

The CORNERSTONE

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June 19-23 from 9:00am - Noon for Age 4 - Grade 5
Stellar Vacation Bible School
Five Days of Fun!

At Stellar VBS, kids explore how Jesus shines hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world—and how we can do the same with his power!

You can expect 5 days full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus.

The fun begins at 9 A.M. on Monday, June 19, and ends with a family picnic celebration at noon on Friday, June 23. But that's not all! Come back Sunday at 10:00 A.M. for our program during the worship ser-

vice where we will hear a recap of the week, and some of their favorite songs.

Make sure your kids and their friends are registered and ready to go! If you have any questions, please see me, your Stellar VBS director Jennifer Griffith

Register Now!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Worship

Save the Date: July 16
 Outdoor Worship and
 All-Church Picnic



A Fundamental Question

by Bobby Griffith, Jr.

What do I need to do for God to love me?

I'm not sure if you have ever been there, but I know I have. And that's a question I have gotten over the years. It's a fundamental one. It is one we all face as human beings. Part of that is because we were created for love. The philosopher/mathematician, Blaise Pascal, called it our God-shaped hole.

In the Garden, Adam and Eve had a brief moment of perfect love and communion with God. That was lost. Humanity has tried to fill that emptiness in so many ways ever since. From the Tower of Babel to Instagram, we all do things to fill that God-shaped hole in our lives.

We seek power. We play sports. We want entertainment. We have philosophies, ethics, work ethics, matrixes, self-help, and more. We want to make the world better. Sometimes, we try to make the world worse. We have relationships, friends, marriage, children, and so much more.

And we still ask: what do I need to do for God to love me?

Fortunately, there is good news. Jesus. Because of Him, we can be loved by God fully and wholly. We can be welcomed by God *no matter what*. We can be loved as his children because of Jesus.

So, when we face the question: what do I need to do for God to love me? Remember. Jesus.

There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the creator, made known through *Jesus*.

- Blaise Pascal

Keep Trying

In *The God Who Stays*, contemporary Christian musician Matthew West writes about the pandemic's fear-filled early days. After his concert tour was abruptly canceled in March 2020, he rode to an airport "feeling utterly hopeless about a world that was spinning out of control." Then Arthur, his ride-share driver, began singing along to the radio — and the song happened to be West's "The God Who Stays." West joined in, jokingly asking how he sounded. "Not so good," Arthur replied, not knowing West's identity. "You keep trying."

The driver shared how those lyrics uplifted him during life's difficulties, and West later recalled that conversation during lockdown, while wondering where God was. The musician realized he had "settled for a socially distant relationship with the One who is nearer than I dare to believe, closer than the air I breathe." But West pictured "God running toward me with open arms like the prodigal's father," and he resolved to keep trying — and to grow closer to the God who always stays.

Blood Drive July 12

Scheduling is open now for our community blood drive on Wednesday, July 12, between 1:00 and 6:00 P.M. Sign up online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) (Enon) or by calling 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.767). Contact Lee Ann Martin if you're interested in volunteering that day to be a host or provide refreshments. Thank you for helping with this life-saving effort!



Support Our Mission Team

Our Mission Trip Team will soon be on their way! May God give them strength, wisdom and love to work for our Lord Jesus Christ while serving others.

The team will travel to Hannibal, Missouri on June 17. They will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church (where Westfield's former pastor Dr. Mark Hughes currently serves), and working with Harvest Outreach Ministries. This organization is in need of help in both renovations and their day-to-day services. Everything from painting and dry-walling to food distribution and serving hot meals.

Even if you are unable to attend, there is an important way you can help. Consider being a Prayer Partner for one or more of the team members. It's

as simple as sending a daily text message to show your support and encouragement to help get them through a hard week of work. Contact Bryan Cunningham to sign up.

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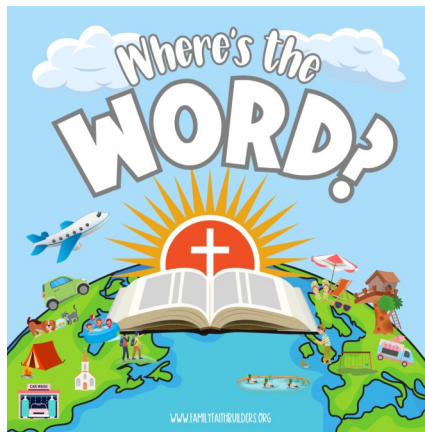
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

—Matthew 22:37-39

Where's the Word?

