

AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31



SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

JOIN US FOR A WILD VBS THIS SUMMER!

July 14-19 | 6:00-9:00 PM

Gas up the all-terrain vehicle and head out on a wild adventure like no other. Get up close and personal with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles, and so much more! Grab your camera and zoom in on these animals in their natural habitats. Maybe you can even snag a snapshot or two.

This summer, we invite your children to join us as we focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter is like a snapshot—a special moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. Through VBS, kids will discover that each snapshot of Jesus is an opportunity to respond to the gospel. And when put together, these isolated encounters clearly reveal the most amazing truth of all—Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name. Are you ready for an up close and personal encounter with Jesus? The adventure of a lifetime awaits!

To register your child, please visit www.lookoutvalley.org/vbs. Please remember that VBS is only open to children ages 4 through completed 5th grade. Contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org) for more information.

WAYS TO HELP

PRAY

Pray for the staff and volunteers as they lead the children, teaching them about God's love for them.

Pray for this year's attendance, especially to have high attendance each and every night.

Pray for the children in attendance, specifically that the Lord will stir in their hearts and for each child to come to know Christ as their savior.

INVITE

Call, text, or pass out flyers inviting the children in your life and neighborhood to attend VBS.

VOLUNTEER

There are a number of different areas for volunteers to serve! See page 2 for more details.

LEND A HAND

Pass out flyers in the community on Wednesday, June 26, during our annual VBS Blitz 'N Splitz.

Assist in decorating classrooms for VBS, July 11-13.

CALENDAR

MAY

- 5/5 Youth Fundraiser Lunch
- 5/7 WMU Meeting
- 5/8 Member's Meeting
- 5/12 Mother's Day
- 5/14 Senior Adult Meeting
- 5/14-5/28 Zimbabwe Mission Trip (Team 1)
- 5/19 Graduation Recognition
VBS Training
- 5/22 Kingdom Kids'
End of School Party
- 5/24-6/4 Zimbabwe Mission Trip (Team 2)
- 5/26 Youth Insane Paintball
- 5/27 Memorial Day
(Church Office Closed)

JUNE

- 6/2 Youth @ Lookouts Game
- 6/4 WMU Meeting
- 6/11 Senior Adult Meeting
- 6/21-6/25 Youth Summer Camp
- 6/26 VBS Blitz N' Splitz

JULY

- 7/2 WMU
- 7/3 NO Wednesday Activities
- 7/4 4th of July
(Church Office Closed)
- 7/10 Member's Meeting
- 7/11-7/13 VBS Decorating/Set-up
- 7/14-18 Vacation Bible School



VBS 2019 ADVENTURE GUIDE TRAINING

Sunday, May 19 | 12:30 PM

It's hard to believe one of the biggest outreach events in the life of our church is just weeks away. That's right! It's time for Vacation Bible School. We WANT and NEED your help! So, don't just sit home on the bench...join us for an adventure!!

If you have already signed up to serve in this year's VBS, please make plans to attend our VBS 2019 Adventure Guide Training on Sunday, May 19, immediately following worship. During this meeting, volunteers will be equipped with special training and will receive their field guides, mapping out our course on how to successfully navigate our VBS attenders through this year's adventure in the wild!

If your name isn't in our base camp database, it's not too late to sign up to serve! Please contact our Lead Adventure Guide, Tiffany Morrison to add your name to our VBS Adventure Guide Roster.

Volunteers must be 15 years old and older, and must complete a background check. Lunch and childcare (nursery ages only) will be provided.

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

May The Lord Do What Seems Good To Him

In 2 Samuel 10, there's a fascinating event that demonstrates true faithfulness to the task, even when the outcome is uncertain. Nahash, the king of Ammonites was a friend and ally of King David. He has died, and his son, Hanun, becomes king of the Ammonites after him. So David decides to send a peaceful delegation to Hanun to pay respects for his father's death. But Hanun's advisors told the new king the peaceful delegation was actually sent to spy out the land so David's army could come and conquer the city. Hanun had the delegation captured, and notice what he did to them: "*Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half the beard of each and cut off their garments in the middle, at their hips, and sent them away*" (2 Samuel 10:4).

This public shaming of David's peaceful delegation became an international incident. It would now be met with a forceful reprisal! Knowing the likelihood of such a response, the Ammonites hired 33,000 soldiers from the Syrians to fend off any potential attack from David's army.

