



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was a big success with 85 children enrolled. Thanks to Noel Gee for coordinating this year's VBS program and to her team of volunteers for doing such a great job! This is the most children to attend Vacation Bible School at Open Arms since some time before Covid.

THE MESSAGE THEME AUGUST 4TH is "Be the Light of the Party," concluding the Vacation Bible School series. It will be based on Jesus words in Matthew 5:14-16 where Jesus tells us that we are the light of the world, letting His light shine through us.

POTLUCK COOKOUT AUGUST 4TH. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be provided. This is a celebration of a great week at Vacation Bible School. Please join us and bring some food to share. All Vacation Bible School families are invited.

SNACK TIME HELP: If you are able to provide a Sunday snack every so often please sign up at the welcome center. People enjoy the snacks that are provided on Sunday mornings.

THE TEAM TIGERS storage closet now has doors on it. Thanks to Don Wellman and his crew for building this area for Team Tigers.

TEAM TIGERS WALMART WISH LIST LINK

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/c4396d6e-a1ae-483f-9600-bfefc9344279>

THE NEW CALL LIST for potential Pastors to serve at Open Arms arrived this week. There are 12 Pastors on the list. A copy of the Call List with information about the Pastors is available to be read in the church office and has to stay at the church. Please do not post any information about Pastors on the list. We need to respect both their privacy and the congregation they are currently serving.

THE OPEN ARMS BOARD will have some openings for two-year terms starting in January, 2025 to replace members who will be term limited. If you might be interested in serving on the Board, talk with President Tim Manthei or any of the other Board Members.

“THE STORY” video series and Bible Study resumes on August 18th with chapter 17, “The Kingdom Falls.” Copies of “The Story” are available at the welcome center. If your family does not have a copy yet, please pick one up and join the Open Arms family in this overview of the Bible as one continuing story.

THE DAY CARE WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, August 7th, so that members of the staff will be able to attend the “Early Childhood Conference.” The Day Care will also be closed August 26th – 30th for staff training, room cleaning, and preparing for students to move into their new classrooms beginning September 3rd.

THE DAY CARE IS HIRING for Part-time help, specifically someone available to close and for Full-time infant/toddler staff. Contact Greta Bower for more information.

THE AUGUST MEAL TIME is on Wednesday, the 21st. Thanks to the Ladies of Open Arms for serving the meal. The Day Care will be closed August 26th – 30th for staff training, room cleaning, and preparing for students to move into their new classrooms beginning September 3rd.

PASTOR LARRY will be on vacation August 5th – 18th. Thanks to Deacon Dave Ferber and Pastor Rob Kasper for leading worship the two Sundays he will on vacation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_xOMNiH7_w&list=PLyqFOkxicbM17Z7Z0NvGMTmLv3DCk8Kt **WORSHIP MUSIC PLAY LIST LINK**

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