

Staff

Rev. Nathaniel J. Carroll, Pastor
 Dr. Bill Davis, Minister of Music
 Martha Herring, Secretary
 Frank Hughes, Custodian

Deacons In Service

05/18-24 Al Folsom, Ron Justice, Randal White
 05/25-31 Greg Adams, Bill Chandler, Steve Shirah

Ushers

05/25 Wade Green, Toby Seay, Donald Ray Wilks,
 Jack Commander, Seth Commander
 06/01 Steve Shirah, Stephen Crews, Bill Chandler,
 Todd Green, Isaac Green
 05/18 Donnie Chesteen, Rufus Kervin,
 Kerry McLaney, Cade McLaney

Nursery

05/25 Mallory Mixon & Nikki Dyess
 06/01 Randal & Bridgett White

Children's Worship

05/25 Steve & Stacey Shirah
 06/01 Freddy & Erica Martin

Wednesday Playground Rotation

05/21 Jenny Bynum, Cyndi Mitchum, Julia & Adam
 Smith

Summer Wednesday Children's Workers

05/28 Anna Padgett
 06/04 Michael & Abbie Crews
 06/18 Heather Carroll
 06/25
 07/09
 07/16
 07/30

Workers Needed.
 Let Anna Padgett
 know if you will help.

Wednesday Night Supper Greeter

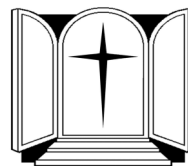
05/21 Freddie Martin
 05/28 Todd Ausley

Counting Committee Rotation

Week of 05/18: Al Folsom, Wade Green
 05/25: Toby Seay, Jason Padgett
 06/01: Sam Sharpe, Vernon Spence

Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM



First Baptist Church's
Open Door
"Where CHRIST Is the Center"



May 21, 2014

Using VBS to Initiate Continued Connections

by Jerry Wooley

Several years ago LifeWay's VBS Team surveyed 3,000 leaders about church practices and potential resources. We were amazed when 97% of the respondents agreed their greatest need was help with follow-up (connecting with unchurched guests and families attending VBS).

Each year approximately 10% of everyone attending VBS acknowledge being unchurched. Considering approximately 3,000,000 kids, teens, and adults participate, 10% is 300,000. Of course since most of these individuals are kids, when you add in their parents and siblings who did not attend the grand total is a staggering 1,000,000.

As we have talked with VBS leaders across the country it has become evident that for the majority of churches follow-up is a one-time action consisting of a postcard or letter expressing thanks for participation and an invitation to return. Sadly, these same churches have often expressed disappointment that the results of VBS have been minimal at best.

Another assumption these conversations have confirmed is that far too many churches leave follow-up to the pastor or a staff member. Workers tend to feel their responsibilities end with the close of the last day of VBS and assume someone else will take care of making contact with the unchurched kids and families discovered during the week.

With survey results and statistics in hand, the VBS team has been on a journey to help church leaders see follow-up not as a one-time, one-action event, but as a series of actions intentionally designed to connect unchurched families to the Gospel and to the church. Here are six key points for using VBS to initiate continued connections.

1. VBS can no longer be seen as an event in itself, but must be seen as a prelude to the real event – relationships that connect people to the Gospel and to the church.
2. When unchurched families bring their kids to VBS they are the ones initiating the relationships or connections. In doing so the families provide names, addresses, phone numbers and everything needed to make contacts and nurture the relationships. Unchurched families initiate the relationship and it is the responsibility of the church to respond. This way of thinking is contrary to what we have typically practiced.
3. For churches to be successful they must stop thinking in terms of "follow-up" action steps and instead must start thinking in terms of relational "continued connections." Friendships develop over time and as a result of continually reaching out to each other. Relationships can be messy and complicated and do not develop as a result of a completed checklist.

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4. VBS leaders and pastors must be intentional about designing opportunities for continued connections to happen instead of leaving them to chance. Continued connections need to be planned with the same priority, intensity and detail as VBS itself. Someone needs to be in charge and have plans ready before the first day of VBS.

5. Unchurched families discovered during VBS must become the responsibility of the entire church and not just VBS workers. For connections to be successfully made every age-group ministry must become intentionally involved in connecting families to ongoing ministries.

6. Persistence is vital. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again," is a proverb that truly applies to making continued connections.

The average VBS results in the discovery of 40 unchurched individuals (kids and other family members). What might be the result of your church intentionally investing in the lives of 40 people for one year?

Jerry Wooley, @vbsguy, has served as LifeWay's VBS Ministry Specialist since 2006.



**Vacation Bible School
June 8-11**

Age 3 - Grade 5
Sunday: 5:30 - 8 PM
Mon. - Wed.: 6 - 8 PM

New This Year!

June 8
Sunday Morning and Evening
Adult VBS!

T-shirts are in!
Pick up in Church Office.

*We need these
ITEMS FOR CRAFTS!*

Baby Food Jars
12-18 ounce vegetable/fruit cans
Pringles cans and tops

Report for Sunday, May 18, 2014

Sunday School	89
Morning Worship	198
Baccalaureate Service	350
Budgeted Weekly	\$7,033.94
Tithes and Offering	\$5,921.00
Other Budget Receipts	0.00
Total Receipts	\$5,921.00
Budgeted YTD	\$140,678.80
Tithes and Offering YTD	\$138,648.93
Other Budget Receipts YTD	55.48
Total Receipts YTD	\$138,704.41

Deacons Scripture and Prayer



May 25	Steve Shirah
June 1	Todd Ausley
8	Jack Commander
15	Ron Justice



May 25, 2014

In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Gainey,
Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Savage
and Mr. Bobby Chancy
by Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Savage

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 21

Pizza Night
Schedule: 5:30 PM Supper for Everyone
Menu: Pizza, Chips, Dessert
Cost: \$2 Students / \$3 Adults
6:00 PM Bible Study for Adults in Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Family Meeting in Fellowship Hall
6-7 PM Children - Playground
Youth - Gym

Family Meeting

We will discuss the Job Description of prospective Children's/Music Minister.

Sunday, May 25

No Evening Services

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day
Office Closed



Memorial Day

*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

Wednesday, May 28

No Supper
Services at 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 31

Men's Ministry will have a work day
from 7 AM to 12 PM

Sunday, June 1

Church Bowling Night
Signup Sheet on bulletin board near Sanctuary.
More details to come.

Announcements

Gridiron Men's money needs to be paid NOW.
The total is \$125.00.

The Committee on Committee's developed a purchase order form in January that was approved by the church. All committees are required to fill out these forms before making purchases. These forms must be turned in and approved in order to make purchases. These forms can be picked up in the church office.

The Men's Ministry is doing yard/small household chores for anyone needing assistance. If you know of a need contact Michael Crews.

*Congratulations
to the Geneva High School Seniors
who are graduating this
Saturday, May 24th at 8:00 A.M.
at the junction.*



**Morning Worship
May 25
The Commandment**
1 John 3: 16-23