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### 2015 Deacon

**Nomination Information** is included in this issue of the Courier and ballots are available on the atrium desk. Nominations end on June 30th. Details of the nomination process, qualifications, and duties are listed inside.

### July is TBC Help Office Month!

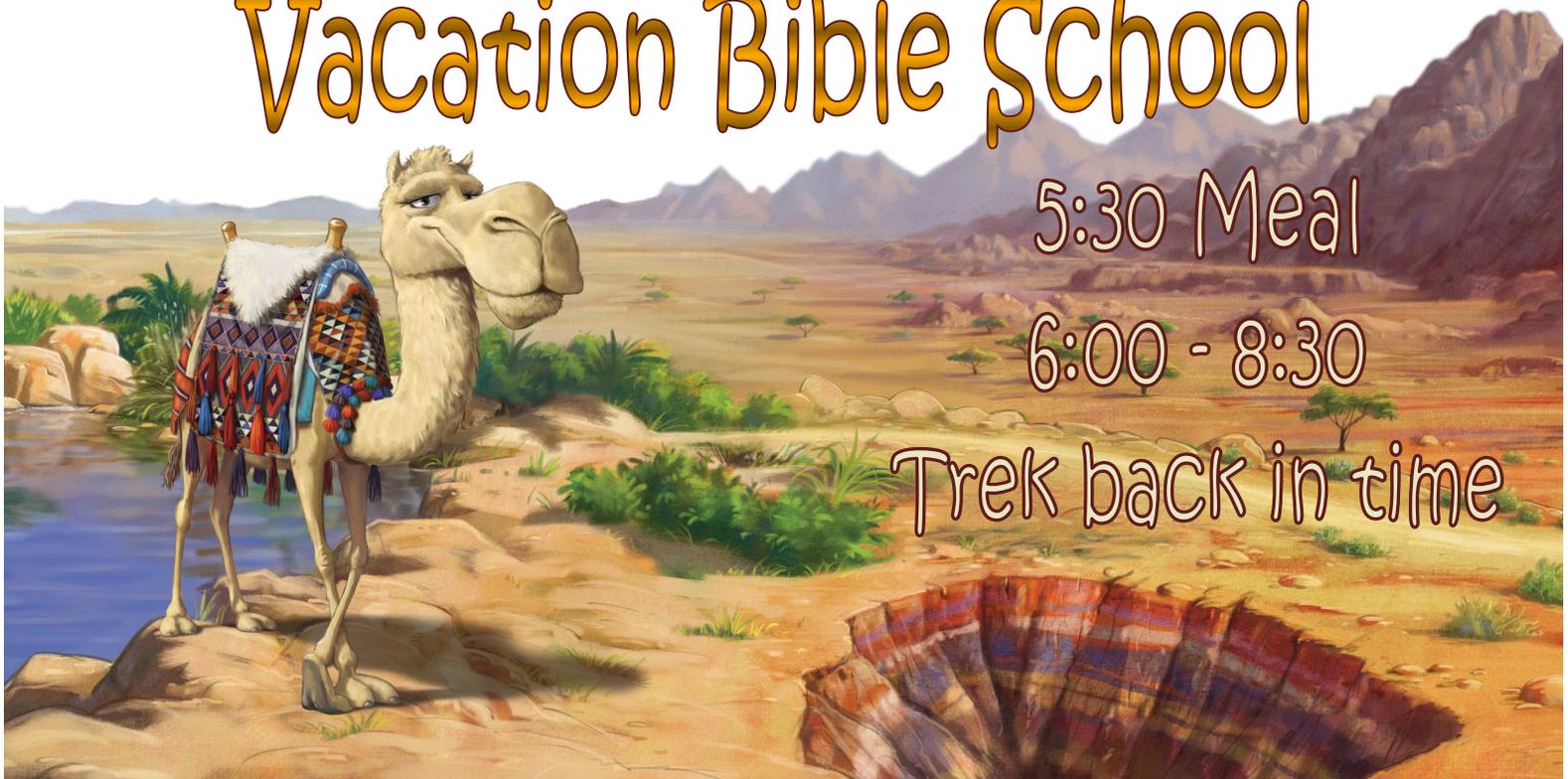
Every year we gather food, household cleaning supplies, and grocery gift cards to help them help others. You may bring your items to the church and place them in the box in the atrium. If you'd rather make a monetary donation, please mark "Help Office" on your offering envelope.

