesus and God's son and our Savior - we will have eternal life with him!

The VBS Mission Project this year was the Food Distribution Program at Word of Life Church right here in Commerce. This program partners with the North Texas Food bank and serves over 120 Commerce area families/recipients every other week. Through the North TX Food Bank, 14 ¢ buys a pound of food. We raised enough money to buy 2157 pounds of food - plus, the kids brought in a HUGE stack of canned and dry food items as well! Great job VBS kids!!

Session 2
But for me it is good to be near God.
Psalm 73:28a, NRSV

Session 4
The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Psalm 29:4, NRSV



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At that time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, Who then is [really] the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them, And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all].

— Matthew 18:1-3(AMP)

This past Sunday, our congregation had the most beautiful celebration of Vacation Bible School. We had energetic children singing and dancing, infusing our worship space with laughter, energy and praises. While witnessing the willingness, passion, and excitement from the children in worship and how (for the most part) everyone in the congregation was smiling, some tapping their feet and others (like myself) wanting to jump up and join the singing/dancing...I thought, "This Is Cool!" I would like to commend our Children's Director Alison Walker and the 50+ volunteers that helped to make this year's VBS....a Galactic BLAST!

Seeing the children on Sunday and noticing their reckless abandon to Praise God, I ponder the question, "what happens to that childlike faith as we grow older?" The faith that has the power to wonder, the power to forgive and forget, the power to learn and the power to do! What happens to that childlike faith that stirs with excitement when talking about the transformational power of Jesus Christ? What happens to that hungering and thirsting to feed our faith through God's Word? What happens to that childlike faith that we once possessed?

I believe in order to recapture that childlike faith we must look at the prescription as seen in Matthew 18:1-3. We mustrepent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving]! Oftentimes, we allow so many obstacles and problems to cloud our lens of faith, which cause us to become hardened and cold in our faith journey. The first order of business is to REPENT. In a sense, it is acknowledging that we are not going in the right direction. This will require us to completely turn away from that direction and follow a new course on a different path. Next, we must humbly revert to our abiding love, dependence and trust in God. In essence, looking to God as our Heavenly Parent to care and protect us in this life. This, my friends is the beginning stages of regaining our childlike faith.

I hope that as we begin to recapture that childlike faith, we will be just as excited as the children on VBS Sunday. We will be enthused about attending church and bringing others with us, unafraid to loudly sing praises, joyfully dance in praise and thanksgiving, and unashamedly share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all we encounter (Beyond the Walls)! I am willing to rekindle my childlike faith...how about you?

See you in Service,



**SUMMER ATTIRE:
RELAXED
DRESS**



Worship

June 27, 2010

*Rev. Aleze Fulbright
will preach on
Exodus 14:10-22*

*Please join us this
Sunday!*

*8:45 in the Chapel
10:50 in the Sanctuary*

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Welcome, Rev. Valarie Englert



Sunday, July 4th

*Join us for a reception to welcome
our new senior pastor,*

Rev. Valarie Englert.

*It will be a come-and-go event held
during the Sunday School hour.*



July 18 Potluck

You are invited to the church-wide
potluck to officially welcome
Rev. Valarie Englert on
Sunday, July 18 after the 10:50 service.



Communities In Schools Dallas Region (CISDR) and the Commerce Chamber of Commerce present the 2nd Annual "Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive." To benefit local students Drop off backpacks and basic school supplies Saturday, July 3 at the Fourth of July Celebration Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Look for the School Bus at Gee Lake Monetary donations welcome Every donation stays in Commerce All items will be distributed in August through the local CISDR program Donations can also be dropped off throughout the year at any Commerce ISD School

Dear FUMC-Commerce Members,
Thank you so much for the gifts I received at Senior Sunday. The plaque and book will go with me to college next fall as reminders of your love and support. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank You
Sincerely,
Mary Taggart.



Hats off to our outstanding youth!

*Anna Kethner graduated
in the Top 10 from
Campbell ISD!*



In memory of...

Madeline Willis

By: Dick & Linda King

Hattie Patton Dearing

By: Bob & Sally Grove

Kelsey Hall

By: Bobby & Kathy Hill and
Robert & Jennafer
Bob & Anne Mills
Mary Beth Tuck
George & Priscilla McFarland
Bill & Carol Peek
Bob & Sally Grove
Mark & Frances Sartwell
Sue & Schelly Porter
Carole Walker



Shirley Orr

By: Mary Beth Tuck
Bob & Sally Grove

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Jun 27	Galatians 5:22-25
Monday, Jun 28	2 Kings 5:1-14
Tuesday, Jun 29	Psalms 30:1-3
Wednesday, Jun 30	Luke 10:1-11,16-20
Thursday, Jul 1	Psalms 30:6-12
Friday, Jul 2	Galatians 6:7-16
Saturday, Jul 3	Galatians 6:1-6
Sunday, Jul 4	Psalms 30:4-5
Monday, Jul 5	Amos 7:7-9
Tuesday, Jul 6	Amos 7:10-17
Wednesday, Jul 7	Psalms 82:1-5
Thursday, Jul 8	Psalms 24
Friday, Jul 9	Colossians 1:1-14
Saturday, Jul 10	Luke 10:25-28

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