



Missions Highlight

Haley Beard will speak on June 5th about her opportunity to work with Unto (a CRU ministry) this coming year.

A spaghetti fundraiser for Haley will take place on Friday, June 17th.

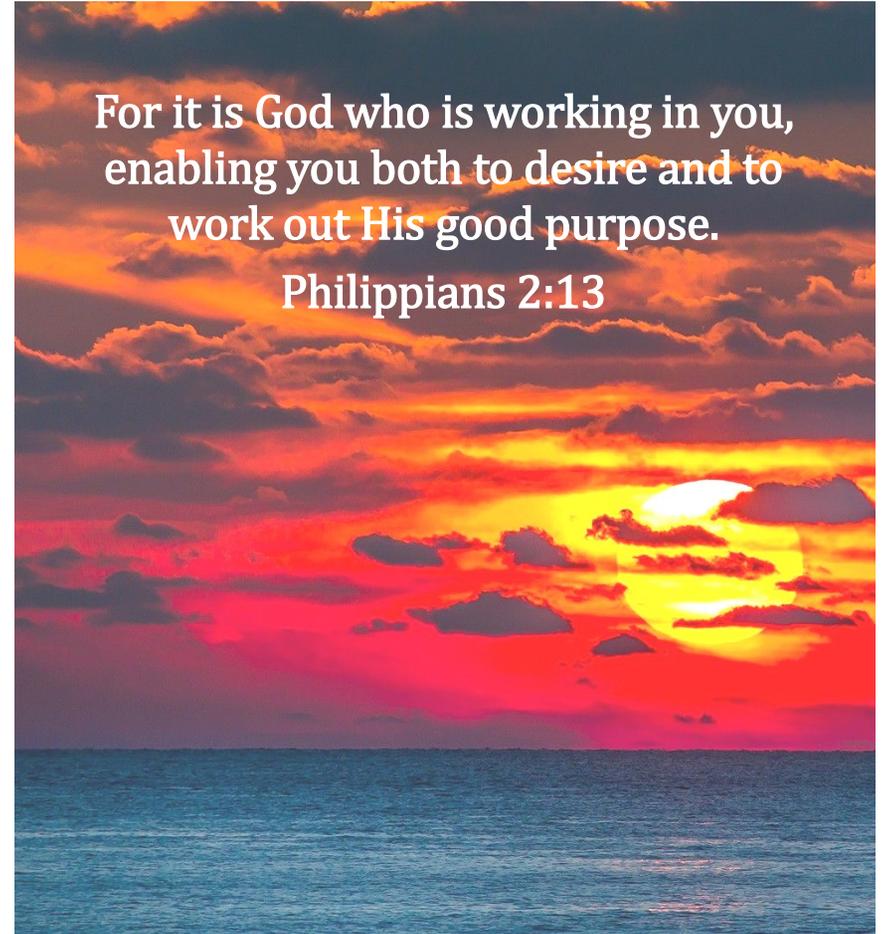
More details coming soon!



May 29, 2022

For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose.

Philippians 2:13



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VBS 2022 Spark Studios

July 11-15

Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. At VBS, kids will learn that God’s creativity didn’t stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God’s workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.

VBS 2022 Biblical Content

Day 1: God, The Creator

Day 2: God, The Designer

Day 3: Jesus, The King

Day 4: Jesus, The Redeemer

Day 5: Holy Spirit, The Helper



Newsletters

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Sunday, May 29 2022

Stay Prepared and Ready (Matthew 25:1-13)

The Point: Grow in Christ as you wait for His return.

The Bible Meets Life: When I was a teenager, I worked at a fast-food restaurant in a mall. The owner often left teenagers alone to run the store at night. The main thing he asked was for someone to always be near the cash register, which I faithfully did. After all, we knew the boss could stop by anytime unannounced.

One slow night I was working with two other teenagers who were in the back laughing hilariously. They called out for me to join them, but I persistently kept telling them no—and they persistently kept calling to me. Finally, I sheepishly left my post at the register and went in the back. Literally seconds later the boss came in. I quickly darted back to the front, but it was clear the boss was not happy.

I was not at my post, which meant I was not prepared for the boss's arrival. The same can be true in our spiritual lives. We are to live our lives so that when Christ returns, we will be unashamed before Him (1 John 2:28). In Matthew 25, Jesus used a parable to show us how to be prepared.

Live It Out: Check your salvation. Think about your salvation experience. Do you have assurance that you know God personally? What are you trusting in for your salvation? Prayerfully read 2 Corinthians 11:3-5 as you consider if you truly have a relationship with Christ.

Be on guard. Discipline your mind to accept that God knows your future...and that His knowledge of that is sufficient. Listen to no one who would lead you astray. **Strengthen your faith.** Target an area in your own spiritual life that needs more attention. Maybe it's a limp prayer life. Possibly it's a fear of sharing the gospel. Whatever it may be for you, prepare to grow in that area in the days ahead by praying specifically for a breakthrough. Ask God to teach you how to say no to that sin and yes to Him.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Never Alone: The Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Sunday, June 5	Convicted by the Spirit (John 15:26-27; 16:7-15)
Sunday, June 12	Born Again by the Spirit (John 3:1-8, 14-17)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Indoor Worship
 10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth
 6:30 PM Online Worship

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Bible Studies for Life Summer 2022

We are beginning a new BSFL unit on *Never Alone: The Holy Spirit in Our Lives* next Sunday. Books are available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule.

Service Attendance

Sunday, May 22
 Indoor: 45 Online: 97
 Wednesday, May 25
 Online Reach: 70 Youth: 10

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:
 \$18,566.08
 May Offering
 To Date: \$8,961

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson 
 Gary Clontz
 Marlene Crider
 Gabe (Amy Furr's nephew)
 Nan Helms
 Rich Majewski
 Sue Marks
 Walter (Irene's brother-in-law)
 Rebecca (Susan's sister)
 Vacation Bible School

Office Closed

Monday, May 30th

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, June 5th at 2 PM

Wednesdays in June

Multiply, Provision, Centerview Baptist & Heart for Monroe are using our campus to reach the Icemorlee community youth on Tuesdays in June.

We will take a break from Wednesday night online services in June to participate in the Tuesday outreach.