### WOOD VILLAGE VISION NEWSLETTER | AUGUST 2024



# **BECAUSE OF LOVE**

We are coming off a season of service. Whoever said that summer is a time for recreation and relaxation? For WVBC, it is a time to connect with and serve our neighbors. Why do we do this? To send a message that we care and that we can be trusted to serve the needs of our community. This is appropriate because:

"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matt 20:28

Our testimony is to care with sacrifice. To give of ourselves generously as a testimony to the one we follow, Jesus. Our hope is that this attracts others to want to know why. In a time of selfishness, anger, and arrogance, we can offer compassion, kindness, and grace. These come at the cost of our resources, such as time and money. But our greatest resource is our heart. It is from our hearts that we love.

Thank you for demonstrating what love is to our small city.

~ PASTOR TOM MILES

# WOOD VILLAGE NITE OUT

WVBC has hosted the City Nite out event for well over 20 years. Greg Dirks, Wood Village City Manager, believes it has been 27 years in which WVBC has always been the location. This year there were some positive changes that allowed for expansion of businesses and non-profits attending. There was also a large "Truck Rodeo" where kids could sit in and crawl on big trucks, tractors, fire engines and police cars. My grandkids loved it. I love that we are valued as a centerpiece of the community by so many. I am very proud of this church and your hearts for service.

#### ~ PASTOR TOM MILES

# **CAMP JONAH**

This summer we were able to deepen our connection with Camp Jonah. We had 13 youth and young adults from the church serving at different points during the camp season. Some were on staff for the full seven weeks, some served two weeks and some for one week. It was fun to work together and grow relationships with each other, the Camp Jonah staff and Jeff & Beki Duke! We look forward to doing it again next year.

#### ~ PASTOR PATRICK VESTAL





### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

VBS looked very different from my point of view this year, but the energy and love for sharing Jesus to the kids of our community was just as present as the last couple of years plus more. We had 123 kids registered, with almost 100 kids every night hearing the truth about Jesus and His love for us. We had over 60 volunteers coming and stepping up to make sure all areas and groups were covered. This year we encouraged the kids to earn "bubbles" on their nametags throughout the week for memorizing scripture and our key ideas for the day. Some kids had tons of bubbles by the end of the week.

We ended our time on Sunday morning with a celebration morning and we saw a number of families from the week join in on our festivities. A huge shout out to Zeke Goodrick for picking up all the pieces and getting all the finishing touches together! I love how these events brings so many of us together to share the love of Jesus to our kids in the community and their families! ~ Vera Hallman



### NEW BABY GIRL Amirah Jane Bell



Born July 24, 2024 8lbs 2oz

Proud Parents: Caleb & Rachel Bell Proud Grandparents: Pastor Tom & Jennifer Miles



DECEMBER 21, 1942 -JULY 6, 2024

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS





Our Outdoor Service on Sunday, July 28, was an intentional follow-up to Vacation Bible School held the previous week. We invited every VBS family to experience our worship service and enjoy a BBQ lunch served complete with burgers, hot dogs, sides and ice cream. We had several new families and neighborhood families attend and hear the Gospel presented in English and Spanish from Revelation 21 and 22. Here,

AUGUST kids sing and perform the motions from one of the VBS songs.

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## **SAVE THE DATES**

MEN'S RETREAT September 20-22 Camp Jonah WOMEN'S RETREAT October 18-20 Aldersgate Retreat Center



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