



# Under the Dome...

Proclaiming the Kingdom of God

throughout Jasper and Walker County

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**Jasper High School**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**“What Is My Purpose?”**

**“Sending You Out”**

Matthew 10:16

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”

As we prepare to go on this mission trip, this verse keeps jumping out at me. I think it is a verse that we tend to forget about. That as we go out into the world we need to remember what is out there. It is great to have an understanding that we are called to love the those who are in the world, but also to understand that there are people out there that want to harm us.

Sometimes I feel like we can live a our on little world. I was talking to a student about the why some people at school make fun of them for taking their faith seriously. I reminded them of Jesus' words in John 15:18 “If the world hates you, understand that it hated Me first.” I think about the countless people that I have know and known, that for some reason or another they hate the church. It is not so much a problem with God as much as it is the people inside the church.

This thought came true when we took our mission trip to Queens, New York. We had a group walk down to a local park simple to pick up trash. As they started their walk, a very anger man began to follow them. He followed them all the way to the park. Yelling at them, calling them all types of names, and just harassing them the whole way. Another day we where passing out free food in front of the church. Just letting people know that we have free food for them. Some people

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# Methodist Happenings

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thanked us saying, "We need more stuff like this in the neighborhood." But we also had tons of people yell at us "This is New York. What do you think you are doing?" So it is going to be a constant battle with the world.

Simply because it is a battle does not mean that we run from it or refuse to fight in it. It just means we are better prepared when we step into the fight. John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jesus reminds us of who He is. Of all the amazing things that He has done. It is one of the things that I tell every mission team I lead, "Do not be surprised if we meet some people that do not like us." For we all will run into people that do not like us for one reason or another. But I pray that we meet those people. Those people that can't stand us. That give us the chance to love on them even when they do not want it.

So as you pray for the mission team and our safe travels. Also be praying that we meet some people that need Jesus. That need so to feel the amazing love of Christ. That we may be a shining light in the darkest areas. That we would be ready for whatever is out there. Stuart Branstetter



## Summer with EPIC 456

Epic 456 summer meeting dates are listed below. The children can come to the church at 5:30 for free time in the gym. At 6:00 we will have dinner and share a devotion. The rest of our time we will play games, craft, and share stories. We will meet in the EPIC room off of the gym. Pick up at 7:00 p.m. will be in the movie theater downstairs. **SUMMER DATES:** June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18. If you have questions call or text Brandy Hill (205) 300-4620.

## AMPED-Live Fully Alive!

You don't want to miss out on the fun and excitement or the opportunity to share with these awesome kids!! WE NEED YOU! This is a week in the life of this church where we will come together and praise Him like no other. It is also a time where you can share the love of Jesus with these kids, just by spending 4 nights with them. Prayers and financial support are always GREATLY appreciated and very much needed, but the gift of your service is what these kids need most! Read the list, pray about it, and on Sunday I will have volunteer cards available for you to complete. Got questions? Give me a call (205.544.0328).

**Registration Volunteers:** Help with registration on Sunday mornings in July and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. the week of VBS.

**Praise Team:** need to be energetic youth who love to sing. They will lead the children in praise and worship. We will rehearse during the month of July.

**Craft Team:** will aid Mrs. Ann Davis in helping the kids make the best crafts ever! No outside preparation (Ann has already done it all) but will share their hands and hearts each night from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Gym Team:** will aid Stuart in playing games with the kids. No outside preparation, but lots of energy is needed as you play with the kids from 6:30-7:45 p.m. each night.

**Meal Planner:** will work with me to plan meals for each night. Will also lead a team of volunteers each night from 5:30-6:30 in serving a meal to the kids.

**Meal Team:** will work together to share a meal with these kids each night from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Crew Leaders:** We need lots of crew leaders for both preschool and elementary. There is no preparation required. You will play games with your kids in the gym, make crafts, learn to serve in Missions, and discuss the Bible in storytelling. You will greet your kids with a smile and sing praises with them in the sanctuary. This is such an important role as you share the evening with the same kids all five nights. What a blessing!

Please come be a part of this special week. I don't know where God is calling you to serve, but I do know you don't want to miss the opportunity!!



**Don't miss the sign-up table in the Easter Wing! Wing!**

## Worship Information for Sunday, June 24, 2018



**Sermon:** "What Is My Purpose?"-Coach Bryan Moore

**Scripture:** Matthew 7:24-25, 1 Corinthians 9:24

8:30 Celebration Service

10:55 a.m. Traditional Service

**Reading the Word:** Tamara Matthews (pew Bible pages 788, 929)

**Children's Church** – Tamara Matthews

**Greeters:** Juanita Eads and Louise Zimmer

**Ushers:** Chris Taylor (head), Stephen Brown, Matt Franklin, Abe Lenard and John Trice

Altar flowers are to the glory of God in loving memory of Bert Crump and Bobby, Jan & Matthew Crump by Edith Ann, Susan, Marlin, Cristy, Kim and their families.

### MEMORIALS

*C.B. Wilson*  
by  
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### Worship Attendance–Week of June 17, 2018

Celebration Service	245
Traditional Service	128
Online Viewers	76
Youth Wednesday Evening	20
Hope Kitchen	<u>100</u>
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>569</b>

### Tithes and Offerings - Week of June 17, 2018

Received-to-Date	\$ 317,479.99
Expenses-to-Date	\$ 348,898.81

### June 17, 2018

General Budget	\$ 10,272.25
Designated	\$ 4,825.00



VBS July 22-25



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**Church Calendar of Activities**

**Sunday, June 24**

- \* 8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Service
- \*10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- \*10:55 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

**Monday, June 25**

**Tuesday, June 26**

9:00-2:00 CHAMP Camp

**Wednesday, June 27**

9:00-2:00 CHAMP Camp  
 5:30 -7:00 p.m. EPIC 456

**Thursday, June 28**

9:00-2:00 CHAMP Camp

**Friday, June 29**

\* Nursery Provided