This summer, our kids and their families will be reading the Bible in different and fun places. In the summer, every family's schedule looks different. They may take vacations or stay at home. But no matter where they go, they can easily take the Word of God with them.

Each family will get a package of materials to do this fun challenge at home (or on vacation.) Included in the resource are: 2 travel boards that include a place to read the Bible or an activity to do, 5 summer snack recipes, 5 coloring pages, and more. Prizes will be awarded to those who fill out one or both boards by the end of summer.



2023 Mission Team

- Noah Anfetouak
- Addison Brenner
- Jennifer Byers
- Kevin Byers
- Matt Carran
- Scott Deal
- Ava Ernst
- Caitlynn Gibson
- Wendell Harman
- Braedan Kerr
- Brian Kerr
- Ethan Kerr
- Morgan Lash
- Kassie McConnell
- Scott McConnell
- Hope Murberger
- Jared Patton
- Erik Stewart
- Ellie Whippo
- Joseph Whippo
- Peyton Yorns
- Avery Young
- Claire Young
- Justin Young

Food Assistance



Items for the **Project HOPE Food Pantry** in June and July are Cleaning Products, including disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner, cleansers, dish soap and laundry soap. Donations may be placed in the coat rack area in the east wing. Please see Theresa McConnell or Heather Brenner for more details or if you know of anyone in the Mohawk area who may need food assistance. Westfield also supports the **Blessing Box** in Bessemer, facing the parking lot at MoCo House. Stop by anytime to donate non-perishable food items as a blessing to our neighbors in need. See Mary Mikesell or any Deacon to learn more.

God's Grace

by Jessie Yauch, Director of Senior Adult Ministries

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

-Ephesians 6:4

We always have something to celebrate when we gather together at JOY. In May, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a game of BINGO and some sweet treats, we had fun putting center pieces together for VBS, but some of our most meaningful celebrating is during our WOW time.

Our discussions bring us to the stories that are going on in our lives. Sometimes the story is sad and scary, sometimes it is funny and beautiful and sometimes it seems as if our story doesn't matter to anyone. Whatever that story is, we see that our Father is working in some way through us all, and we grow in our desire to hold each other up and celebrate God's grace.

Now that June is finally here, we will celebrate National Italian Day, Chocolate Ice Cream, and Smile Day. Also with June comes Father's Day. God asks a lot of our

earthly fathers. Fathers are to be loving and compassionate. Fathers are to lead their families with integrity and self-control. They are to be proper role models for their children, always striving to do what is right in God's eyes. And finally, they are to be providers - not just of material things, but of love, protection, and wisdom. So, to all you dads out there, we love, appreciate, and celebrate you and may God bless you!

We meet for JOY every Thursday. Exercise at 11 am and lunch at noon followed by fellowship and activities. All are welcome 50 years and older.

Welcome back to all the Florida Birds and a special welcome to our new members!



Delicious Desserts at JOY



YO! Family Potluck Picnic
Sunday, June 4 @ 4 pm
 Meet at Jackson Knolls Lake
 Games · Pickleball · Kayaking ·
 Swimming · Bonfire

Bring your swimsuit
 and a side dish to share

Exciting Summer in Store for YO!

The YO! summer schedule is upon us. We have lots of good events planned for June, July, and August.

One of the highlights we have to look forward to is a community garden that will be planted and cared for by the youth. We will kickoff the summer with a bonfire at Jackson Knolls Lake on June 4. On June 9, we will be at the Yauchs' home, across the street from the church, for volleyball, kickball and a fishing contest.

You don't want to miss that. We have 8 students attending the mission trip from the 10th-17th. And we will have a pool party sometime during the 18th-24th.

It's an exciting time to be a part of YO! We have new kids joining us for the summer. If you haven't participated in a while, it's a great time to jump in. Come to Sunday School. Come to our weekly meeting on Thursday. Definitely come to one of our summer events.



YO! families and friends at Faith Night at PNC Park on May 20



Wonderful Wednesdays at Westfield
 July 5, 12, and 19 10 am - noon
 (for kids age kindergarten thru elementary)

Wonderful Wednesdays Are Back

by Jennifer Griffith, Director of Children & Family Ministries

We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again. Our theme this year is “Exploring God’s Creation: Land, Sky, & Sea,” and is best designed for kids age kindergarten through elementary. We will

meet 3 times this summer in the pavilion from 10 am to noon on July 5, 12, and 19. Each week we will have a lesson, do a craft/activity, enjoy a snack, and play games.

