



THE EVANGEL  
JUNE 2016

# VBS

June 27th - July 1

9 am - 11:15 am

4 yrs - entering 4th

God's  
Treasure



# WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

## Purpose in Prayer by E.M. Bounds

Excerpt from chapter 3

When we calmly reflect upon the fact that the progress of our Lord's Kingdom is dependent upon prayer, it is sad to think that we give so little time to the holy exercise. Everything depends upon prayer, and yet we neglect it not only to our own spiritual hurt but also to the delay and injury of our Lord's cause upon the earth. The forces of good and evil are contending for the world. If we would, we could add to the conquering power of the army of righteousness, and yet our lips are sealed, our hands hang listlessly by our side, and we jeopardize the very cause in which we profess to be deeply interested by holding back from the prayer chamber.

Prayer is the one prime, eternal condition by which the Father is pledged to put the Son in possession of the world. Christ prays through His people. Had there been importunate, universal and continuous prayer by God's people, long ere this the earth had been possessed for Christ. The delay is not to be accounted for by the inveterate obstacles, but by the lack of the right asking. We do more of everything else than of praying. As poor as our giving is, our contributions of money exceed our offerings of prayer. Perhaps in the average congregation fifty aid in paying, where one saintly, ardent soul shuts itself up with God and wrestles for the deliverance of the heathen world. Official praying on set or state occasions counts for nothing in this estimate. We emphasize other things more than we do the necessity of prayer.

We are saying prayers after an orderly way, but we have not the world in the grasp of our faith. We are not praying after the order that moves God and brings all Divine influences to help us. The world needs more true praying to save it from the reign and ruin of Satan.

### CURRENT (3 WEEKS):

Marilyn Walk- *stroke*  
Zale Walk- *3 wk baby on heart transplant list*  
Ada O'Neil- *surgery recovery*  
Charlotte Orr- *knee recovery*  
Reeni Letizia- *knee recovery*  
Roy Walk- *heart*  
Tony Kenworthy- *infection*  
Ingraham Mission Trip 6/5-10  
Lila Bear  
Ivan Cooper  
Kellee Beccue- *surgery recovery*  
Paul Frailey- *heart*  
Ron Schultz- *kidney, heart*

### ONGOING CONCERNS:

Community Worship Service  
6/19  
VBS 6/27-7/1  
CIY - High School 7/25-30

### IN CARE FACILITIES:

Ivan Cooper - Heartland  
Don Scoles- Heartland  
Carolyn Gast - Cumberland Co  
Elsie Phillips - Heartland

### IN THE MILITARY:

Jalen Blazich - Army  
Jared Blazich - Air Force  
Tyler Briggerman - Navy  
Shane Gephardt  
Josh Kiest  
Wes Letizia - Air Force  
Alicia & Steve Tordoff -  
Army Reserve

### FIGHTING CANCER:

Lila Bear  
Ann Conn  
Mel Hood  
Patty Johnson  
Dan Letizia  
Carol Mefford  
Denny Mefford, Jr.  
Brian Moore  
Brad Odum  
Elizabeth Weidner  
Larry Wheeler  
Lis White

### Missions :

Neoga Community  
Food Pantry  
Heartland Christian Village  
Oblong Christian Children's  
Home  
Christian Campus House,  
Oil Belt Christian  
Service Camp  
Ryan & Melinda Hicks  
Compassion Children:  
Ashley  
Mehari  
Joydeb  
Axel  
Melanie

# Attention All Seniors:

## Senior Breakfast

All seniors are encouraged to meet Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 8:00 am at the Depot for breakfast. Come enjoy the fellowship and begin the morning with a breakfast of your choice. Note, each one pays for his own.

## Thursday, June 23, 2016 –A Visit to Decatur

Seniors, we will leave FCC at 10:15 am, June 23, 2016 and travel to Decatur (via FCC Van). We will eat lunch at Panera and then travel to the Staley Home/Museum. The A.E. Staley home was originally built in 1884 by William J. Quinlan. The Staley family occupied the home from 1913 to 1951. After multiple owners, the home is now owned by the Staley Museum Foundation and has recently been restored to the original floor plan. Admission fee is \$3.00 per person. Seniors (age 50 plus) are encouraged to participate, enjoy the fellowship, and learn a few things about our surrounding communities. To help us plan, please indicate your participation by signing the Senior Sign-Up Form in the Fellowship Center beginning June 5, 2016. We anticipate returning to FCC around 3:00 pm.

