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Kids' Klub in 4-D
end the 2014-2015
year with a group
pose with their
leaders.

Photo courtesy of Dave
Bibey

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday
8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:15a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
9:30a  **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs)

Monday
5:30p  Praise & Worship Team Practice

Tuesday
11a Worship Cmte Mtg. (4th Tues, monthly)

Wednesday
6:30-8p  **Prayer/Bible Stdy**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday
10a Ladies' Prayer Time

Women on Mission Picnic

Mon July 27,
6pm
@ Sylvia Hobson's home



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 6/28/15 (26 wks):
\$3,477.

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437.**
PTL! As of 6/28/15 we are
over budget: **\$1,042.**

Audio/Visual Fund Received to
date: \$2,780.

Average morning worship
attendance 5/24—6/28/15:
84.

Vacation Bible School

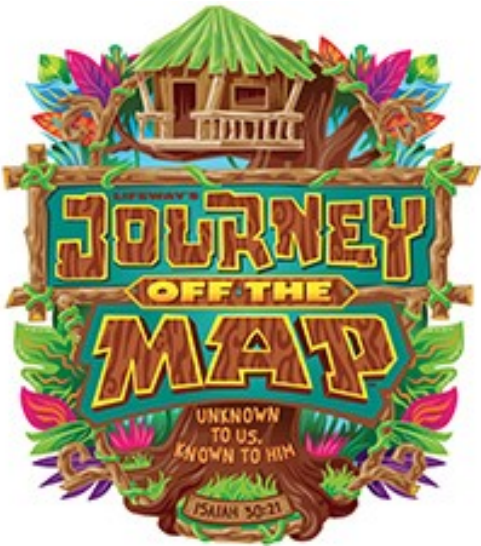
July 20-24, 6-8:30 pm

► **FOR Grade K** (age 5—enrolled in
Kindergarten in fall of 2015)—to **Grade 6**
(completed).

► Fill out a registration form (1 per child) and
return the 1st day of VBS or sooner.

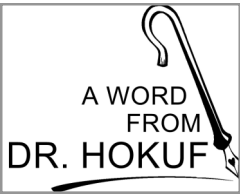
► Registration forms are available @ the church. A [downloadable
registration form](#) is available on our website: www.fbcne.org.

► Recreation and craft leaders are needed.



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Well school is out for the summer. Our Jesus



day. During the school year they come before and after school for a few hours. That makes for a lot more activity going on in The Center.

Our youth, middle and high school kids, are going to camp at Skycroft July 5-10. Pray for them. So many life changing decisions are made at camp. Pray for me, too. I'll be going along this year.

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Vacation Bible School is July 20-24. This year our theme is called *Journey Off the Map; unknown to us, but known to Him*. Jess Wagner is directing it this year along with Sandy Jackson. It will prove to be a busy, but blessed summer.

I should tell you how my mission trip to Canada went. When I wrote to you in my article last month it was still future. All went very well. Jim McBride and I had 20 teens and twenties! Most of them were the kids we've worked with for the last 15 years, just grown up. The ladies worked with about 20 children, so we had our work cut out for us. Please pray for Pastor Walid Bitar and the Arabic Evangelical Church of Ottawa. He is one of the independent missionaries that we support. He has served the Lord at that church for 20 years. There have been a lot of changes in the last few years. God is at work, but Satan is dogging their steps at every turn.

The apostle Paul encouraged us all when he exhorted us with these words, "you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28). His point is that we are no longer being treated as children, but rather as adults, "sons of God." It was like the Jewish custom whereby a boy or girl becomes an adult. For the boys it is called bar mitzvah, for the girls bat mitzvah. Literally "son (or daughter) of the divine law." In a similar way, in Christ God treats us as adults. In the Old Testament believers were under the law. In the New Testament we are under grace. The law was our schoolmaster to



Kids' Klub in 4-D finish building Noah's Ark (*in the foreground*).

Photo courtesy of Dave Bibey.

lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith in Jesus alone for our salvation (Galatians 3:24-25). God has wrought such a wonderful salvation for all of us who believe in Him!