Summer Sunday School

by Jennifer Griffith

This summer, we will be continuing on our 3-year journey through the Bible using The Gospel Project for Kids. We are still looking for volunteers to teach the kids’ classes to give our regular teachers a vacation, and a chance to rest. Please sign-up for one or more weeks on the bulletin board downstairs. Curriculum provided.

Speaking of vacation, did you know that even if you miss Sunday school, you can still stay connected to the lessons? We have access to The Gospel Project At Home so your kids can still keep learning, even if they’re not here. All you need is a

phone, tablet, or laptop (and internet.) You will have access to the lesson that we learned that week, the Bible video (available for preschoolers and bigger kids) that tells the story in a fun animated way, song videos, and much more.



Summer Solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.

What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.





Margie Benson
Carriage Manor

Janet Davis
at her residence

Ann Fox
at her residence

Pearl Jolley
at their residence

Bob Kenny
at his residence

Hazel Pence
Quality of Life—New Castle

Mary Lou Trotter
at her residence

MOMS OF FAITH - SUMMER SCHEDULE
SWEET SUMMER

Westfield Presbyterian Church invites mothers of all ages to join us this summer. This mom's group will meet 3 times: June 9th, July 21st, and August 11th from 9:30-11:00 am. We will read and discuss a "Sweet Summer" series of passages. No prep is needed ahead of time, just come and we will read and respond.

Each summer date will be hosted by a different family. For location and/or additional group details, please visit the "Moms of Faith - Info" Facebook group, or contact Jennifer Griffith at 405-824-8992.

CHILDCARE AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

Some Seasonal Humor

For summer weddings:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited.

For baseball season:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.

- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

Christian Symbol

EYE OF GOD -This symbol represents our "all-seeing" God, who is present everywhere and is always watching over us. ("The eyes of the Lord are in every place," Proverbs 15:3, NRSV.) The eye is inside an equilateral triangle, which is associated with the Holy Trinity.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Daniel Spurdute
Kaylee Vastano
- 2 Robert White
- 3 Debbie Shiderly
Kimberly Leslie
- 4 Austin McBride
- 5 Lisa Bekoski
Taylor Logan
- 6 Rich Whiting
- 7 Rachel Kenny
Bethany Thomas
- 8 Cody Lehman
Mary Mikesell

- 9 Kelsie Okon
Gordon Stewart
- 10 Robin Singer
- 11 Emma Ealy
Ron Hogue
Ryleigh Logan
Rebecca Turner
- 12 Kurt Summers
- 13 Hayden Stewart
Mary Lou Trotter
- 14 David Gettemy, Jr.
Bo Van Tassel
- 15 Chris Musser
Lane Wallace
- 16 Addison Brenner
AnneMarie Ealy
Cindy Mace
Nic Matsukas
Jeremiah Shillingburg
- 17 Brexton Osman
- 18 Eric Brenner
Susan McCreary

- 19 Anne Kephart
Lucas Osman
- 20 Donna Close
Kelli Fox
- 21 Barbara Downs
Marli McBride
- 22 Barb Cody
- 23 Lia Vastano
- 24 Craig Wallace
- 25 Tom Drane
Maci Harman
Evelyn McClain
Lillian McClain
Phyllis McCullough
- 26 Justin Young
- 27 Caleb Mays
- 28 Sammy Griffith
Raena Bekoski
Delta Stoner
Rev. Paul Votaw
- 29 Janet Wigg
- 30 Bob McKinley



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Beth & David Clark
Ellie & Jason Patton
- 7 Courtney & Gerald Guido
- 9 Cindy & Carl Mace — 50 years
- 10 Brenda & Kenny Rouser
Amy & Sam Vastano
- 11 Deborah & Melvin Replogle
Janet & Bob Wigg
- 12 Kami & Gary Lehman
- 13 Jessika & Will Scott
- 14 Nancy & Ron Hogue
- 15 Margie & Ken Shiderly, Sr. — 60 years
- 18 Jenn & Kevin Byers
Kristen & Craig Wallace
- 22 Maribeth & Bill Jones
- 23 Linnea & Stephen Byers
Kathy & Dave Eichenlaub
Jen & Ryan Palmer
- 26 Kristy & Jim Bailey
Judi & Dave Spears
- 29 Kim & Jim Leslie