## Tuesday, June 28, 2016

Senior Breakfast, 8:00 am Depot

## Thursday, August 11, 2016---A Visit to Terre Haute

Seniors, we will continue our travel adventures by heading east to Terre Haute where we will eat lunch at either Panera or MCL and then visit the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center. CANDLES is an acronym for Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors. The CANDLES organization was founded in 1984 by Eva Mozes Kor with help from her twin sister to launch an effort to locate other surviving Mengele twins. In 1985 Eva Opened the CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Terre Haute. Although the museum was firebombed and destroyed in 2003, it reopened in 2005 with the support of the community. CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center is the only organization in the world dedicated to the memory of the twin victims and survivors of medical experimentation at Auschwitz.

Less we forget, the Holocaust (1933-1945) was the “systematic bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of nearly six million Jews and five million others including Gypsies, Polish Christians, and Jehovah’s Witnesses by the Nazi regime. It was a historical turning point in which the world witnessed genocide at its extremity. Yet, today we see and read about the persecution of Christians, Jews, and other groups in our world. Seniors this is a great opportunity to educate ourselves about past events, enjoy the fellowship of other seniors, and remember and pray for those being persecuted as well as the persecutors. More details will be provided in the July and August Evangel.

## Neoga Community Food Pantry

May: 46 families, 142 people served; 4 deliveries  
14 volunteers, 31 1/3 volunteer hours

## Community Clothesline

May 5th, 36 Families and 109 Individuals; May 19th, 17 Families and 42 Individuals

The Back to School Give Away has been moved to July 31st due to scheduling conflicts. Registrations forms for this event will be available in early June in the church office and at area businesses. If you are interested in helping with this event please get ahold of Amy Baker.

## Attention Ladies:

### Ladies Bible Study...

This summer Ladies' Bible Study is meeting once a month.

All ladies are invited to participate, enjoy the fellowship, share in prayer, and grow in the knowledge of God's Word.

We will begin our first session on Sunday June 5, 2016 (6:00 pm – 7:30pm) or Wednesday June 8, 2016 (9:45 am – 11:15am) in the FCC Basement Fellowship Hall.

Our focus will be selected Women of the Bible.

- In June, the life of Rahab from the Old Testament..
- In July (July 24 & 27) the life of Leah, another from the Old Testament.
- In August (August 14, & 17) we will look at Priscilla from the New Testament.

Following the Wednesday morning sessions, ladies are invited to join at the Villa for our noon lunch. While there will be no homework, ladies are encouraged to read Scripture reflective of the topic. Andrea Workman will lead our study in June. To help us plan, please indicate your participation by signing the Ladies' Bible Study Sign Up Form in the Fellowship Center. Please note, child care will only be available on Sunday evenings.

### Ladies Night Out...

Calling all FCC Ladies (ages 18 to 98)!! Mark your calendar and save the evening of Friday, June 24, 2016 for a delightful, fun, and enjoyable evening of food and games with other FCC women. We will meet at the church at 6:15 pm and car pool to Jim & Jane Baker's home where we will enjoy grilled chicken by our own Jim Baker, and a build your own salad bar or chicken slider. Each participant should bring one of the following, your favorite salad dressing/condiment or dessert. VBS theme is "God's Treasure" Many have mentioned that I want to get to know the women at FCC better. The entertainment for the evening is being planned around that goal. We will close the evening with a devotion and prayer circle and return to FCC by 9:10 pm. If you are able to attend, and to help us plan, please indicate your participation by signing-up on the LADIES' Night Out Sign-Up Sheet in the Fellowship Center on June 12 or 19. Please note, if you have small children, you are responsible for your own child care as no child care will be provided by FCC.

## Quarterly International Mission Spotlight

The quarterly international mission spotlight is on H.I.S. Home For Children, an orphanage located in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

Believing that the needs of all children are best met in the care of a permanent, loving family, H.I.S. HOME has facilitated the adoptions of over 250 children to homes in the U.S., Canada and France.

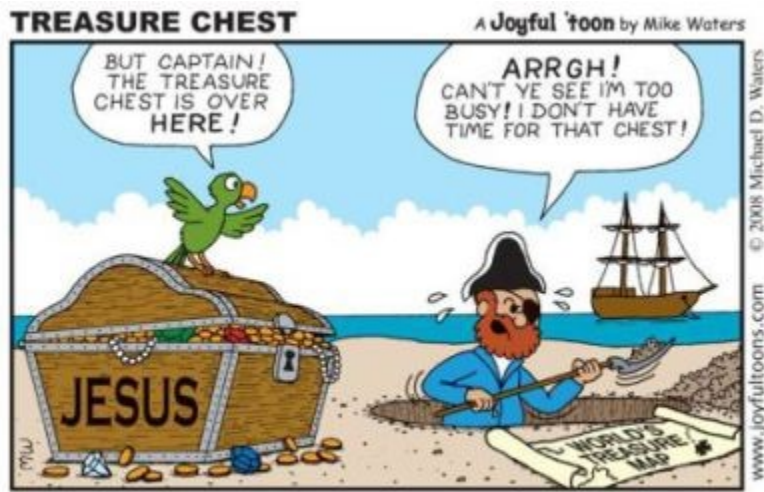
Adoption is not possible for all the children brought to them, so H.I.S. HOME has worked diligently to develop programs for the children in their care that will spend their

lives in Haiti. H.I.S. HOME welcomes and cares for many special needs children, many who are severely or multiply impaired. Through proper nutrition, therapies, medical interventions and loving care, they strive to provide the best long term solutions for these unique and special children.

