



What Did You Learn at VBS?

When Vacation Bible School comes around many cannot help but think of silly songs (does anyone remember Booster?), amazing stories from the Bible, snacks, and children - lots and lots of children. At the end of the day that is the main thing we remember - children. Parents bring them in, get them registered, and leave them with us for two hours.

Jesus has a special place in his heart for children. He truly loves them. Matthew tells us of a time when parents from all over were bringing their children to Jesus. They wanted so badly for Jesus to pray over them and lay his hands upon them. But the disciples thought this was too distracting for Jesus. They scolded the parents. They thought that Jesus had "real business" to attend to. These children would just slow him down.

Jesus could not believe what his disciples were doing. He said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them!"

Earlier in Matthew there were a few of his disciples that wanted to know who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. I love what Jesus does at this point. He sat a child in his lap and said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven." Did you notice what he did there? He basically said, "Before we can even talk about being the greatest in Heaven we need to start with just getting to Heaven. That will not happen until you become like this little child."

I believe children can learn a lot from all the adults at VBS. But I also believe that adults can learn a lot from all the little children. We can learn from their expressions of joy. We can learn from their inquisitive minds. We can learn from their ability to totally be themselves. We can learn from their dependance on others. I could keep going, but I think you get my point. We have just as much to learn from children as they have to learn from us. I hope that we never get so arrogant as to believe we have nothing to learn from a child.

"So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 18:4). *-Gilbert*

Foolishness?

At the recent Resource conference at Rochester College, we took some time to examine our language as it relates to wisdom and foolishness. When we have big decisions to make, we take our time considering our options very carefully, hoping to make a wise choice. But the question was asked "are we supposed to be wise?"

Are we supposed to be wise? The obvious answer is "Of Course!" But the question is not asking if we should be wise or not, rather it is asking, "By what metric should we judge our wisdom?" In First Corinthians, Paul writes "we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles" (1 Cor 1:23). Remember the intense power of the phrase "Christ crucified"? Paul is saying that God's power and wisdom plays out in this world through a murdered Messiah! Surely this is an unwise move by God judged by human standards. Wouldn't it have been much better for the Messiah to live forever creating a society of prosperity and joy for all his people?

And it gets worse! Once the Messiah is killed, things don't get better for his followers. They are called to the same destructive and unwise (at least, according to the world's standard of wisdom) actions of their leader! In our society, we have created a balance: give to the poor a little - that's good; give to the poor everything you have- that's just dumb. In a world that glorifies power and wealth we are called to give up, and give away, our power and our wealth. Foolishness? *-Phil Travis*



David Henke is still in the hospital in Monticello. Doctors have discovered a condition in his esophagus (not related to his cancer) which they are now treating. He may be there throughout the week....**Barbara Scott**, Don Vice's mother, remains at St. Mary's nursing home**Lois Powlen**, mother of Craig & Brad Powlen, has pancreatic cancer. She likes receiving cards. Her address is: 8973 N. 150

W., Delphi, IN 46923. An email can be sent to ladyblue@tds.net....**Phyllis McQuisten** is in Home Hospital, room 3303....**Amanda Powlen** continues to improve....A recent phone call to Jason King let us know that **Herb King** is much improved. He is out of the nursing home and now at home!...Continue praying for **Kaden Koebcke** (*treatment for nephrosis*), **Marge Campbell** (*cancer treatment*), **Eugene Zinn**, **Sara Postlethwait**, **Joe Bailey**, **Alan Dale** (*cancer*), **Henrietta Frampton**, **Charles Moore**, **Eileen Richardson**, **Hattie Coffel**, **Marie DeWoody**, **Irene Sims**, **Mary Tavana**, **Paul & Argie Verett**, **Delpha Allen**, **Valley Stockton**, **Eagle Bailey**, **Minnie Scott**, **Anna Dale**, **Irene Fox**, and **Burnell Gulden**.

Serving in our military: **Steve Brady**, **Mark Wilson**, **Shawn Wilson**, and **Ti Draughon**.



You're invited to celebrate the marriage of Matthew Welters and Heaven Miller on Friday, June 13, 2008, at 2:30 PM. The ceremony will take place at the Purdue Memorial Union in room 118. There will be a reception following at Pappy's Sweet Shop, which is also located in the Purdue Memorial Union. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by informing the couple, calling (609) 356-4421 or emailing at purdue_boiler09@yahoo.com.

Your are invited to a come-and-go wedding shower for **Josh Hunt** and his fiancée **Amanda Stoops** on **Sunday, June 22, from 2:30 until 4:30 PM**, at the home of Scheryl and Mike Gaylor, 4524 Bur Oak Lane, Lafayette. Josh is the son of Rose and David Hunt. Josh grew up at Elmwood and has just recently been living (working and completing a Masters degree) in Indianapolis following his tour of duty in Iraq (2004-05). Elmwood is "home" for Josh and he looks forward to the opportunity of introducing Amanda to his Elmwood family. Please make time to visit with Josh and Amanda and to offer "Best Wishes." For donations toward a group gift, see Carol Bell, Scheryl Gaylor, Patty Vice, or Joyce Mathews. We look forward to seeing you all on June 22.



POWER LAB VBS is off to a great start. Approximately 70 people were here Monday night to kick off the first night of activities. Hope you all will be here for the rest of the week's fun from 6:00-8:00 PM.



Valedictorian of Frontier

Elmwood's **Mark Moore** earned the honor of valedictorian at Frontier High School in 2008. From an interview at WLFI-TV, Mark is quoted as saying, "I credit my family background, and my church as well." Congratulations, Mark, and good luck at Harding University! We're proud of you.

Happy 60th, Rick & Doris!



Help **Doris & Rick Swensen** celebrate this milestone anniversary by coming to **University Place** (Great Room) from **2:00-4:00 PM on June 14**. Their children are planning a special celebration with lots of memories!

New Address



Jason Cochran's new address is: **235 Trackside Dr. Lafayette 47905**

June 1, 2008

*Class: 196 Worship: 291
Contribution: \$8,032*

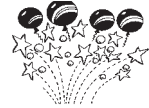
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Ropes Challenge Course at Rainbow Christian Camp May 31, 2008



Graduation Open House....



Natasha
Risley

Saturday, June 7, 2:00 PM
7259 N. 700 W., Delphi

Brighton Baker's open house will be at a later date in July.

Paul Marks Celebrates 90th Birthday!

The Marks children will host a 90th Birthday Open House for **Paul Marks** and his twin sister, **Pauline Ducker**, this **Saturday, June 7**, at the New Hope Church (located at 5306 W. County Rd. 600 S., Frankfort, Indiana) from **1:00 until 3:00 PM**. No gifts; cards appreciated. Paul and Pauline turn 90 on Thursday, June 5. Family as well as extended family will be coming from all over the country!

Women are served breakfast!



On **June 21, at 9:00 AM**, the women will be served breakfast by the men in the congregation. Come feel pampered (no cooking, no clean up!) and enjoy the fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in the Farris foyer.



- June 4, 11:30 AM....**Senior Servants meet; at 12 noon speaker, **Jeff Johnson** will share information about Alzheimer's Disease; everyone welcome
- June 2-6, 6-8 PM....** Elmwood's Vacation Bible School
- June 7, 1-3 PM....**Paul Marks' 90th birthday celebration
- June 7, 2:00 PM....**Natasha Risley's grad open house
- June 21, 9 AM....**Women's Breakfast
- June 22, 2:30-4:30 PM....**Wedding Shower for Josh Hunt & Amanda Stoops, Carol & Bill Bell's home

