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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

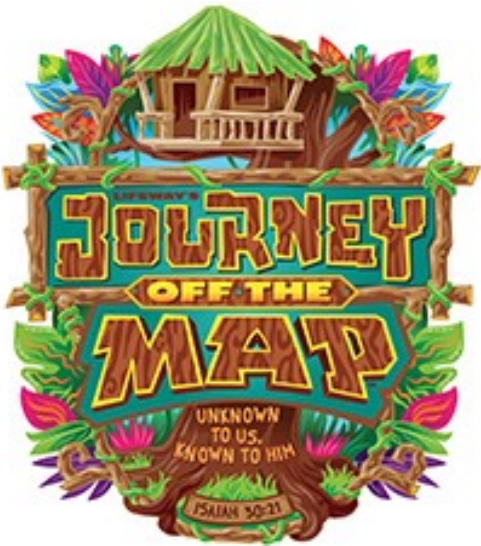
July 20-24, 6-8:30 pm

► **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.

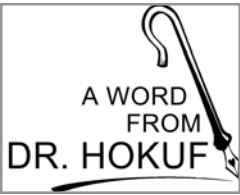
► Registration forms are available @ the church. A [downloadable registration form](#) is available on our website: www.fbcne.org.

► 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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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					



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




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- 3 Ruth (Mash) Pusey
- 5 Ralph Veasey, III
- 7 Shane Lee
- 7 Faye Combs
- 8 Kathy Glace
- 8 George Deaver
- 10 Ainsley Jackson
- 10 Matthew Osborne, II
- 11 Rene' (Willis) Lewis
- 11 Kimberly Walsh
- 12 Danny Clemons, Sr.
- 12 Gladys Hamilton

- 12 Stephen Hokuf
- 12 Teala Robertson
- 13 Susan (Hobson) Philavanh
- 14 John Booth
- 14 Andy Wagner
- 15 Shyianne Harris
- 16 Ashley (Burns) Hickman
- 16 Bryan Langley, Sr.
- 17 Carl Moore, Sr.
- 17 Daniel Wagner
- 19 Ashly Hamilton
- 19 Duke Grant
- 19 Mary Mohler
- 19 Hannah Sanders
- 20 George Jackson
- 22 Judith Brown
- 22 Chris Jackson
- 23 Kasey Lee
- 24 Mary K. Parks
- 25 Stacyjane Booth
- 25 Harley Chestnut
- 28 David Parsons, Jr.
- 28 Kevin Barker
- 28 Mille Bee Cavanagh
- 28 Timmy Lotman
- 28 David Parsons, Sr.
- 28 Lisa Ann Taylor

- 30 Rhonda Beamer
- 30 Sara Hayes
- anniversaries
- 3 Gerrit & Jane Hopman (60th)
- 7 Brian & Jennifer Musser (15th)
- 11 Richard & Margie Jackson
- 17 Joseph & Brenda Simpkins
- 18 Cecil, Jr. & Anmarie Walsh
- 26 Adam & Melissa Marvel



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUL	See page 6 for regular services/events				1	2
3 Breakfast, 9:20am 8:30 & 10:30a Rev. Brian MUSSER — LOVE OFFERING	4 	5	6	7 1pm Sight & Sound SAMSON Trip	8	9
10 8:30 & 10:30a Pastor Dan MOHLER	11	12	13 Dr. Hokuf returns from vacation BUSINESS Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	14	15	16
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Pastor Mohler on vacation	26 10:30a SBA Exec Bd Mtg NO Worship CMTE	27	28	29	30
31 6p Worship Service	VBS theme verse: Search me, God and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24 HCSB					



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- 4 Patricia Culver Adkins
- 5 Evelyn Hall
- 5 Robert Hudler, Jr
- 5 Austin Knowles
- 6 Wayne Jones
- 6 Jacob Wahlgreen
- 7 Sheena Burns
- 7 Matthew Forino
- 8 Julia Altice
- 8 Thomas Hall
- 9 Kelsey Hackman
- 9 Maranda Hackman
- 10 Elizabeth Leavy
- 11 Lilburn (Lib) Lewis
- 12 Joyce Blithe
- 12 Brenda Sommers
- 13 Linda Pettit
- 13 Brendan Willien
- 14 Deborah Smith
- 15 Trevor Wagnon
- 16 Roy Crouse
- 16 Betty Jackson

- 16 Seth Moyer
- 16 Delaine Parsons
- 16 Amy (Walker) Short
- 18 Manda Barber
- 18 Kathy Gray
- 18 Jane Hopman
- 19 Corban Porch
- 20 Karen Bibey
- 20 Chris Ewing
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- 24 Justin Jones
- 24 Janet McGhee
- 25 Richard Brasefield
- 25 James Moore
- 28 Shaun Collins
- 30 Marcy Baezlopez
- 31 Luchana Jarrell
- 31 Jorden Lotman
- 31 Kenny Shores

anniversaries

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



What is a teacher?

What is a teacher . . .

- ♦ if not a mirror in which we perceive the divine image hidden in the soul?
- ♦ if not a sower of seed and a cultivator of young gardens?
- ♦ if not a shaper of souls and a guide who gently shows the right path for the journey?
- ♦ if not the most hopeful of dreamers, who plants and nurtures and sees the bright destiny and harvest of the work even when the student cannot?
- ♦ if not a shepherd watching over the flock and leading it to abundant pastures?

Dreamers and sharers of dreams, sowers of seed and guides who chart the way, mirrors of goodness and shepherds of grace—it is for these teachers and this ministry that we give abundant thanks to God.

—Author unknown.

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AUG	See page 6 for regular services/events					
7 Breakfast, 9:20a	8 Pastor Mohler returns from vacation	9	10 BUSINESS Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	11	12	
14	15	16	17 11a Church COUNCIL Mtg.	18	19	20
21 Lamplighter articles for September DEADLINE	22	23 11a Worship Cmte	24	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31 Kathy Gray's last day as ministry assistant	My mouth shall be filled with Your praise and with Your honor all the day. Psalm 71:8		
6p Worship Service						