H.I.S. Home for Children is an IRS registered 501c3 charitable organization,

# VBS

VBS will be Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 from 9am-11:15am daily.



This year's theme is God's Treasures. All children ages 4 years through 4th grade are invited to participate, and students from 5th grade through high school are encouraged to attend as helpers.

There will be an important meeting for adult volunteers on Monday, June 6 at 9am in the church basement to discuss the theme and lessons, crafts, snacks, and other details for VBS.

We'll be needing lots of volunteers and will be asking for snack donations, such as cookies and Kool-aid during the month of June. We would also like to ask our church to cover the whole week of VBS in prayer!

## Missions spotlight continued...

overseen by a Board of Directors, and is funded solely through the generous giving of their supporters. H.I.S. Home currently operates out of three large residential homes in Port au Prince. Their Special Needs house focuses on the long term and lifetime care of the 16 total care needs children. Special wheelchairs, therapies and other amenities focused on improving the quality of life for these children is their focus as H.I.S. Home commits to caring for these special kids for their entire lives, or until God puts them into families or calls them home.

For over thirteen years, H.I.S. HOME for CHILDREN has developed a multi-faceted approach to meeting the needs of the children of Haiti. Their main focus has always been to address the safety and spiritual needs of these children by

introducing them to the love of their savior, Jesus Christ. They also strive to meet their physical needs through shelter, medical care, proper nutrition and education.

Founding missionaries Hal & Chris Nungester welcome your prayer, questions, support, and mission adventures. Through the missions budget, First Christian Church of Neoga will be making a \$300 donation to H.I.S. Home. To learn more about H.I.S. Home for Children or to make a donation, visit their website at [www.hishomeforchildren.org](http://www.hishomeforchildren.org).

*James 1:27 Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*

## Community Worship...

The ministerial alliance has decided to hold a combined worship service on June 19th, 2016. The service will be at 10:30am. We plan to have coffee, orange juice, milk, donuts, and fruit before and after service. The worship service will follow Neoga Days and as a result we will need to clean up the pavilion, setup sound and move tables to prepare for service. Please make time to help clean up in preparation for worship, to be a blessing to our community, and to glorify Christ. Clean up begins at 7:00 am. We hope to be finished by 9:00 am. Please come early and help as much as you are able.

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So what does a youth minister do all summer? This is a question that youth ministers around the country get asked every summer. I will endeavor to answer this question for you, because I know many people don't understand why most youth groups take breaks during the summer.

My first goal this summer is to plan and write a new small group curriculum to begin in the fall. The leadership team and I have taken a look at our group and decided that we need some time of deeper digging into God's word. This fall we plan to dig into the book of Daniel and see how it applies to the lives of youth today. There are so many good lessons to learn from Daniel and his friends actions. They were mere teenagers when they were ripped from their homes and forced to work for king Nebuchadnezzar. When asked to compromise their faith, Daniel and his friends stood up and glorified God's name. I hope to show the kids why and how to stand up for God in the face of certain social death. Plus it has cool stories about lions and furnaces and a crazy king that eats grass like an ox.

The second goal I have for the summer (with all of God's grace) is to plan and write lessons for both the high school and middle school classes. This past year we worked through the attributes of God and some of Jesus' miracles. For next year, I am still waiting for the Holy Spirit to guide me down that path. (If God gives you a message for me, I am ready for it)

This July we are also planning on having our "Hang Out" time for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Every Monday through Thursday in July we will open up the gym and let the kids come and hang out. We spend time playing kickball, basketball, 4square, Xbox, Wii, gaga ball and sometime digging into God's word. Last year we saw over 30 kids and averaged at least 15 each day. Many of these kids then started to attend youth group in the fall.

I will also be taking a group of high schoolers to CIY this summer. We will be going to Macomb, IL this year. I am excited that we are taking some students who did not get the opportunity to go last year. I can't wait to see how God works in their lives.

VBS is also a busy time for me. This year's theme is God's Treasures and I will be helping Joni and Katy to plan and run VBS this June. I always love to see all those smiling faces every year and hear them sing songs, bringing praises to our King.

I almost forgot to mention that I will also be going to Oil Belt to help with Deeper Life. I have never had to opportunity to go to this camp, so I am really looking forward to a great time of serving God and seeing kids grow deeper to Christ.

