



LX No.6

June 2018

# The Messenger

**GAME ON!**

VBS 2018

**Vacation Bible School**  
June 24 - June 28  
5:30 - 8:30PM

Supper will be served every night!  
Please register your child(ren) online now at  
[www.calvarycares.com/children-vbs/](http://www.calvarycares.com/children-vbs/).

# HOMEBOUND BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Mary Ellen Deas	06.06
Mrs. Gwen Collins	06.10
Mrs. Marjorie Hill	06.15



Calvary Creations will meet the 14th and the 28th at 10am in library.



## RA CAMP

Lad Camp - June 15 - 17  
Challenger Camp - June 18 - 22

## GA CAMP

Camp La Vida - June 18 - 22

# MONDAY MADNESS

FOR KIDS IN 1<sup>ST</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

June 25 at 9AM

Join us for a morning of Bible Trivia and ice cream!

# LifeChangers

If you have any interest in helping with LifeChangers this summer, please contact Louanne Stewart at LGS5155@aol.com or 843.662.5921. The dates are June 17-22.

# WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH

*Your response to each Mission of the Month has been wonderful!*

- January: Your donations of baby items for A Choice 2M8K were greatly appreciated. There is a thank-you letter from the center director on the bulletin board behind the sanctuary. Please take time to read it.
- February: You really outdid yourselves with your donations of Vienna Sausages and other food items to Help 4 Kids to use for elementary school children in need in Florence County. Take time to read the thank-you letter on the bulletin board from Help 4 Kids.
- March: With the help of your donations, we have been able to assemble 102 Ministry Health Kits!! These will be delivered to FBA in June to be used in a variety of ministries. Check out the WMU webpage for pictures.
- April: The nurses in the McLeod NICU were so appreciative of the preemie clothes, blankets, and snack foods. Check out the WMU webpage for pictures of your generous donations.
- May: At the end of May, all items collected for Lighthouse Ministries will be delivered.

My prayer is that the momentum of support for missions will continue. God is using YOU to reach out to those in need!!

## ***The Mission of the Month for June is Welcome Back Packs for FMU.***

Francis Marion Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) gives "Welcome Back Packs" to new students arriving on campus in the fall 2018. This will be the 13th year they have done this, and it has proven to a wonderful way for the BCM students to reach out to other students on campus. It serves as a tool to begin a relationship with students and to invite them to their BCM activities. This ministry will be featured as the June WMU Mission of the Month. If you would like to provide packets, please put the following items in a quart zipper bag and place it in one of the boxes labeled "Welcome Back Packs" behind the sanctuary:

- 1 pack of crackers
- 1 pack of Pop Tarts
- 1 bag of microwave popcorn
- 1 Tic Tac or BreathSavers
- 2 mechanical pencils
- 2 packs of gum

If you cannot provide the entire pack, donations of individual items will be used to assemble packs at the end of the month.

# TUTORING MINISTRY

## *The 2017-2018 Tutoring Team*

Andrew Belville, Becky Burch, Tammy Covington, Maggie Evans, Martha Griffith, Carolyn Harrell, Susan Hyler, Shirley Piland, Gail Scarborough, and Julie Sims all served faithfully this year. We appreciate each one of you who volunteered to be a part of our tutoring ministry at Calvary this past year. We want to say thank you for your time, dedication, and devotion to your students and this ministry. Anyone interested in volunteering in September, please call Beverly Rogers at 843.665.4871.

# CHURCH LIBRARY

## *Summer Hours for Wednesday nights are changing.*

Summer Library hours for Wednesday nights are changing to 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm beginning on June 13. The Library will be closed on the Wednesday night of June 6. All other hours will remain the same. If you would like to make a memorial gift in honor or memory of a loved one or a friend, please consider a donation to the church library.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

## *Our Summer schedule for Wednesday Nights begins on June 13th.*

Men's Bible Study: 6 - 7PM Room 320

Women's Bible Study: 6 - 7PM Room 302

Prayer Meeting: 6PM in the Chapel

Children's Activities (3k-6th Grade): 6 - 7PM 3rd floor

Nursery: 6 - 7PM

Student Ministry: 6 - 7PM on the following dates:

June 13, July 18, July 25, August 8, August 15

# CRAYON INITIATIVE

## *We are collecting all types of crayons thru July 16.*

Crayons belong in a child's hand, not landfills. Donate your used and unwanted crayons to children in need!

More than a half-million pounds of crayons are discarded annually throughout the U.S. That equates to roughly 60 million crayons!

The Crayon Initiative collects used and unwanted crayons donated from restaurants, schools, churches, and homes across the country, then melts them down, remanufactures them, and distributes them to art programs to children's hospitals.

Calvary is collecting used crayons for the Florence Baptist Association. The crayons do NOT have to be separated by color or have the paper taken off. Just put them in a box or zip lock bag and place them in one of the donation boxes behind the sanctuary. The donations will be delivered to FBA by July 16.



# SUMMER PROGRAM

## *Preschool Summer Program will begin on June 12th at 9:00AM.*

Open House will be on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 10:30am. Come meet your teacher and see your classroom.



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### A Word From Pastor Mike...

What's the most important season for evangelism and church growth? Surprisingly, even though attendance numbers are typically down in most churches, there's a good argument to be made for summer. Why? Three little words that mean a lot- Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Recently, just in time for "VBS Season", LifeWay released a report entitled "Even If They Don't Go to Church, Americans Still Love VBS." The results are encouraging for churches, like ours, who emphasize VBS. According to the article, sixty percent of Americans say they went to a VBS growing up. Two-thirds of American parents say they are willing to send kids to VBS this summer.

The article reinforces what most Baptists know, if we really think about it. VBS matters a lot, not just to "our" children and churches, but to those on the periphery of our church. It's our number one tool for reaching children, and considering the importance of reaching people for Jesus at a young age, that's crucial. A poll conducted by the National Association of Evangelicals in 2015 indicated that sixty percent of Christians accepted Jesus as Savior between ages 4 and 14.

So, if you want to do something seriously evangelistic, help with VBS. I'm very grateful to our Children's Ministry Director, Amy Hatchell, and to all our volunteers. See the front of this newsletter to learn more about our VBS, being held this month. I hope to see you there, with lots of your little relatives, friends, and neighbors. Call Amy or the church office to find out how you can help, if you've not already done so.

### Most parents would let their child attend VBS at someone else's church if invited

*Among American parents with a child under 19*