I gave each of the Arabic families a copy of Barbara Reed's book *Beyond the Great Darkness*. It is the account of modern missionary pioneering in the jungles of the Philippines. Russell and Barbara Reed gave their lives to reach one unreached tribe, the Tawbuid. Today there are about 15,000 Christians there, 60 years ago there were none.

I think of a future scene in heaven when we will all be gathered around God's throne, Arabic Christians alongside of the Tawbuid, alongside of us American believers. All of us are adult sons and daughters of God! That will be glory!

If you want a copy of *Beyond the Great Darkness*, let me know. I still have a few left. I will be glad to give the book to you at no cost.

Your fellow laborer for Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



JUL & AUG calendar

(See the back cover page for our regular services/events)

July 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sun July 5 **Communion Day/ Recognition of New Members**

July 5-10 **YOUTH to reCHARGE @ Skycroft**

July 20-24 **VBS Week** (see front cover page)

Mon July 27 **Women on Mission Picnic @ Sylvia**
Hobson's home, 6pm
—Calvert MNR Healthcare CTR
Worship Service, 7:30pm.

Tue Aug 11
Nominating
Cmte Mtg,
1pm

Wed Aug 12
Church
Council Mtg,
11am

Sun Aug 16 *Lamplighter* articles
for September DEADLINE

Wks of Aug 16 & 23
Pastor on vacation

Aug 23 **Praise & Worship Service**, 10:30am.

Tue Aug 25
Worship Cmte, 11am

August 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



July birthdays

2 Ruth (Mash) Pusey
Sean Lawrence
3 Ralph Veasey, III
5 Shane Lee
7 Faye Combs
Kathy Glace
8 George Deaver
Ainsley Jackson
10 Matthew Osborne, II
11 Rene' (Willis) Lewis
Kimberly Walsh
12 Danny Clemons, Sr.
Gladys Hamilton
Stephen Hokuf
13 Susan (Hobson) Philavanh
14 Andy Wagner
15 Shyianne Harris
16 Ashley (Burns) Hickman
Bryan Langley
17 Carl Moore, Sr.
Daniel Wagner
19 Duke Grant
Mary Mohler
Ashly Hamilton
Hannah Sanders
20 George Jackson
21 Jo Forino
22 Judith Brown
Chris Jackson
23 Kasey Lee
24 Mary K. Parks
25 Harley Chestnut
David Parsons, Jr.
28 Kevin Barker
Mille Bee Cavanagh
Timmy Lotman
David Parsons, Sr.
30 Sara Hayes

July anniversaries

3 Gerrit & Jane Hopman
7 Brian & Jennifer Musser
11 Richard & Margie Jackson
17 Joseph & Brenda Simpkins

18 Cecil, Jr. & Anmarie Walsh
26 Adam & Melissa Marvel

August birthdays

4 Patricia Culver Adkins
5 Evelyn Hall
Robert Hudler, Jr
6 Wayne Jones
Jacob Wahlgreen
7 Sheena Burns
8 Thomas Hall
9 Kelsey Hackman
Maranda Hackman
10 Elizabeth Leavy
11 Lilburn (Lib) Lewis
12 Joyce Blithe
Brenda Sommers
14 Deborah Smith
16 Roy Crouse
Betty Jackson
Seth Moyer
Delainey Parsons
Amy (Walker) Short
18 Manda Barber
Kathy Gray
Jane Hopman
19 Corban Porch
20 Karen Bibey
Chris Ewing
Heath Johnson
24 Justin Jones
Janet McGhee
25 Richard Brasefield
James Moore
27 Keith Ramsey
28 Shaun Collins
30 Marcy Baezlopez
31 Jorden Lotman
Kenny Shores

August anniversaries

1 Edward & Sylvia Hobson
2 Ben & Jenny Hokuf
3 Roger & Grace Cann
Thomas & Ruby Perry
5 Tim & April Lotman
10 Bobby & Chrissy (Hall) Hilaman
12 Stephen & Janet Hokuf (40th)
25 Samuel & Amy Hall