They call it summer break, but I think I am going to be quite busy this summer. But how glorious it is to be busy doing HIS work.

Matt Davis

## *Bakers' returning to Belize...*

June 5-10, Alan and I will be traveling to Belize with a group from Ingraham Christian Church. We will again be serving with Thirst Missions. This year we will be working at Hopewell Orphanage. Hopewell is striving to be a self-supporting orphanage, growing their own crops and raising livestock. We will have the opportunity to help with several projects and spend time with the children who live there. We will also be worshiping with a church on two evenings and sharing with them how Jesus is working to put our lives back together. We have seen before how God has answered the prayers of His people to fulfill His plan and purpose for a mission trip. We ask that you would keep all 8 of our team members in your prayers – Jerry, Amy, Keenan, Kamden, Ryan, Heather, Alan, and myself, as well as Joel, our Belizian group leader. We are so excited to see Joel again, as he was one of the leaders when we went to Belize in 2014. Please pray that God will equip us to serve in whatever way we are needed, that He will give us the words to say as we give our testimonies, that we will show His perfect love to the children at Hopewell and be an encouragement to the workers there, that He will keep us safe and healthy, and that He will unite us as His children and bring glory to His Son, Jesus!

Linda Baker

# June 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 5pm Prayer 6pm Ladies Study Cathy Oakley	6 9am VBS Volunteer Mtg	7 Volunteers at Heartland	8 9:30 am Small Group (Bob Potter) Linda Baker	9 Gustin & Ashley Bauguss Tom & Donna Huffman	10 Alan & Linda Baker	11 Charlotte Hakman
12 3pm Elder' & Staff mtg 4pm Financial Board Mtg 5pm Prayer Mtg Joann Burton Carolyn Gast	13	14	15 9:30 am Small Group (Bob Potter) Don & Phyllis Scoles	16 1-5pm Community Clothesline 5-9pm Neoga Days Booth Mahayla Oakley	17 5-9pm Neoga Days Booth	18 After parade-9pm Neoga Days Booth Aubrey Storm Steve & Penny Hess
19 Father's Day 7:00am Community Worship Cleanup 10:30 am Community Worship Don & Denise Coen Bill & Jannie Kenworthy	20	21 Bob & Joann Burton	22 9:30 am Small Group (Bob Potter)	23 Seniors' trip to Decatur Chuck Bartlett	24 6:15 pm Ladies Night Out	25
Matt Davis Family on Vacation						
26 5pm Prayer	27 9am- 11:15am VBS	28 8am Seniors' Breakfast 9am-11:15am VBS Bob Potter	29 9am-11:15am VBS	30 9am-11:15am VBS Vickie Erwin	9am-11:15am VBS	

# June Volunteers...

	Video	Audio	Greeters	Children's Ministry	Communion	Servers
5	Jim	Tom	Tom & Cathy Tomlinson	<u>Nursery</u> : Cathy & Mahayla Oakley <u>Wee Worship</u> : Sheri Coen, Andrea Workman <u>K-5th</u> : Jennifer Davis, John Tomlinson	Zak Gentry Jack Gilbert Zach Letizia Monte Page	Bill Kenworthy Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson
12	Zach	Tom	Fontella Waddell	<u>Nursery</u> : Joann Miller, Pam Storm <u>Wee Worship</u> : Louella Drum, Katie Hakman <u>K-5th</u> : Joni McClure, Julie Altman, Chanille Oakley	Art Walk Chad Walk Alan Baker Zak Gentry	Doug Baker David Ceon Don Coen Barry Conn
19		Aubrey				
26	Matt	Aubrey	Don & Denise Coen	<u>Nursery</u> : Judy Starwalt, Linda Baker <u>Wee Worship</u> : Rory & Paula Gentry <u>K-5</u> : Joni McClure, Zach Letizia	Jack Gilbert Bill Kenworthy Zach Letizia Monte Page	Greg Oakley Harry Starwalt Tom Tomlinson Art Walk

## FCC Neoga Days Booth:

Thursday, June 16 & Friday, June 17 5pm-9pm and Saturday, June 18 following the parade until 9pm. FCC will have a booth at the Neoga Days in Jennings Park to advertise VBS, the Hangout and visit with the Neoga Community. We are asking for 2 volunteers for each one hour shift. A signup will be at the Welcome Center next Sunday, June 5.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### VBS PROGRAM

Sunday, July 3, 10 am Worship

We will have a continental breakfast from 9am-9:45am to view VBS crafts and visit with VBS families.

### THE HANGOUT

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 28th

The Hangout returns for those entering 5th-8th each Monday- Thursday from 2 - 4 pm at the former Grade School, 641 E 6th, Neoga

### BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT

Saturday, July 23

### BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY

Sunday, July 31