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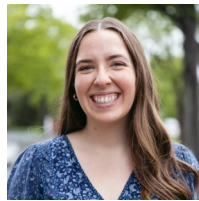
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A Note From Abby McPherson..



Abby McPherson
*Director of Preschool
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Each year as VBS approaches, we spend countless hours preparing, praying, and getting excited. It often feels exhausting, but after each VBS, I always feel a sadness that it is already over.

This year, VBS was called *Keepers of the Kingdom*, a theme centered around the battle between God's Kingdom (the good kingdom) and the enemy's kingdom (the bad kingdom). The kids also learned about different pieces of the Armor of God each day from Ephesians 6. We spent our days focusing on the purposes and importance of each piece, and how necessary this armor is in the battle.

Through Bible lessons, singing songs, creating crafts, eating delicious snacks, running around outdoors, missions time, and the daily skit, the truths of Ephesians 6 were being drilled into the kids over

and over. Each specific activity they did had a purpose: to teach them the Word of God.

Children can grasp more than we give them credit for, and VBS is a specific opportunity to watch them comprehend deep Biblical truths at an age-appropriate level. When they are dancing or reading or learning or eating, it is with purpose. The work is worth the potential reward—children coming to know the One who has always known them.

VBS is such a special week in the life of a church for numerous reasons. It is an opportunity for so many giftings and talents to be used—cooking or baking, teaching, singing, administration, decorating—so many diverse skillsets are needed to pull it off.

We also get the chance to welcome many people into our building that either do not go to church, or attend somewhere else. This year, we had multiple children come to us from other religious groups. What an opportunity to



teach God's truth to those who may not be hearing it regularly, or at all!

VBS brings us together and also stretches us out in the most unique way. It is a week of serving, giving, loving, teaching. We raised almost \$2,000 this year for Re:Center ministries! The reach of this one week goes so beyond a single group of kids.

So, what's next? We pray. We pray that our efforts have and will bring more people into the Good Kingdom. We pray that those who heard the good news of the gospel would be drawn in. We pray that we would love and care well for those who are new to this special family of God and for those who begin coming to church.

Thank you for your effort, your time, your love, your prayers. I so clearly felt the prayers over this VBS. Hurstbourne family, you are

blessing, and I thank God for how you partnered together to make VBS so exceptional.

- Abby McPherson

Recent Giving

May 21	May 28	June 11	June 18
Budget \$28,117.02 Annie Armstrong Offering \$160.00 Fred Tucker \$70.00 Missions Support \$100.00	Budget \$18,035.80 Annie Armstrong Offering \$105.00 Missions Support \$100.00 Media Ministry \$580.00	Budget \$43,973.68 Annie Armstrong Offering \$75.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$25.30	Budget \$32,636.72 Annie Armstrong Offering \$1,102.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$1,000.00 Media Ministry \$668.00
TOTAL: \$28,447.02	TOTAL: \$18,820.80	TOTAL: \$44,073.98	TOTAL: \$35,406.72
Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,225,281.00 Received to Date \$1,248,421.00 Difference from Budget \$23,140.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,257,525.00 Received to Date \$1,266,457.00 Difference from Budget \$8,932.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,322,013.00 Received to Date \$1,338,418.00 Difference from Budget \$16,405.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,354,258.00 Received to Date \$1,371,055.00 Difference from Budget \$16,797.00



July Birthdays



July 1

John Veltman
Iris Armstrong

July 2

Myra Butler

July 3

Pat Duncan
Deanna Henry

July 4

Rozy Snider
Will Embry
Davis Leverett
Lois Sibley

July 5

Laura Landgrave

July 6

Eleanor Collins
Victoria Gowans

July 8

Carolyn Holm
Gina Embry
Jody McChesney
Dashiel Solomon

July 9

Easton Barham
Jennifer Ringstaff

July 10

Chuck Lewis
Bailee Embry
Bill Hillen
Bruce Parks
Declan Price
Reed McIntosh
Rachel Smith

July 11

Craig Grant

July 12

Grant Coleman
Carol Ann Nelson

July 13

Amy Dreisbach
Kelly Nall
Knox Armstrong

July 15

Sherry Feldpausch
Carl Head
Joyce Collins

July 16

Pam Helton
Hadley Baird
Sharon Shaw

July 17

Garrett Craig

July 18

Cindy Anderson
Denver Leverett
Nancy King

July 19

Julia King

July 20

Kim Rinker

July 21

Penelope Rinker
Sandra Murphy
Eleanor Craig

July 24

Joe James
Jenny Solomon
Kathryn Hughes

July 25

Betty Stewart
Victoria Wilkerson

July 26

Candyce Eatherly

July 27

Bob McNeil
Chris Deaton
Ted Rich

July 28

Kaitlyn McMichael

July 29

Will Hughes

July 30

Adaline McDonald
Margie Cowden
Vic Chesser

July 31

Kim Mitchell-Clark



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Testimony Tuesday

Ladies, join us for a testimony, dessert,
and the chance to connect with other women!

JULY 11 - SARAH GIBBS
7:00PM-8:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



\$822,062
GIVEN TO DATE

RENEW
for all generations

\$2.5M
TOTAL