David called Joab and commands him to lead the army against them. When Joab saw that there were many gathered to battle against him, he devised a plan. He took a portion of the soldiers and he gave his brother, Abishai, charge over the rest of the soldiers. He then instructs Abishai to fight the Ammonites and he will fight the Syrians. He says, "*If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come and help you*" (2 Samuel 10:11).

Then he gives his brother this final charge: "*Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the LORD do what seems good to him*" (2 Samuel 10:12).

That is risk for the cause of God! That is trusting God regardless of the outcome. He didn't enter the conflict with foolish pride, "We're gonna win – God will give us the victory!" He developed a well-thought-out plan, communicated the plan to others, and then executed the plan with humble trust and full knowledge of the potential for failure. He said, "*may the Lord do what seems good to him.*"

As we seek to be on mission for God to our neighbors and the nations, there will be times we experience similar situations – though perhaps not life and death. We can devise a plan, communicate it to others, and seek to execute that plan – but there is always the possibility that it won't turn out the way we hoped. What do we do in the face of potential loss? Do we hide under the covers and seek to retreat to a mythical haven of safety and security? Or, do we take a premeditated risk for the cause of God, for His glory? Risk, for the cause of God, is good and it is right!

For the Cause!

Pastor Troy



VBS 2019

BLITZ N' SPLITZ

Wednesday, June 26 | 6:30 PM

Join us on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 pm, for our annual Blitz N' Splitz! We will "Blitz" the community around LVBC with VBS Flyers, inviting our neighbors to attend a fun-filled week learning about the love our God has for each one of them! Immediately following, we will reward ourselves with some refreshing ice cream "Splitz."

Please make every effort to be here as we work together to make this year's VBS an adventure children will never forget!

KINGDOM KIDS END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 22 | 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of fun as the LVBC Children's Ministry celebrates the end of the school year! Be sure your kids bring a towel and wear clothing they can get wet. For more information, contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).

DIG IN SERIES

On Sunday, June 30, our Kingdom Kids will join us during our 10:45 am worship service for a special celebration! Children who have been a part of our *Dig In* series will be recognized for their hard work memorizing 25 bible verses. If your child has memorized their list of verse, please be sure to have them here on June 30!

SUMMER SERIES BEGINS JUNE 2

Have you ever found it difficult to form words in prayer to express the desires of your heart? Are there things that seem too difficult or too painful to say out loud to Him? No other part of the Bible exposes our inner struggles more than the Psalms. Each Psalm reaches beyond the world of sight and sound to reveal what our senses long to see and hear—our authentic self and the heart of God. Join us this summer, as we walk through the Psalms and learn to voice authentic prayers. Don't worry! God is big enough to handle all your pain, rage, fear, desire for control, prejudice, greed, doubt, unfulfilled longings...or any other thoughts or feelings stirring inside you. He's inviting us to take off our mask and spend this summer in the Psalms.



ZIMBABWE MISSION TRIP

This summer, LVBC has an exciting opportunity to Go & Grow in Zimbabwe! Between May 14-June 4, we will send two teams to the heart of Zimbabwe to serve in the local communities and share God's love through orphan care and church planting. Both these team will serve alongside Sarah Smith, as she begins her full time mission work in Zimbabwe. We ask that you pray over these teams, not only for their safety, but that the Lord may do great things in and through them during their time in the region.



