

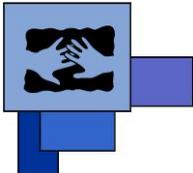


Facebook Photos

Not everyone is a Facebook user (even though we use that medium often to update you about our activity), so here are a few photos of Vacation Bible School from Summer 2016. To date, we are aware of nearly 20 churches and/or church camps that have elected to collect food, money, or both for this ministry. We generally pay them a visit sometime during their week of fun to share with them our thanks!

Visit our Facebook page for lots of great pictures.
"Like us" and get daily updates!

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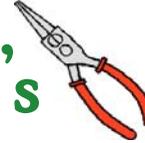
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Let's



Build



Together!!



The new welcome center/office wing off our existing school building will really take shape soon. Here is proof of the groundwork. We look forward to welcoming LOTS of volunteer helpers **the week of August 8**. The World Mission Builders, a team of builders who helped with the construction of both the riding arena and the school in 2012, will be back in early August to put their hands to work again. We've already sent letters to churches in the area and those who have previously offered to volunteer time and effort to construction projects, but if YOU want to donate some time and elbow grease as well, please call us and let us know what skill set you'll bring and when you might be arriving. We can and will build this

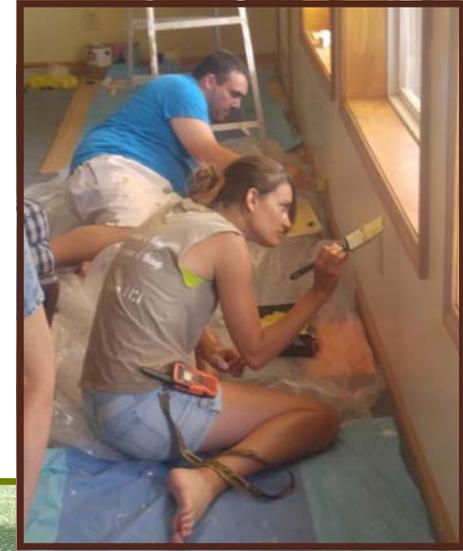
TOGETHER!





Work Groups!

Each week this summer we have been BLESSED! Work groups from many churches have dotted our campus. They arrived by caravan, church van, and even school bus! What a blessing to see so many step onto our campus just to say, "Use me! I'm here to help!" So, we did. They landscaped, painted, weeded, built, and cleaned. They have been invaluable, and I'll just bet they walked away blessed as well (and a little sore).



Seats in the shade and a **Cardinal** win! The kids (and staff) enjoyed a great ball park outing this summer. Our thanks to some very special folks who make this ANNUAL trip something we all look forward to!



New Stages of Life



While summer time does offer a break from school, it is also a time of anticipation. The new school year will be here before we know it, and three of the young people living with us will start a new stage of life when the school bell rings in just a few weeks.

Kaleigh will be a freshman at Oblong High School. Per a conversation we shared recently, she is most worried over the combination lock on her locker. What freshman doesn't have THAT fear? You'll be great, Kaleigh!

brated on campus with a festive open house in his honor. Paul picked up a full-time job at the golf course this summer and plans to earn money and learn how to manage it he continues his



