

#### Prayer

Father in Heaven,
As our students and teachers
go back to school, we trust that
you will give them each the
strength, the grace, and
motivation needed to reach
their potential this year. We
pray that each will let their
light shine so that your name
will be glorified.

Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified; do not be discoraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

### The Link

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#### **August Events**

8/3 Churchwide Breakfast Youth Putt-Putt

8/7 GCBC Serves Breakfast to Seaside Elementary School

8/8 Youth Pool Party

8/9 Men's Breakfast & Fellowship

8/10 Family Water Night

#### **Feed the Community**

8/15 Prepare Meal at Church 8/16 Serve Meal at Shelter

8/17 Summer Church Conference

8/19 Love Knot Blankets
Widow's Get-Together

8/20 Wed. Night Meal/Fellowship

8/31 Communion Sunday

#### **GET INVOLVED-**

# Sunday Breakfast 8/3 8:30-9:15

THANKS TO
OUR DEACONS
WHO COOK
AND SERVE

# Monthly Men's Breakfast & Fellowship

Saturday, 8/9' 8:30am

## FAMILY WATER NIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 5:00PM

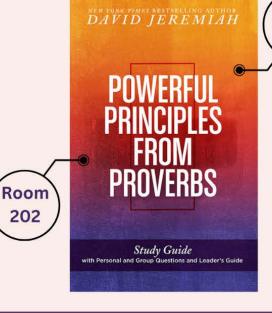
GARDEN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH BUILDING 501 YAUPON AVE.



WATER SLIDES
FOAM FUN
FREE SNOW CONES
&MORE!

## **GET INVOLVED-**

#### Women's Bible Study Proverbs



Mondays beginning

<u>September 8th at 6pm</u>

Facilitated by Melissa Reese

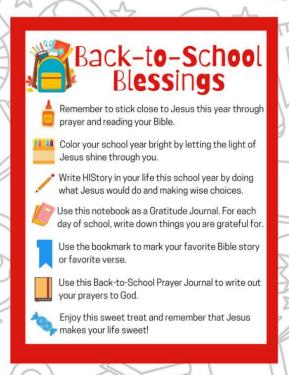
Thursdays beginning
September 11th at 10am
Facilitated by Tish Walker

Sign up in the side hallway.

#### **SPONSOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING KIT!**

head back to school, we will give each of them a special bag filled with items to use at home and school to help them grow their faith in God. We will buy and assemble the kit for you. If you would like to sponsor a bag for \$5, please see Ashley Lanier or text her at 252-325-2657.

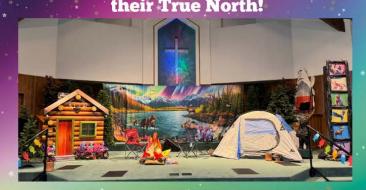
As the kids of our church



### Children

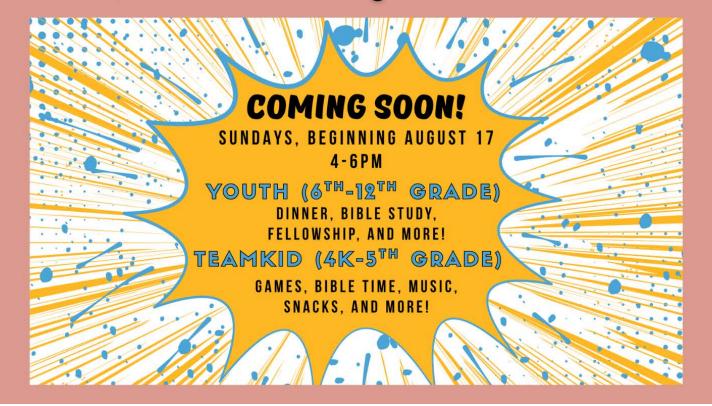
#### THANK YOU FÖR A GREAT VBS!

VBS wouldn't be possible without volunteers and the support of our church family. Because of you, 19 kids shared they have made Jesus their True North!





We need YOU for TeamKID on Sundays from 4-6pm! What is TeamKID? A fun, engaging time with kids 4K-5th grade. Our schedule includes and needs leaders for opening activities, music, snacks, Bible/missions time, and games. Come join what God is doing in the lives of our kids!



#### Youth



GCBC Youth had an incredible time at FUGE Camp Last Month.

Along with times of worship, Bible study, and recreation; students had the opportunity to live out their faith on mission as they served and evangelized the local community at Ridgecrest NC. Thank you for all those who gave and supported our fundraisers to make camp possible!



#### ATTRACTIONS COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER

The Youth will be selling Attractions
Coupon Books again for the 2025-2026
Season. These books are filled with
thousands in savings to local
restaurants and attractions. They will
be for sale after Sunday Small Groups
starting the second Sunday of August.

# Missions



Next Meal Served Saturday, August 16
Meal prepped Friday from 1-3:30 in the
church kitchen

Sign-up in the side hall to volunteer and find the items needed for the meal in the front foyer & side hall



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Needed for August: Soccer ball with pump, Doll, Toy cars, and Jump rope. Collection

Basket in the side hall.