# July 6-20 Vacation Bible School

5:30 Meal

6:00 - 8:30

Trek back in time



**Dr. James K. Byrd**  
*Senior Pastor*

The Crucifixion

Up Golgotha's rugged road  
I see my Jesus go.  
I see him sink beneath the load,  
I see my drooping Jesus sink.  
And then they laid hold on Simon,  
Black Simon, yes black Simon;  
They put the cross on Simon,  
And Simon bore the cross.

On Calvary, on Calvary,  
They crucified my Jesus.  
They nailed him to the cruel tree,  
And the hammer!  
The hammer!  
The hammer!  
Rang through Jerusalem's streets.

*Dr. Byrd is on sabbatical during the month of June, but wanted to share a poem from the book "God's Trombones" by James Weldon Johnson.*

Jesus, my lamb-like Jesus,  
Shivering as the nails go  
through his feet.  
Jesus, my darling Jesus,  
Groaning as the Roman spear  
plunged in his side;  
Jesus my darling Jesus,  
Groaning as the blood came  
spurting from his wound.  
Oh, look how they done my Jesus.

Mary, Weeping Mary,  
Sees her poor little Jesus on the  
cross.  
Mary, Weeping Mary,  
Sees her sweet, baby Jesus on the  
cruel cross,  
Hanging between two thieves.

And Jesus, my lonesome Jesus,  
Called out once more to his Father,  
Saying: My God, My God,  
Why hast thou forsaken me?  
And he dropped his head and died.

And the veil of the temple  
was split in two,  
The midday sun refused to shine,  
The thunder rumbled and  
the lighting wrote  
An unknown language in the sky.  
What a day! Lord, what a day!  
When my blessed Jesus died.

Oh, I tremble, yes, I tremble.  
It causes me to tremble, tremble,  
When I think how Jesus died;  
Died on the steeps of Calvary,  
How Jesus died for sinners  
Sinners like you and me.

**Jan Lampkin** ~ *Children's Minister*



Wow! It seems like summer is flying by so fast! We had our second summer outing with the preschoolers to Gatti Town in Evansville, June 19, and will have taken grades 1-5 on Thursday, June 26. Forty-two children, 11 youth helpers, 4 parents, and 6 leaders made the trip to Evansville and ate lots of food and enjoyed the afternoon playing games and having fun together.

The VBS planning meeting was well attended and hopefully informative. We are still a few people short to help the Tribe Leaders guide the children through the wilderness. There is no teaching requirement for this helper's position. If you can help us July 6-9 (Sunday - Thursday) for a few hours each evening, it would help so much. Please let me know if you are available and willing to help.

A few of our children are very close to making a public profession of faith. Please pray for these children as they are asking questions and asking for prayer as they make the most important decision of their life.

My heart is saddened by the death of Jonelle Hutchens. Jonelle was one of my very first mission leaders growing up at TBC. She was such an influence as I grew in my Christian walk and developed a passion for missions and sharing Christ with others. Thank you Jonelle for those precious memories and your dedicated service to your Christ and to Third Baptist Church.



**David Roberson** ~ *Minister of Music*

The first four Wednesdays of July the Sanctuary Choir will take a break from their normal rehearsal time schedule. I like to give them a few "vacation days" in the summer in appreciation for their hard work throughout the year. The choir will still be in the loft each Sunday singing some of their favorites, songs they can sing with minimal rehearsal time before the service.

