

June 11, 2023

# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST



## Lessons Learned from VBS

As this is being published, [we are about to begin] VBS 2023. Months of preparation pays off in a week that always seems to fly by. The amount of prayer, planning, and work that it takes to make a Vacation Bible School a success is tremendous.

For many churches, though, VBS is just a “thing” they do because they have always done it. While it takes a lot of effort, it just kind of happens and then is forgotten until a few weeks or so before that usual time slot on the calendar starts drawing near the next year. But even then, there can be excitement that comes when a Vacation Bible School is successful.

Knowing that, I want to share three things that VBS should help motivate us to do more than just that one week each year. These are things that we put so much effort into for that one brief event, but that we should put more effort into on a more regular basis.

1. **Decorating the Building.** It has amazed me for years how congregations will decorate classrooms, hallways, and even stairwells in their education area for VBS, but will hardly change a poster on the wall for the “regular” Bible school program. Certainly, VBS is a time to decorate in a way that is special, but should we not also try to make our classrooms look special for each unit of study? How could a room or a hallway be decorated for a quarter’s study on the life of Moses or on the book of Acts? Make it happen!
2. **Inviting Guests.** This may be the most obvious. We put all this effort into VBS, so we will go all out to be sure we fill our classrooms and seats with visitors. People will pass out flyers, go door-knocking, and share things on social media. Young people will invite friends and neighbors. While “special events” help with that, should we not be inviting people all the time? Don’t let it stop just because the event is over.
3. **Volunteerism.** Maybe because they grew up going to VBS, adults will volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School almost like they will volunteer for nothing else. If that describes you, thank you for your help, but why not volunteer for something else during the other 51 weeks of the year! Take that motivation and use it to help a teacher or a deacon get work done for the Lord.

There is still a place for VBS in our church calendars, but we never need to do something just to do it. When done well, it is exciting, but that excitement should also lead to motivation to do our best at all times. What kind of motivation will you take from your VBS this year?

*Adam Faughn*



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Steve Clark  
Jake VanDyke  
Ken Vanhorn  
Mark Willingham

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Justin Beckman  
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Kyle Dickson  
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Worship: Sunday 9:00 am & 5:00 pm; Bible Class 10:15 am; Wednesday: 6:30 pm

**FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday AM: 284 / On Line Views: 151  
Sunday School: 204 / On Line Views: N/A  
Sunday PM: 190 / On Line Views: 178  
Wednesday: 193 / On Line Views: 65  
Budget: \$14,620  
Contribution: \$ 16,066

**JUNE MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

**Jesus Gallardo (Hispanic Ministry)**  
**Chisholm Hills Church of Christ**  
**2810 Chisholm Road**  
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**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION**

There will be a "Special Contribution" on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Everything above weekly budget will go directly to missions.

**NEW ADDRESS**

Angie Threet has moved and her new address is:  
985 3 Mile Lane, Tuscumbia, AL 35674

**SERVICES TONIGHT**

Just a reminder that services will begin at 6 pm tonight instead of 5 pm, due to VBS.

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**PEW PACKERS**

There will be no pew packers tonight, due to VBS.

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**VBS SNACKS**

If you are helping with snacks, for VBS, please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm tonight.



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**JUNE 11-14; 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**Missionaries of the Past**

**Bible Stories:**

**Timothy-Acts 16:1-5**

**Lydia-Acts 16:11-15**

**Philippian Jailer-Acts 16:25-40**

**Jason-Acts 17:1-9**

**The Message:**

**We want the kids to learn they can make a difference**

- 1. No matter who you are**
- 2. No matter what your gift is**
- 3. No matter how difficult**
- 4. Where ever you are**