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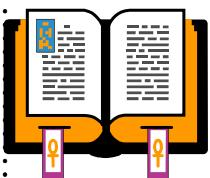
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Association Mission Strategist Corner

Dr. Johnny Blevins

The Eternal Impact of Vacation Bible School

I remember them – Mrs. Edith and Mrs. Hart. They taught my young boys Vacation Bible School class at Bristol Baptist Church. Over 50 years later I still remember them. I don't remember the MVP of the Super Bowl or the NBA during that year. But I remember my VBS teachers. They made a difference in my life and helped me in my journey to Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a long-standing tradition for Baptist churches. It is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship that plays a critical role in the spiritual development of children. It also strengthens the body of Christ by helping us reach the next generation.

At its core, VBS is about introducing children to Jesus Christ. Many children who attend VBS come from unchurched families. For some, it may be their first exposure to the truth of Scripture and the message of salvation. Through VBS Bible lessons children are taught who God is, what He has done through Jesus Christ, and how they can respond in faith. Salvation becomes a life-changing reality for many through VBS.

The lessons learned at VBS often stick with children for a lifetime. The memory verses, Bible stories, songs, and the relationships formed during this time feed a growing understanding of the Gospel. This helps anchor a child in Scripture and prepare them for future spiritual challenges.

But VBS also energizes and mobilizes the church. It provides an opportunity for members of all ages to serve together—whether through teaching, decorating, preparing snacks, recreation or other areas. This cultivates a spirit of unity and purpose that renews the church's mission focus and grows our heart for outreach.

In addition, VBS is a bridge to our community. Families who might never step foot in a Sunday service are often willing to bring their children to VBS. As relationships are developed many of these families will take steps toward deeper involvement in the church. VBS can be the first door into the church, both for children and their parents.

In an increasingly secular culture where children are constantly bombarded with conflicting messages, the need for faithful, Christ-centered VBS programs is greater than ever. The church must see VBS not as a routine summer event, but as a divine opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission among its youngest and most ready mission field.

Every song sung, every craft made, every lesson taught has the potential to echo into eternity. When the church invests in VBS, it invests in the kingdom of God—planting seeds of salvation, nurturing young disciples, and building up the body of Christ for generations to come. When you serve in VBS you will make a difference that children will remember! So let us embrace VBS with passion, prayer, and purpose and make an eternal impact.

Johnny



EBA Churches

Cool Springs

East Elkin

Elkin Valley

Friendship

Macedonia

Mineral Springs

Mount Pleasant

Pleasant Grove

Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Home

Pleasant Ridge

Pleasant View

Poplar Springs

Rock Creek

Ronda First

Union Hill

West Elkin

Pastor/Church Anniversary

June

Jerry Fugate completes 1 year as pastor of Pleasant View



For the month of **June** pray for these churches as well as the pastors & their families:

Mount Pleasant—Dylan & Makayla Cook
Pleasant Grove—James & Allison Safrit

Mission Team Needed

Graffiti Church in Baltimore needs a mission team of 8 or more people to help them sponsor a sports camp either July 13-19 or July 27-August 2.

If your church can form a team or has people who would serve on a team, call or email the associational office!

Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup

If your church took up food items for the Baptist Children's Homes of NC during April & May, please get your food to the Elkin Association office. We will be taking a load to the children's homes.

INCOME	April	Year-To-Date
Church Receipts	5,311.92	13,903.22
Love Offerings	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	1.06
TOTAL INCOME	5,311.92	13,904.28
EXPENSE	April	Year-To-Date
Associational Communications	150.00	150.00
Ministry Action Teams	0.00	0.00
Associational Office Expenses	1,824.75	6,237.47
Associational Mission Strategist Compensation	1,787.50	5,037.50
Other Staff Compensation	824.90	1,996.55
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,587.15	13,421.52
NET INCOME	April	Year-To-Date
Total Income	5,311.92	13,904.28
Less Total Expense	4,587.15	13,421.52
Gain or (Loss)	724.77	482.76
Checking	10,814.54	
Money Market/Designated	31,264.72	
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES	42,079.26	

*Gordon Jensen
In Concert*

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church
1432 US Hwy 21, State Road**

**Wednesday, June 4
7:00 PM**

**Free admission (a love offering
will be taken)**

FREE DENTAL CLINIC

For Adults Only

NC Missions of Mercy Clinic ~ Treatment includes:

*X-rays
*Exams
*Cleanings
*Fillings
*Extractions

June 20-21 at Elkin High School
334 Elk Spur St, Elkin

The clinic opens at 6:00 AM. Patients will be seen in order of their arrival. Please follow signs for designated parking areas. Information & guidelines regarding the clinic can be found at: ncdentalfoundation.org.