

VBS 2019 REVIEW

As I am sure you have heard, VBS this year was an amazing success. For the first time in awhile, TUMC put on a week-long Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through 12. Our theme was Wanted By God, and we learned about how God wanted four Bible characters (Jonah, King David, Paul, and the Woman at the Well) and how He ultimately wants us! Through each night's lesson, we also had an accompanying craft, game, and a small group time to really dive in deeper and take a closer look at how God chases after us. Each night there was also a take-home for the children to show their parents and hopefully talk with them about the story.

The whole week, we raised money for the Living Well International project that as an entire church we are raising money for this year. The big incentive being that the winning group would get to pie Kaylee in the face on Friday during our family event. While our goal was \$250.00, we were able to raise a total of 218.00!! Needless to say, Kaylee had a large amount of pies thrown in her face (thrown by both kids and staff members alike).

Oh, we forgot to mention, in case you don't already know, that we had 60 kids on Wednesday with all the other days being in the high 50s! For the number of children that passed through our doors the week of VBS, we had 74. That means that 74 kids from our area were able to hear about God's love and how they are able to come into God's family. We also had many volunteers that were reminded of this throughout the week as they were working with the children. And – on Friday, we had a large handful of parents come to our hoedown and celebrate a successful week of VBS, which means that they also heard the story of God's love.

Most of us are still living off the high of VBS, but as it passes, school starts, things get hectic with activities and just the slump of gross weather, we need to be reminded that we had a great week of sharing the love of Christ with all those who entered our doors here at TUMC. We can do this through some of the events that are coming up along with weekly Children's Church. Continue to pray for us as we grow and become the ministry that God wants us to be.

