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A WORLD CUP STUFFY AND A DREAM!

We started VBS this week with a 90 degree day with full sun! That doesn't matter much for the rotations that happen in the classrooms of our church (though the office AC is out right now, so y'all pray for us!), but it definitely matters for our "Game Guys" in rec outside the sanctuary! We cut the heat with water guns during the relay races and took regular water breaks, which certainly helped to keep spirits high! But the other thing that kept our kids' spirits up was competing for...the World Cup Trophy! Kind of...

The Speedway has all sorts of World Cup memorabilia, so when I saw the World Cup trophy stuffed animal, I knew it had to be our prize for game winners this week at VBS! And boy, was I right! The kids loved competing for it and getting in the spirit of the sport they've been watching on TV—just like the rest of the WORLD!

For those watching, and really watching the FANS, the World Cup has been something of a marvel! Matches across Mexico, USA, and Canada have drawn international crowds from the six continents and island nations (Antarctica has still yet to qualify...), and it seems to be bringing people together in surprising ways! The Tartan Army of Scotland took over Boston and won over the citizens by throwing parking cones on the heads of all their statues! Lawrence, Kansas lined their streets with the colors of the Algerian flag and learned their national anthem to welcome the team they got to host for the tournament. Norway fans sat on the streets of Times Square to do their traditional practice of rowing in unison like vikings. Mexicans and South Koreans have gotten along so well that there is great speculation as to how many marriages and children may come from the pairing!

What I find so interesting is that, were you to zoom out on the compatibility of these nations based on geopolitical problems and serious human rights violations, it would never make sense. But somehow, for at least a short period of time, something like soccer (or football) has the power to unite the world. There is a separate common uniting factor that is deemed more central than borders and rulers.

And I know that it's easier for something like soccer to accomplish this feat...but I also know that this is the point of Jesus' kingdom as well. A kingdom of Jesus followers who unite under the banner, teachings, and love of Jesus, rather than the broken policies of their empires or nations. Followers of Jesus are meant to be the most capable of casting off partisan talking points that denigrate their neighbors to instead be the presence of Jesus beyond party lines. The Spirit of God gives us the strength to accomplish this. And something as simple as the World Cup—or kids holding up a stuffed World Cup Trophy at VBS—reinvigorates hope.

With 49 helpers and 62 kids, we are off to a great start! Continue to keep VBS in your prayers as we will be coming up to the finish line as you read this! As always, it is my joy to serve as your pastor. **-Josh**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Rev. Josh Beeler | "All Time Bible Classics" series
"Crossing the Red Sea" | Exodus 14
Chancel Choir | "Egypt"

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

June 28 Carl LaFerney & Lesley McPhatter

DEACONS SERVING JUNE 28

Carl LaFerney	Beth Freeman
Leslie McPhatter	Jesse Staton
Irene White	Steve Owen

JUNE 21, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$	5,485.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)		
Plate Offering.....	\$	107.00
Designated Offering.....	\$	110.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$	5,702.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$	110.00

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays at 7:00pm
July 1, 8, 29, and August 5



TOY STORY
TUE 5 DAY

Tuesday, June 30 | 10am | \$20/person
 Arrive at MHBC at 9am/Return at 12:30pm
 Cost includes ticket & snack pack
 Sign up by Friday, June 26 to participate!

CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

Macaroni & Cheese



WOMEN ON MISSION

Helping with **Mission Serve**
and

Klothes 4 Kids

Setting up and Working Sale
at Randolph Memorial Baptist Church
July 31 - August 1



Shopping for Boys Size 7 / 8 (jeans/joggers, shirts, and boxer style underwear)

School supplies can include:
#2 pencils, erasers, wide rule paper, backpacks, blunt scissors, marble composition books, gluesticks/elmers glue, dry erase boards/markers, headphones, crayola crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, pencil sharpeners/boxes/pouches, pocket folders, and 1" or 2" 3-ring notebooks.

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JULY 19-25 MORE DETAILS TO COME