



The Messenger

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Join Us on a Road Trip With God – VBC Needs You!

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When I was a kid, one of the highlights of my summer was spending a week at the Vacation Bible Camp hosted by my Southern Baptist church. I absolutely loved it—games, crafts, skits, snacks, and all the excitement of a week centered on fun and faith. Even though my family and I were regulars on Sundays, VBC was something extra special. The memories made such an impact that I returned as a youth leader during college.

Fast forward to last summer, I had the joy of serving as a group leader for a fantastic bunch of first and second graders during **Camp Firelight** at Laurel Heights. We spent the week singing, laughing, growing in friendship, and learning about God's love. The kids explored science with Mr. Frank and Pastor Laura, created beautiful art with Ms. Ann, and played their hearts out in rec games with Mr. Ryan, Ms. Jeanette, Ms. Margaret, and Mr. Geoffrey.

As a newer member of LHUMC, this experience helped me feel more connected to our church family—and seeing my kids thrive made it even more meaningful. My youngest, JoJo, got to participate in the nursery because I was volunteering, and Milo *still* talks about the tent set up in the Fellowship Hall!

I know summer can be hectic, but if you can give even a few hours, your time will truly make a difference. Whether it's helping with snacks, leading an activity, or being an extra pair of hands, your service is a gift to every child who attends.

Please consider how you might be part of this year's **VBC: Road Trip With God**. No contribution is too small, and together we can help create lasting memories filled with faith, friendship, and fun.

Camper registration is still open, so feel free to spread the word—invite your friends, family, neighbors, classmates, and anyone else with children who'd love to join in the adventure!

Camper Registration



Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 21

9:30 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Sunday, May 25

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. Popcorn & Lemonade Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

Monday, May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, May 30

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 306*

Sunday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. All-Ages Summer Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. United Women in Faith Meeting -

Fellowship Hall - All are welcome!

Prayer Requests

Lucien Manchester

Richard Parrigan

Bert Clayton

Norman Roe

Elizabeth Diaz

Kay Craig

Ahmed Halim

Claire Riley

Richard Jackson

Judy Edwards

Lindsay Pease



Laurel Heights UMC

Please join us for a

Farewell Potluck Luncheon

Honoring Pastor Lisa & Jim Straus

Sunday, June 22 at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Bring Your Favorite Dish to SHARE!

A basket will be available if you would like to share a card with Pastor Lisa & Jim.



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