TEAM 1 — Orphan Care May 14-28

Camryn Bowman

Susan Moore

Brady, Chelsea & Isaac Pockman

Breanna Popham

Wendy Yates

TEAM 2 — Church Planting May 24-June 4

Patrick Artrip

Megan Bain

Camryn Bowman

Brady, Chelsea & Isaac Pockman

Russ & Lilah Patterson

Darrell & Angela Smith



ALL ^{IN} THE FAMILY

UPCOMING MEMBER'S MEETINGS

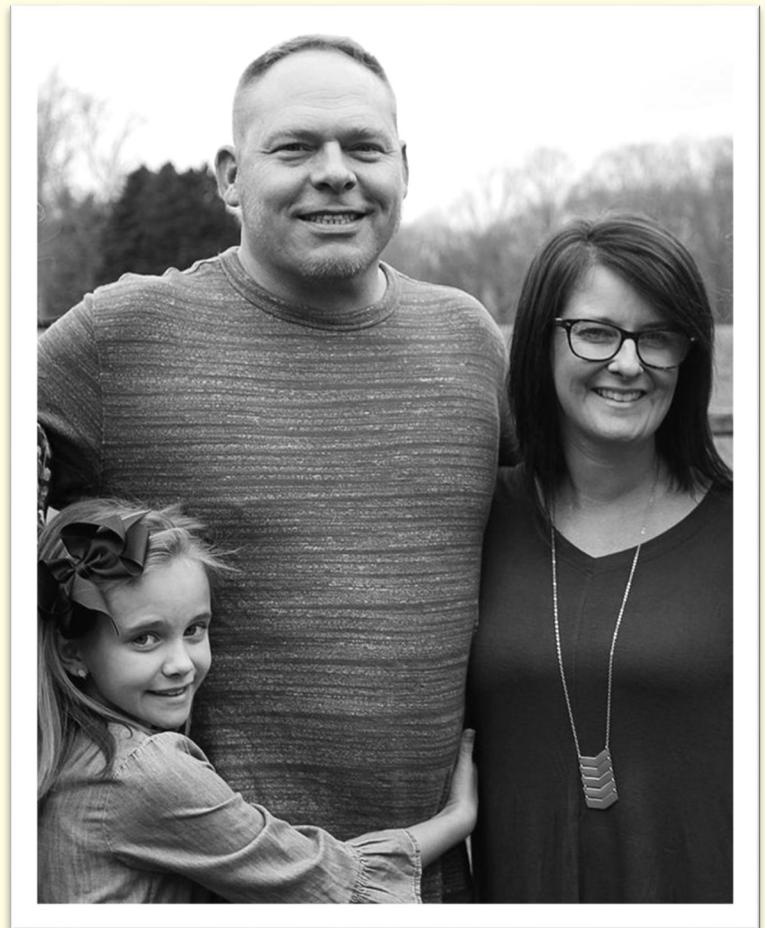
Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 10 @ 6:30 PM

On both Wednesday, May 8 and July 10, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite you to join us at 5:45 pm, as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner (see the May and July bulletins for cost and menus). Following the Fellowship Dinner, our bi-monthly Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will discuss membership issues and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

WELCOME HOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

During our March Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to receive two new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!



Patrick & Ginny Moore
(Zoe, Allie Grace & RC)

YOUTH EVENTS

CAMP FUNDRAISER MEAL | May 5

On Sunday, May 5, immediately following the Worship Service, our youth will hold their annual Camp Fundraiser Meal in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of lunch will be by donation only, and all proceeds assist our youth with the cost of camp. If you are a student or parent, please contact Christina Wilson regarding how you can assist in this important fundraiser!

SENIOR RECOGNITION | MAY 19

Graduation is fast approaching and so is LVBC's Senior Recognition Sunday! On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 10:45 am Worship Service. If you or your child will be graduating, we would love to add you to our list of honorees! Please contact Christina Wilson (christina@lookoutvalley.org) for more information.



INSANE PAINTBALL | May 19

Join us on Sunday afternoon, after the VBS meeting on May 19, as we celebrate the end of the school year with an exciting time at Insane Paintball! Contact Christina Wilson to sign up.

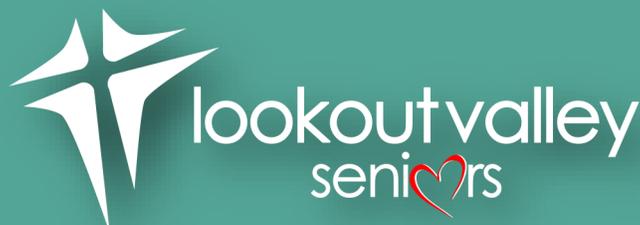
LOOKOUTS GAME | June 2

On Sunday, June 2, the LVBC Youth will head to AT&T Field to cheer on the Chattanooga Lookouts as they take on the Mobile Bay Bears. Cost is \$7.00, plus food. If you would like to attend this outing, please see Christina Wilson for more information.

SENIOR ADULT MEETINGS

May 14 & June 11

Join the Senior Adults of Lookout Valley as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 14 and June 11 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that there will be no meeting in July due to Vacation Bible School.





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