

A Summer of Fun!!

From the desk of Jill Wagstaff...

We had a great three days at **Vacation Bible Camp** from June 27th to the 29th! Every morning we started with music class with Mr. BJ where we learned popular praise and worship songs. On Monday, we learned about mission with a fantastic presentation by Peggy Halsey about what mission is and why God calls us to it. There were costumes and artifacts from the many different cultures where the church performs mission work, and we learned about children in other places who may not have the resources and luxuries that most of us enjoy. We raced with heavy buckets of water to experience what some children have to do every day to get water for drink-ing, cooking and bathing, and made solar ovens out of shoeboxes to explore what we might have to do if we didn't have a stove to cook. In addition to art, music, and games in the afternoon, Margaret Steptoe led a baking class and the children made a huge platter of oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. After singing "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" for the Helping Hands Chapel Service, we went outside to share cookies with all those in attendance at the clinic.

On Tuesday, we focused on fellowship and the wonder of God's creation. Forty kids, youth, and chaperons floated on tubes down the Ichetucknee River and had tons of fun. We saw fish, birds, turtles, and even some otters and enjoyed a picnic lunch afterward. Back at the church there was art, music and games and for dinner we made our own individual pizzas, which was a favorite activity of many of the campers.

On Wednesday, we watched a drama of the story of the Good Samaritan performed by the youth, then broke into groups where we made up our own versions of the story and performed them for each other. In science we made butter by shaking cream until we made butter and many of us enjoyed tasting the buttermilk that was left. Then we made a rocket out of Diet Coke and Mentos. Outside we had sack races and egg races, and after lunch we had water play and a big water balloon fight, where Miss Jill got caught in the middle and got her clothes soaked by a six year old. The evening was topped off by a spectacular lasagna dinner made and served by the youth and a program performance of music and a puppet show by the children and youth. It was great to have so many members of our church family pre-sent for the fun and fellowship.

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See the pictures taken at the VBC on the pages below!!!

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