



First Baptist Church Collinsville

*Teaching and Training Kids
That Rock for Jesus*

WANTED: KIDS

“One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. ¹⁴ But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” ¹⁵ And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.” (Matthew 19:13-14, New Living Translation)

Hi boys and girls. I hope you are having a safe, fun summer so far. In the verses above Jesus shows what He thinks about children. He loves kids and He wants them to be with Him. So much so, that Jesus got upset with His disciples when they tried to keep the children from coming to Him. Jesus went as far as to say that if adults were going to come to Him, they had to come like children—trusting His love and care for them.

Jesus thinks you are very special. There is no one like you. He created so that you could know Him. And He wants you to be with Him forever. Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave so that you could know Him and live with Him in heaven someday. Have you put your faith in Jesus? Have you asked Him to forgive you and save you from your sins? If you have not been saved ask Him to save you right now. I promise you He will forgive you and cleanse you from all sin.

Jesus is not the only one who loves kids and wants to be with them—I do too. As well as your Sunday School teachers. It has been a while since we have seen some of you. I hope you will ask mom and dad to bring you to church on Sundays. Also, we are going to have **VBS** at the church from **6:00pm to 8:30pm, starting Sunday night, July 18th thru Thursday night, July 22nd**. We want to spend some time with you and tell you some cool things about Jesus. I hope you and your friends can join us for VBS. Well I better go. Remember, I love you and so does Jesus. See you soon.

Pastor Larry

***“I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of
God that brings salvation to everyone that believes.”
Romans 1:16***

A NOTE FROM Mrs. Charlotte:

During the month of July, we celebrate the 4th of July. This year July 4 will be celebrated on a Sunday. Now we know what happens on that day. There are usually fireworks, a long weekend away from work for your parents, picnics and cookouts and even travel time. Many areas have a large fireworks display going on for their communities. You can be sure that there will be plenty of firecrackers to be popped. It is a way of celebrating our country's birthday. America was born on the Fourth of July. That is what we celebrate.

Did you know that the Bible says the story of Jesus is like a firecracker? The Bible tells us the story of Jesus is like dynamite. Now a stick of dynamite is actually a very big firecracker. It is very powerful. The Bible tells us this story of Jesus is really explosive.

Just like a firecracker, the story of Jesus has great power. It has the power to change a nation. The people who first came to America wanted a land where they could worship God. Our country was founded to allow everyone to worship God without fear. Our government and our laws were written by men who believed the story of Jesus. That is one reason why America has been a powerful nation – the story of Jesus has made us great.

The story of Jesus can also make you great. It is powerful enough to change your life and make you strong.

So as you come to church and learn about Jesus, listen very closely. For the story of Jesus is just like a firecracker. It is powerful. It can change you and make you great.

As you watch the fireworks celebrations, think about how powerful and beautiful they are. Remember that JESUS is powerful, beautiful and great! He brings Salvation to all that believe.

JULY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

July Children's Church will continue to meet in the SONshine Class through August. We will meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Pastor Larry will continue to have Children's Sermons on the 3rd Sundays of each month.

We will need new Medical Forms and Permission Forms for the children. Peggy Delancey will make sure the parents and the Sunday school teachers have them. Please fill out and return to your Sunday school teacher.

G/A's, Mission Friends and R/A's will not start back until September. We will continue to post those lessons on FBCC Facebook page.

July Sunday School Schedule:

- 7/4: Paul Before Rulers
- 7/11: Paul's Shipwreck
- 7/18: Brothers in Christ
- 7/25: Children of God

Children's Church Schedule:

- July 4:** Communion Sunday
- July 11:** "Rahab the Brave"
- July 18:** Children's Worship Feature
- July 25:** "Stones from the River"



Vacation Bible School

Sunday - Thursday

July 18-22

6:00 to 8:30

Ages 3 - 6th grade

Use the QR Code to Register



GIRLS IN ACTION:

Girls,

For the month of July, we will be meeting Linda Gray, who is an Evangelism, Outreach and Discipleship leader in Kharkov, Ukraine. She is an International Missionary who has served in Ukraine for 22 years.

Affected by ongoing military conflict for several years, Ukraine is home to thousands of people without a home. Linda brings light to a dismal situation. She discipless Ukrainian Christians and helps them meet the physical and spiritual needs of the displaced persons she has given the hope-filled nickname “not-yet-believers”.

Use your GA books to follow along with our study for July.

In Week 1, you will discover how a miraculous healing taught Jesus’ disciples about faith. (Pages 20-22)

In Week 2, you will discover how Linda Gray came to faith in Jesus, and how she has shared that faith during two decades of ministry in Ukraine. You will learn “What’s to eat in Ukraine”. You will also learn about the beautifully decorated eggs called *pysaky*. (Pages 23-25)

In Week 3, you will zero in on Linda’s work with IDPs (internally displaced persons), learning how ministry matters to people who have been forced to leave their homes. (Pages 26-27)

Week 4, you can learn a simple Ukrainian *vyshyvanka* (embroidery) stitch. (Pages 28-30).

Watch the FBCC Facebook page for postings on Wednesday nights for GA’s. Work along in your GA World book each week as we share. Make sure you look at the MK kids that are having birthdays for the month. Say a prayer for them and their families.

Mission Friends:

Ages 2-5 (Pre-K)

Missionary:

Ukraine Missionary Linda Gray

Pray for one another.

**RIGHT NOW MEDIA
FOR CHILDREN
is great to use on
vacation!**



Ages 2 years—8th Grade

**Awana will resume Sunday’s
at 4 p.m. on Sunday,
September 12, 2021.**