#### Jason & Laken Cizdziel in Papua New Guinea

Update on K and his wife:

K's wife was very sick; emaciated, in severe pain, and unable to lie down. We paid for her trip to see a doctor upriver, but the doctor was MIA. They came home without help, and things only got worse.

In desperation, K turned back to what his ancestors did: he called for a sorcerer to remove the "invisible spears" causing her illness. When that didn't work, he gathered more money and hired a second, more powerful sorcerer downriver. Still, no healing.

K is one of the men I disciple. I've heard him say many times that turning to sorcerers is Satan's trap—something God's people must reject. But in these hard weeks, his faith buckled. He gave in to fear, pressure from his wife's family, and the ancestors' ways.

It's been disheartening. Some believers are embarrassed. They drop their heads when I ask about it. Others have tried gently reminding him that Yawe has the power to heal. But without a quick response, K felt out of options. He feared his wife would die.

A couple of weeks later, K and Rosi had a healthy baby girl in the hospital in town. Rosi was diagnosed with tuberculosis but is doing well and responding to treatment. We're so grateful to Yawe for hearing our prayers and showing His protection over our new church in such a tangible way.

Jason & Laken began a literacy class for brand new readers in Wabuku, for people learning to read in their own language for the first time. They learned some new sounds, sounded out a few words, and celebrated every win like they had just cracked a secret code. Slow progress? Absolutely. But watching someone connect letters to meaning is really fun. And one day soon this slow work will allow them to read God's word for themselves.

#### **Missions**

#### **Women's Ministry**



#### **SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR DONATIONS**

2 Packs of #2 Pencils (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

1 Nylon Pencil Pouch (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

2 Packs of Washable Markers (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

2 Boxes of Crayons - 24 Count (K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

1 Pack of Glue Sticks (K thru 5th grade)

1 Pack of Dry Erase Markers (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Earbuds (K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

3 Marble Composition Notebooks (Non-Spiral) (1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

1 Box of Colored Pencils (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

1 Pack of Multi-Colored Highlighters (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

Donations must be in the church by **Sunday**, **August 31** to get to Seaside Elementary School on time. There's a basket in the side hall.

Widows Get-Together
Tuesday, August 19
5-7pm
at the home of Tish Walker
Chicken provided
Bring a covered dish
There's a pool, so bring your bathing
suit if you want to swim
Sign-up in the side hall
All widows invited!

Find a link to the Fishers of Japan newsletter (The Fisher Focus) at the end of this newsletter.

Breakfast for the Teachers & Staff Thursday, August 7

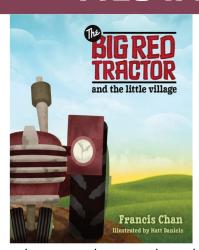


Volunteers needed to bring Breakfast Items (casseroles, danish, fruit, juice, etc.) Bring to the church at 7:15am or the school at 7:30am Sign-up in the side hall by Sunday, August 3

### MUSIC MINISTRY

I want to ask you a question today. Why Worship? I think we all know why we eat, why we drink, why we sleep, and why we get up and perform our tasks for the day. But have you ever asked the question, why worship? I was asked that by a professor in Seminary many years ago and it stumped me. What a privilege it is for us to worship. Not just on Sunday but every day. All of us worship something every day. If I could follow you for a day, I would quickly be able to find what you worship. I hope it is the Lord, Jesus Christ who alone is worthy of our Praise. Why don't you stop right now and simply focus your mind on the Lord and worship Him for all He has done for us. Let us all get back to the heart of worship. It's all about Him.

### **MEDIA MINISTRY**



The people in the small village use the big red tractor that Farmer Dave keeps in his shed every year to plow their fields. It's hard to use. They have to push and pull it through the fields to get it to work. The people in the town believe that's how it works, and it does get them enough food every year to feed the village. One day Farmer Dave finds a long-lost book in his attic. It explains what the little red tractor can do. It can

do so much more than the people in the village ever imagined. It changes everything!

Francis Chan compares the Tractor Manual to the Bible. The Bible tells us if we try to do things on our own, we won't accomplish much, but if we trust Jesus, God gives us new power. We are changed and capable of doing more than we believed. When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive great power. Acts 1:8

Ladies' Lunch Bunch 8/15 - Noon Greg's

Sign-up in front foyer or side hall. If you sign-up and can't go, please let Shirley know - 843-748-0465

#### BIRTHDAYS

04 - Elijah Reese

05 - Shirley Oesterle

06 – Jase Riker

08 – Kenzie Miller

10 - Gloria Dillemuth

10 - Kay Simmons

10 - Kassidy Kirk

11 - Debbie Upchurch

12 - Walker King

13 – Sandra Klinke

14 - Roland Metcalf

16 - Pat Hardee

16 - Woody Gaul

16 - Teresa Neale

17 - Harper Hackler

17 - Sue Hedge

17 - Harvey King

18 - Kimberly Bailey

18 - Danielle Thompson

21 - Tammy Michael

24 - Clara Davis

26 – Ric Beelendorf

26 - Vickie Heschl

31 – Charlene Johnson



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