

# The Beacon



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**WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES. BE PRAYING ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SERVE AND BE LOOKING FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.**

- ☞ 3 YEAR OLD CLASS TEACHER
- ☞ 3 YEAR OLD CLASS ASSIST. TEACHER
- ☞ KINDERGARTEN CLASS TEACHER
- ☞ (2) KINDERGARTEN CLASS HELPERS
- ☞ (2) 3RD-4TH GRADE CLASS HELPERS
- ☞ 5TH-6TH GRADE CLASS HELPER
- ☞ MISSIONS ROTATION TEACHER
- ☞ SNACK ROTATION HELPERS

**WE ALSO NEED THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES TO PREPARE FOR SNACKS:**



- ☞ CANNED CHERRY PIE FILLING
- ☞ FOIL CUPCAKE LINERS
- ☞ CANNED MIXED FRUIT
- ☞ MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE



**PERISHABLE ITEMS EACH DAY OF VBS. (JUNE 13-17)**



## APRIL RECORDS

	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
Sunday School:	147	136	136	111
9:00 am Worship:	108	68	62	80
11:00 am Worship:	178	87	121	80
Evening Worship:	30	47	44	90
Offering:	\$5,483.90	\$4,429.85	\$4,898.77	\$2,843.02



*"Therefore, My beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"*

*I Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)*

As summer approaches, this would be a good verse for us to apply to the ministries of Gassville Baptist Church. Summer brings a whole host of evangelistic opportunities. Summer camps for children and youth, Vacation Bible School, special trips and cookouts all for the purpose of giving people an opportunity to be saved and to grow as Christians.

Unfortunately, summer can also bring a whole set of problems or worries. Often in the summer, because there is so much to do, attendance declines dramatically. Because so many are gone, the financial resources of the church often reach critically low levels. With so many gone, real joy and worship seem to drag. People are often tired and worried about the church which can cause negativity.

Why should this verse be our life verse for the upcoming summer months? Because if we faithfully follow its instructions, the pain and problems of summers past will not influence our church ministry this summer. Our steadfastness will be rewarded by our loving Heavenly Father blessing us all summer! Think of it... NO SUMMER SLUMP!!!

We are already experiencing some of the birthing pains of the onset of warm weather. Lower attendance, lower tithes and offerings, not enough workers for ministries and a lack of excitement. For example, Vacation Bible School still lacks many key workers. VBS is one of our primary summer ministries for impacting our community. Yet people are still not willing to work at it. There is still a need for male and female counselors to take the children to Siloam Springs. There are commitments that need to be made yet no one is stepping up.

Will you join me in praying that I Corinthians 15:58 will be our touchstone verse, our life verse for this summer? Will you commit with me to make it ours personally?

Steadfastly Yours,

Bro. Gary



# Here Comes Summer

As summer approaches so many things come to mind; the kids being out of school, vacations, people at the Cotter spring, VBS and camp. All of these things, no matter how great they are, do not work without adults! Adults help things run smoothly as well as effectively. VBS has no shot of reaching the children of the community if there are no adults to teach them. At the moment we are still missing several teachers and helpers to work and be a part of VBS. Having all of these kids at the church during that week is a pure blessing and to not take part in God's blessing is just a crime. So often we have people wait until the last minute in order to sign up, even though this helps, having it come in at the last minute causes stress and concern for the staff and leaders of VBS. So what is holding you back from signing up? Is it fear of the children? Is it fear of being in front of people? Or is it just a lack of commitment on your part? You see, only you can answer that question.

VBS is not the only thing that we need help with this summer. Church camp is something that is very effective and yet we have very few adults signing up to go to camp, whether it be Camp Fuego with the youth or Siloam Springs with the children. These events reach out to so many kids and youth in our church and I guarantee that if you go with them, your life will forever be changed and you will help influence the lives of the future generations. Yet the same thing happens with camp that happens with VBS; we have to beg, plead and practically grovel just to get anyone to help. It shouldn't be this way! We should have to get more spots or turn people away because we have so many wanting to join in the joy of seeing future generations come to Christ. Instead we are left wondering, hoping and praying that we will have enough.

There are so many places for you to serve this summer; I still need 3 adults that are willing to go to camp with the youth. I have had 2 step up, but I need 3 more. We are taking 35 kids to camp and need 5 adults to go with them. So please pray about it, and if God presses it on your heart to give up a week of your time to help our youth, then please come and talk to me. That week will change your life and your relationship with Christ and our students will grow by leaps and bounds. Also there is still a need for Siloam Springs; they need driver, sponsors and prayer. Both Gary and I will be out of touch because of the weddings this summer, my own and Rachel's, so we cannot be there or help. Will you take a stand? Will you help? Or do we have to beg and grovel?

-Bro. Hunter