If you haven't thanked a choir member or accompanist for their contributions to our Worship Services, please do. They work very hard and are very diligent in their efforts.

## Joe Bob Pierce ~ *Spiritual Formation*

This is my third and final installment of “Things You Can Try When You’re Stressed.” This list hopefully can get you thinking when you feel stressed and can’t think of anything to do about it.

For instance, you can: Take a Deep Breath, Get Organized, Do Neck Rolls, Avoid Dangerous Drugs, Be Flexible, Stretch Often, Control Your Weight, Avoid Distractions, Set Reasonable Deadlines, Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, Learn to Say ‘No,’ Forgive and Forget, Use the Right Tools, Don’t Procrastinate, Reflect on Your Joys, Encourage Others, Get Up Earlier, Break Up Monotony, See Problems as Challenges, Stop and Smell the Roses, Love Others, Love Yourself, Avoid Unnecessary Meetings, Screen Your Calls, Never Drink and Drive, Give Hugs, Seek Out Positive People, Be Faithful, Read Good Books, Remember Your Triumphs, and Laugh Often.

## Wes Roberts ~ *Youth*

Matthew 6:8 says, “Do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.” It does continue to amaze me that at just the right moment God will answer a prayer with a heartfelt need and we know at that moment our prayer has been answered. Our students often wonder how the God of the universe could answer all these requests when His people cry out. My normal response is that God loves us so much that He wants to take care of our needs. My morning devotion entitled, “The Pathway to Discipleship” says it well, “Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:8 that even in tough times, including periods of unemployment or a national recession, God never forgets what we need. The first teaching in the New Testament on the subject of prayer includes this assurance that while God expects us to pray, we never need to worry about Him understanding our requests. He knows them even before we ask Him.”

I believe that devotions says it well because God is not surprised when we ask, He just want us to reach out to Him and cry out to our Heavenly Father. So go ahead and ask, God loves to answer!

### SYMPATHY

The church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to *the family and friends of Jonelle Hutchens.*

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to *Ted, Jr. and Jackie Peveler* as they celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on June 27th.



**The 2015 Deacon Election** will begin in June. Nomination Ballots will be available June 1st in this issue of the Courier and in the Atrium. The goal is to elect 6-8 deacons each term to help ensure we have adequate resources to cover 52 weeks, and also serve as one of the team members on our Harvest and Hope Teams. Listed below are those who will be serving on the Deacon Election Committee (DEC). These include the Vice-Chair and all third-year deacons rotating off the council. They are: Sam

Lee, committee chair, Lou Emma Adkisson, Shirley Bell, Bill Genet, Lee Kincaid, and Laura Bronn. The Church Bylaws state that two members-at-large are also requested to serve on the DEC. Let us know if you would like to serve on the DEC!

Qualifications to serve as a deacon include: 1.) Must be 21 years or older; 2.) Member for minimum of six months 3.) Regularly attend services 4.) Supports the Organizations of the Church 5.) Faithful steward, consistent witness, and good example in church fellowship.

The Principal Duties are: 1.) Serve with the pastor and staff, proclaim the gospel, care for church members, lead and participate in church fellowship, witness, education, and ministries. 2.) Serve as a council for advice on the welfare and work of the church.

### Method of Election:

- May: Church shall provide a list of deacons rotating off the third term and Deacons Emeritus
- June: Any member may nominate up to 8 eligible members and place ballots in the a ballot box.
- July-August 15: DEC will contact each nominee with the most votes and work in a descending order until 8 have agreed to serve.
- August 15-September Business Meeting: Anyone not previously ordained will meet with an Examining Council for recommendation to be ordained or not ordained. If anyone is found not acceptable, the DEC will contact the next eligible nominee. This shall continue until at least 6 qualified nominees have been found that are willing to serve. The DEC may choose to continue until 8 qualified nominees are found willing to serve, provided that the process shall be completed before the September Business Meeting.
- September Business Meeting: Church shall be presented with the names of the deacons.

