

June 2011: Children's & Mid-Kids Ministries Church Council Report
June 18, 2011

Vacation Bible School Wrap-Up

We had an incredible week at VBS 2011 we really learned how to "Shake It Up! We had 255 chefs and over 84 volunteers helping out during the week and/or helped prepare for our incredible week.

The chefs were filled with excitement each day as they found the secret ingredients to live their lives. They found out how they can ; "Be Ready for God", "Give Happily to God", Believe Fully in Jesus", "Remember Jesus Often", and "Celebrate God Forever". The chefs sang songs, enjoyed snacks at the Takeout Treatery & Ice Cream Shop, made crafts at the Tangy & Tart Arts, enjoyed running around at Wok & Roll Rec (which included tow bounce houses all week), enjoyed science at the Foodology Lab, felt the love of Jesus in their class, and laughed with Chef Scoop A'la Mode and Scraps the Raccoon each day.

The chefs collected 85 boxes of cereal, 280 cans of meat, soups and vegetables, 6 large bags of rice and 5 grocery bags of miscellaneous food for Feed the Kids.

Some of our excitement included....

- Extreme cake countdown on the stage made by the Caddy family.
- A friendly village which included Professor Whoo's Book Nook, Galileo's Goodies, Sunny the Pony's Farm Market, Skylar the Sky Squirrel's Sky High Coffee & Hot Chocolate Shop, and the Shake It Up Café. A big thanks to Ray Buchanan for constructing the framework to be able to build the village.
- A fun "Candyland Hallway on the first floor
- Lots of pictures taken by Jim Driskill
- Special ice cream made during the Friday Assembly thanks to Bill Walker & Bill Fornes.
- A special visit by Baker Greg Lintner (He brought cookies too!)

VBS 2012 will be held on June 18-22, 2012 and the theme will be: "Operation Overboard- Dare to Go Deep with God".

Sunday School:

During the summer, numbers for Sunday School have been very low. This is typical for summertime with many families traveling, but this summer we have had lower than usual numbers. Concern over the low numbers has been brought up in the Education Committee about creating more enthusiasm for adult education classes aimed at individuals with young children. If parents are not attending Sunday School, then it is highly unlikely their children will be in Sunday School. (On the other side, Worship Express numbers have been fantastic. But, many of the children are only at Worship Express and not at Sunday School).

Future Dates for Children:

August 21: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

August 28: SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF - All children will meet in Room 214/216 and celebrate the Fall Sunday School Season with a celebration.

September 4: Fall Sunday School begins. Since this is Memorial Weekend, depending on the number of teachers that are available, I may combine all the children in one classroom. I will keep everyone informed, but know that Sunday School for the children will take place.

Mid-September: Book Fair

Serving in Faith,

Shari Bittles
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