

# PEDALPOINT

NOTES FROM THE CHOIRS, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

## EGYPT

### JOSEPH'S JOURNEY FROM PRISON TO PALACE



This year's theme is EGYPT – Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace, and will feature lots of ways and places for the children to see the many ways God is always present in our lives.

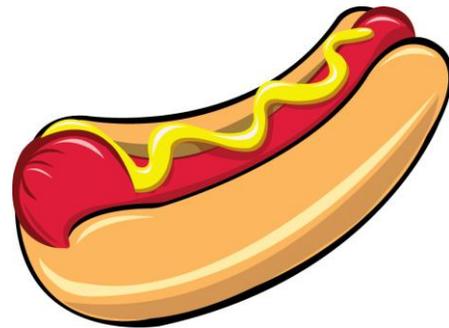
The dates for VBS are Sunday, June 19th – Thursday, June 23rd. We will journey to the land of the pyramids as we study the life of Joseph. Each evening will start with a light supper at 5:15 p.m. (for the family) before the journey begins at 6:00 and ends at 8:00. Each participant will be issued his or her very own Egyptian robe, along several other items, one being a bag filled with several coins for the Marketplace (where everything from stories, to crafts, to music and snacks will take place). Each child will have his/her picture taken the first night for a photo passport that will allow passage to all the places from the prison to the palace. Depending on weather, we hope to have a fun “oasis” water night to open our week of learning on Sunday, June 19th, at 4:30pm. The final evening will include a play, created and performed by the

children themselves, of one of Joseph's adventures. This “enlightening” and fun experience will include Egyptian snacks

and will allow you to see what your child has done during the week. So come on Thursday, June 23, at 7:30pm and see our future leaders in action – literally! You will have a whale - no, make that a camel! - of a time. (It will be worth the trip to see how Bonnie Shoaf works her usual magic to transform the Fellowship Building into a real Egyptian scene – complete with a camel!)

## Hot Dog Luncheon

Join our youth on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, following the service for a hot dog lunch with all the fixings. There will also be chicken nuggets for children. As always, there will be an assortment of delicious desserts. No sign-up necessary, just come and join us for fun time with your friends. (Remember, there is only one service during the summer, so lunch will be shortly after 11am.)



## *New Devotional Book*

A number of people, both church members and persons outside the congregation, have asked whether we could do a new devotional book. The answer is yes, but only if some of our members would be willing to contribute at least a couple of entries to help with this. We have gotten many wonderful comments about the one we did a few years back, and it has found its way into over half the states in our country, and even a few foreign countries. Thus, it proved to be a wonderfully meaningful ministry to people in a variety of situations. If you would be willing to contribute at least a couple of submissions for a new devotional book, please contact Catherine, or any youth parent, so that the idea of a new book may be considered.

## **PACKING PARTY**



So many of you have helped in various ways in preparation for our youth's Medical Mission Trip that we'd like to offer you a chance to have a hands-on experience for it, if you're interested. We will be having a Packing Party on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the worship service. (REMINDER: there is only one service that day, so we will be out of church around 11:00 am.) We will have an assembly line set up in Goins Hall to pack all of our medical supplies in the large suitcases that you have donated. This should not last more than 90 minutes, and we will have a snack available to hold you until you can go eat lunch. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## **LAMBS AND LIONS ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION**

Some of our Lambs and Lions are going digging. That's right! They'll travel to Georgia to the Biblical History Center where they will have the opportunity to live life as Jesus did as a boy. They'll make their own bread and butter under a real goat-hair tent, hear music with instruments from Jesus' time, and eat the same foods that Jesus would have had at the Last Supper, while reclining as the disciples did in a room set up like the Upper Room. As they wander through olive groves, see a tomb like the one in which Jesus was placed, and experience what life and towns were like in Biblical times, they'll complete their journey with an archeological dig for pieces of history, actually brought from the Holy Land.

This will be a wonderful finale to our VBS, as children will leave immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and return on Tuesday evening, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Children and chaperones are reminded to bring a bagged lunch and two personal-sized drinks of choice for the cooler. Snacks and water will be provided.