Interim Vacancy: 1.) The deacons shall recommend to the Church a previously ordained person who has not been a member of the deacon body for at least 12 months to fill a vacancy. The Deacon shall serve the remaining portion of the unexpired term. 2.) The Deacon shall be eligible for re-election provided the special term of service was not more than 18 months.

### Deacons currently serving in addition to those listed above:

Terms expiring December 31, 2015:

Cissy Bishop, Judy Dixon, Sam Lee, Hawes Mercer, Jesse Rhodes, and Pat Settle. {two vacancies}

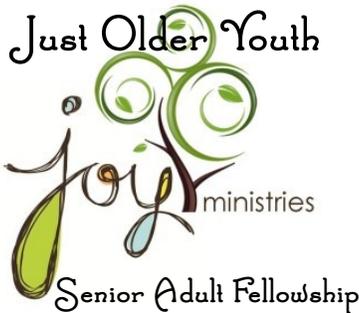
Terms expire Dec. 31, 2016 are:

Frank Beller, Stan Napper, Harold Wilson, Wayne Lovell, Carole Anne Barrass, Mike Morrow, Gary Kirtley, and Becky Baker.

Deacon Emeritus and not eligible for election are: Ken Adkisson, Jim Gordon, Russ Page, Ken Russell, and Wendell Walker.

**Stretch Aerobics:** (M-1:00 PM) Designed for all adults, very low impact. You'll be walking and stretching every muscle while not being too strenuous. You'll feel great knowing you've done something good for yourself!

**Step Aerobics:** (M-W-F-8:30 AM) This higher impact workout with a choreographed routine builds cardiovascular endurance while burning excess fat at a fast rate. And, it doesn't stress the joints as running or jumping.



Tuesday, July 1 at 10:00 AM.

The program will be presented by Vickie Ellis, daughter-in-law of Bobbie Ellis. She is a member of Macedonia Baptist and will be singing Christian music. The meal consisting of baked chicken with rice, lima beans, apple salad, rolls, and black forest cake will be available for lunch at a cost of \$4 per plate. Bring a friend and let us know you'll be here!



You will not find a more rewarding place to spread your wings than right here at TBC! What are your gifts? What interests you? What has God laid upon your heart? Whatever it is - we have a place for you! "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" *James 2:14*

**ATRIUM SOCIAL**

**June 29:** Another Look Friends in Faith



**July 6:** New Millennium Class

**DEACON INFORMATION**

**June 29**

Pat Settle, Bill Genet

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Shirley Bell, Stan Napper

**July 6**

Harold Wilson, Hawes Mercer

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Laura Bronn, Gary Kirtley

**SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS**

**June 29** Frank Beller

**July 6** Tom Dixon

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**June 29** Charlotte Benningfield

**July 6** Sherry Lee

**PRESCHOOL PRAISE**

**June 29** Jean Snyder

Misty Hernandez

**July 6** Patty Ray

Jackie Napper

**SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS**

**June 29** Judy Dixon

**July 6** Iris Brown

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**

9:00 AM Atrium Social

9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study

10:45 AM Morning Worship  
Rev. Jake Caldwell

**MONDAY, JUNE 30**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

6:00 PM FCC - Centennial Room

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**

1:00 PM FCC Bible Study, Room 120

**FRIDAY, JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Offices Closed

**SUNDAY, JULY 6**

9:00 AM Atrium Social

9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study

10:45 AM Morning Worship

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

**MONDAY, JULY 7**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

6:00 PM FCC Ministry Table, Rm. 120

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics Class

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 10**

1:00 PM FCC Bible Study, Room 120

5:30 PM Vacation Bible School

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

9:00 AM Atrium Social

9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study

10:45 AM Morning Worship

2:00 PM FSR Reserved

4:00 PM Stewardship/Finance Mtg.

5:00 PM Deacons' Meeting