

**July 26, 2019**

**Exciting VBS this week!**

I want to thank the Lord for the wonderful VBS we had this year and ask YOU to help in the harvest. Thank you for all the hard work from the workers and leaders for VBS. The dedicated efforts from everyone pulling together to accomplish the goal of reaching young families with children have really paid off! We have identified over 15 new families that have brought their children to VBS. I commend our Family ministry team and our church for working together to fulfill our vision of reaching young families with children. We have had a great family emphasis this spring and summer and God has rewarded our efforts of pulling together in unity to attain this goal.

NOW the exciting part begins! Now we must “work” to bring in the harvest. There is much work to do to be ready to reach these young families. Many are not in the habit of attending church. We must continue our commitment to “resource parents in raising children to follow Jesus everyday”. (Our vision statement from Jay Miller). We will need space, additional trained and gifted teachers and a church that is “willing to do what it takes” to welcome these families into our fellowship to experience the Gospel and to be disciplined to walk with the Lord. I invite you to join with us in this high adventure of being on mission with the Lord of reaching people.

**VBS Family Night Sunday at 5pm**

One way YOU can help out is to participate in attending in our VBS Family night this Sunday at 5pm. I invite you to join us as we celebrate with the children and families that participated in VBS. Many will have come experiencing Faith Fellowship for the first time. It will be exciting to meet these new folks the Lord is sending our way. They will miss out if YOU are not here to welcome them and be enriched in sharing together with our church family in fellowship. Don't forget to look for and welcome the new faces even this Sunday!

Austen Lambert will be our guest preacher this Sunday, as Donna and I will be traveling to Wichita, KS. We will be celebrating in a memorial service for her dad Jim Stoffle on Saturday night with family there. Thanks for your prayers for Donna and our family. Don't miss hearing Austen who is always a blessing to our church family on Sunday.

These are exciting days for Faith Fellowship. August is almost here and on the horizon is a new school year with wonderful hopes for God's new mercies and harvest from sharing the gospel.

Expectantly,

Pastor Garry

“We are a faith fellowship of believers on our journey together with our Lord... meeting needs, mending hearts.”