

CHILDCARE SCHEDULE

June 23, 2019

Birth and Preschool Praise

Spencer and Christina Clagg,
Theresa Ballard

Children's Church

Diane Moore, Anne Puckett

June 30, 2019

Birth and Preschool Praise

Betty McMahan, Linda Clark,
Judy White

Children's Church

Gail Sweeden, Sandy Weatherford

PRAYER ROOM

June 23 Norma Carter

June 30 Emily Nix

BUILDING CLOSING

June 23 John Price

June 30 Mike Clark

WEEKLY OFFERING RECORD

	06/02/19	06/09/19
Total Offering	6718.50	7629.00
Budget	5645.50	7085.00
Monthly Budget Required	28768.75	
Designated	1073.00	544.00
SS Attendance	86	78

CHURCH STAFF

Brian Scott, Pastor
Elijah Tafao, Minister of Music
Jack Abbott, Minister to Students
Judy White, Ministry Assistant
Jean Helbig, Pianist
Rudolph Nemeth, Organist



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "IN THE WILD"



- July 7-11, 5:30-8:30pm
- VBS starts in two weeks!
- Prayer Calendars available on the table in the main foyer.
- Pray for our director, all of the volunteers, and each child that will attend.
- Thank God for providing all we need to abound in His good work.

Do you remember the excitement you felt as school was coming to an end and all the fun of summer was about to begin? Yet we also know that summer can have its own crazy schedule: vacations, VBS, family, holidays, travel, etc. It's a relief when school starts in the fall again.

In the midst of all this, when do we set aside time to be still with God? To slow down our breathing and our thoughts in order to hear His still, small voice. I recently came across a simple reminder (and challenge) from John Eldredge to care for our souls.

You have a soul. It is a lovely gift from God. Your soul is what enables you to enjoy your life. When you find yourself laughing at something in a carefree way, that's your soul feeling happy. When you are moved deeply by someone else's story, that's your soul too. When beauty makes you worship, when stillness allows you to exhale deeply, that's your soul doing well. Your soul is an extraordinary gift from God. And it needs some care.

[Your soul is] lost quite easily in the mad rush of life, the unrelenting pressure, hurry, worry, fear and lack of any real space to simply be human... The pace of life, the constant demands, the drone of media coming our way make any kind of **soul kindness** hard to come by. Our lives are so full we lost track of our souls long ago.

Just to read this is a gift to my soul – to acknowledge that my soul is cramped, rushed, and treated carelessly. Perhaps we are cruel to our own souls to deny it the quiet and kindness it needs. But of sabbath, he writes:

Sabbath makes you feel rested. It makes you feel renewed. It restores your soul...Sabbath reconnects you to the God you love, and allows you time to linger with him unhurried. It also reconnects you with your own soul, allow you to feel, to think...to notice all the things we normally rush by.

That's what my soul wants. Many of us will contend that Sunday is our sabbath day of rest. But if you're reading this article and know in your bones that you work pretty hard on a Sunday to get your family to church, teach Sunday school, sing in the choir, serve as an usher or greeter or deacon or VBS volunteer (and the list goes on...), you will know that sabbath and rest sometimes does **not** happen on a Sunday. That sabbath-rest can look like a quiet walk through your garden (while resisting the urge to weed or other such work). What will **you** do to protect sabbath and care for your soul this summer?

Elijah Tafao

ADDED TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Kenneth Knox
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VBS TEA TIME for teachers, volunteers, and parents



will be available in the library from 6 to 8pm each evening during Vacation Bible School. This will be a quiet time to relax, fellowship or browse before, between or while waiting — a place to rest or prepare while you enjoy a cup of tea and a cookie.

VBS FOODIES UNITE!



VBS is upon us and your VBS Food Techs have their hands out asking for food contributions to feed 80 or more children and workers each day before VBS classes. There will be sign-up sheets in the upper foyer just begging for **YOUR** name to appear. Please help us, especially in the veggies area. Contact Gail Sweeden with any questions.

FUSION YOUTH MINISTRY



Sunday, June 23, 10:50am
Youth Summer Camp Sharing Time

Wednesday, June 26, 6pm
Summer of Service

Wednesday, July 3
No Meeting

July 7-11, 5:30-8:30pm
VBS "In the Wild"

Wednesday, July 17, 6pm
Summer of Service

Saturday, July 20, 10am-4pm
Great Smoky Mountain Day Trip

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 21 Anne Jenkins
22 Velda Robinson
24 Wylie Moss
Lauren Smith
28 Helen Bailey
Edith Baxter
30 Nikki Long
July 2 Boyd Hartman
3 Cade Abbott
Gabby Pettigrew
Jeff Poore