Paul graduated from Oblong High School in May. This accomplishment was cele-

In Loving Memory

In Memory

Raymond Clark in memory of **Marvin Hunt** ♥ Donna Kline, Daniel & Phyllis Loren, Katherine Combs, Gillian Goldman, Doug & Christy McPherson, Shaun (works at King Buffet) Belmont Christian Church, Philip & Maria Paille and Gary & Renee Pearson in memory of **Bonnie Letson** ♥ Donna & Kay Young, Blodwyn Price, Dean & Betty Dart, First Christian Church Ladies Luv Lessons, James & Terry Farley, Marty At-taway, Stan Batman, Marilyn Selby Bennett and Deanna Diane Dappert in memory of **Anna Fay Bush** ♥ Tom & Ruth Ann Fleenor in memory of **Dean Smith** ♥ Michael Robison in memory of **Debbie Robison** ♥ Shirley Colman in memory of **Herbert & Beatrice Colman** ♥ Jess Newton in memory of **Roy & Pauline Hill** ♥ Freida Stephens in memory of **Wilma (Stephens) Hanna and Shirley Stephens** ♥ Linda's Just in Time Trans, Svc. LLC in memory of **Richard Bonelli** ♥ EH Baare in memory of **George Robert McIntyre** ♥ Pat Schofield & family, Bill Moffett & family, Jay & Charlotte Moffett & family, Jack & Iretta Moffett & family, Bill & Pam Rosborough, Richard & Marla Fiscus, Jeri Eckiss and anonymous donor in memory of **Sharon Miller** ♥ Glen & Donna Rosborough in memory of **Dale Vaughn** ♥ Tom & Ruth Ann Fleenor in memory of **Marilyn Miner** ♥ Potter's Hall Church in memory of **Gannon Boles** ♥ Ruth Smith in memory of **Dean Smith** ♥ Donald Schultz in memory of **Betty Schultz** ♥ Michael Robison in memory of **Mike & Judy Robison** ♥ Margaret Groves and Peggy Schiller in memory of **Fred Groves, Jr.** ♥ Stan Pool in memory of **Glenda Pool** ♥ Pat & Rita Richards in memory of **Pauline Richards and Edra Weck**

In Honor

Zel & Jeannie Adams in honor of **Charles & Jean Garrard's 65th Wedding Anniversary** ♥ First Christian Church of Christopher in honor of **all their mothers** ♥ Bethlehem New Life Church in honor of **all of their fathers** ♥ Martinsville First Christian Church in honor of **our mothers and fathers** ♥ First Christian Church of Christopher in honor of **all their fathers** ♥ Joyce Bogard in honor of **Herschel Little**

time here. Your future is bright, Paul!

Mickey completed his eighth grade year at New Hebron Christian School and will be a freshman at our campus high school, New Life Academy. Keep up the great work, Mickey, the next four years will fly by!



PAINTING PARTIES!

We're trying something just a little different this fall. Invitations have already been issued to various small groups, Sunday School classes, and ladies circles, but it is time to cast the net a little wider. We want to invite you to our campus to take part in one of our three scheduled painting parties.

Gather up some friends and spend the evening (or the morning) with us! You'll find your creative side and have a lot of fun. We'll serve you some refreshments and tell you a little about our ministry while you are here. All par-



ties will be hosted in our school building, so you'll get a first-hand look at the classrooms, our wonderful teaching kitchen, and our new welcome center addition!

Mark these dates: September 13 (7 pm), Octo-

ber 3 (7 pm), or November 19 (10 am). Determine which best fits your schedule, and then give us a call to book your spot!

\$30 will cover all of your expenses and the instruction of a veteran artist, and your art work comes home with you! Sounds like a perfect time to me! Ready, set, get creative!!



Fundraising...it's for all of us!

Thanks for your support of the Oblong Children's Christian Home. Fundraising is an important part of how we operate!



Sportsman's Day



Race for the Kids



How do you define a **GOOD** event? I would like to think that fundraisers are successful when they both bless the cause and bless the participants. We've had so much success this year, and we thank God for being the reason that both the Race for the Kids and Sportsman's Day turned out so well! Those who trained for and completed the duathlon were able to use that athleticism to bring honor to God and to financially bless the ministry. Those who participated in Sportsman's Day enjoyed God's great outdoors, His perfect weather, and the beauty of His creation. Hopefully, these events blessed those who came just half as much as it blessed us to organize and plan them. **God Is Good...Oh, So Good!**



Every Summer Needs Both Fun and Hard Work



Sometimes we work (like Noah preparing for the Crawford County Fair) and sometimes we play (like a trip to DQ or an all-campus pizza party)! Summers are for enjoyment. We've had a good time this summer working hard and playing hard, too!