

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

1958

January 12 the nursery began serving from 10:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. for bed babies and children through 4 years of age.

1959

Vacation Bible School held August 3-7: average of a little over 68 for the week and an enrollment of 70.

New Nursery Program Announced: The Nursery Committee, deciding it was an imposition on the members of the church to be confined to the Nursery during worship hours, made a change in the Nursery program. "Four capable maids" were employed to care for the infants and toddlers during Sunday School, Morning Worship, Training Union, and Evening Worship as well as during revival week and special services.

The Junior Girls' Auxiliary voted to name the group the Gladys Gordon Junior Girls' Auxiliary. GA's held Coronation service

1961

The intermediate GA's sent "Christmas in August" packages to our home missionaries.

1963

GA Focus Week was held in May. The Junior GA's had a cookout for 19 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Bouldin.

1964

Sunbeams and GA's were meeting.

1965

VBS June 14-18, 5-8pm, enrollment 106, average attendance 103, the largest PBC ever had. Commencement held Sunday evening, June 20; VBS principals – Mrs. Noah Wilson and Mrs. William Griffin
Six girls went to Fruitland for a week at the cost of \$16 per girl.

1967

VBS cancelled. Work of renovation and building made VBS impossible.

1970

Royal Ambassadors (RA's) was organized for boys between the ages of 9-11.(9/14/70)

1974

VBS – June 24-28, Peggy McGee, director – held in the day time, 9-noon; 74 enrolled, 70 average attendance, staff- 25

1978

VBS –107enrolled

1980

The Older GA's made a float depicting the manger scene and entered it in the Pittsboro Christmas Parade, winning \$50 for first prize, which they gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

1981

Chapter of the Royal Ambassadors was re-instated, led by Russell Cooper, Leon Shaw, Gene Griffin and Larry Johnson

1984

VBS -120 enrolled, including children and youth

1985

Acteens and RA's went to Busch Gardens
3 RA groups this year, grades 1-9

1986

Mission Friends met twice/month
Kathy Meetz, VBS Director, VBS held June 16-20, Dr. Noah Wilson taught the adult class.
Associational clinic held April 24.

1987

Kathy Meetze, VBS Director, VBS held July 26-31, a class for every age from the youngest to the oldest adults. Associational clinic held for volunteers and faculty.
Jeff Whiten-youth minister- Youth sponsored a Halloween carnival Oct. 31, 4- 5p.m for small children as an alternative to the usual Halloween carnival with ghosts, and encouraged children to dress in other costumes with wholesome theme; small charge for entry, money went to Cassidy Cox fund.
May 7-Annual Acteen – GA Mother -Daughter Banquet

1988

Mission Friends, GA's observed World Hunger Week by collecting canned goods.
Kathy Meetz, VBS Director - VBS Held in the evenings beginning July 17, theme: "Living for Jesus;" 110 enrolled
Motion passed to hire a summer youth worker for a children's program lasting 6 weeks to include K-grade 6: K-grade 3, two afternoons/week; 2.5 hours each, grades 4-6 –three afternoons a week, 2.5 hours each. Would use SBC materials, Bible Study, crafts, refreshments, recreation. Cost for program not to exceed \$1000.
Average attendance for RAs-7
Baptist Men and RA's participated in Bibles for Russia campaign, sending 20 Bibles to Russia
RA's and Leaders had an all day camping trip during the year and at another time, had an overnight campout at Jordan Lake
RA's set-up a post office in December for in church Christmas cards, (postage was given for missions)

1989

Kathy Meetze, VBS Director, VBS held July 23-27 in the evening, classes for all ages including adults. Kick-off held Wednesday, evening, July 19

VBS -137 enrolled with average attendance of 107

RA's spent a July weekend at Jordan Lake, RA's attended camp at Caraway.

Thanks to Jim Meetze, RA leader, PBC adopted a highway, 2.1 miles south of courthouse on Hwy 15-501, highway to be cleaned four times/year.

RA's raked leaves and provided an RA post office at Christmas with proceeds to Lottie Moon offering; recognition service in November with awards presented.

Sharon Lloyd made a motion to start a Children's Church for 4 year olds through 4th grade, beginning October 1, 1989; motion passed. January 7, 1990: Nominating committee reported could not find anyone to lead Children's Church that had been voted in during the last conference.

The GA's and Mission Friends and 3 groups of Baptist Women were active in mission studies and outreach to Keller's Rest Home, sending cards to missionary kids, and ministering to a family where the parents had cancer.

The GA's collected toiletries and school supplies for Christmas in August for a missionary.

1990

Motion passed to employ one person to stay in the nursery during the 11a.m worship service.

Year of the Acteen- Acteen/ GA. Coronation Service Feb. 18, was successful

May 13 - Parent Child Dedication

Kathy Meetze, VBS Director, VBS – July 15-19, 6p.m – 9p.m with adults 6:30-8:30p., enrolled 150, 126 average attendance

Promotion Day- July 8, 20 people passed out 400 VBS fliers door to door and at the shopping center; VBS Family Fun Night July 11

GA's enrollment increased from 5 three years ago to 15, Mission Friends from 4 children to 8, 2 GA's went to Camp Mundo Vista, 2 Acteens went for a week, 6 girls and moms went for an overnight (June)

GA/Acteen Mother-Daughter Luncheon held April 28

RA's Adopt-a-Highway picked up trash during the year

RA race car competition –June 13

1991

Parent Child Dedication-May 26

Children Bible Drill organized for 4th - 6th graders

1991 marked the 90th anniversary of VBS among Baptist churches.

VBS held July 7-11 for all ages, Theme: "Celebrate Jesus," average attendance 116

Mission VBS held for residents of Walnut Grove Apartments in their recreation room.

Avg. attendance -10 each day. Eleven of our GA's went to sing. Activities included Bible study, prayer, games, crafts, music, refreshments.

May 12 -Acteen/ GA Coronation Service

A GA Mother-Daughter Sleep-over sponsored by the Sandy Creek Association was held at our church.

RA Sunday, Nov. 3

1992

VBS held June 21-25, for all ages, Theme: "Fantastic Journey," enrollment 108, average attendance 97

Children's Summer Camp was held for children each Tuesday and Thursday June 25-July 30 (excluding VBS week) 9:00a.m.- 11:30a.m. for children, K-5, for fun and Bible Study.

Transportation provided as needed.

A special Sunday School class was provided for new Christian children, those who have made professions of faith followed by Baptism or those thinking about accepting Christ as their savior. At the time, nine children had been baptized that year. The study was entitled, "Survival Kit for Children."

Summer: 7 GA's and 2 Acteens went to Mundo Vista in July

GA – Acteen Recognition in November

GA's gave money they had collected on Family Night Services to the Lottie Moon Offering.

RA Post office collected 29¢/card for their December Christmas Card delivery

1993

VBS - July 18-23, 6:30-8:30p.m; Theme: Summershine; Spanish Mission congregation invited to attend; the children combined with English-speaking classes and the adults were in a class taught by a Spanish language teacher. Afternoon class available for adults. 208 were enrolled, average daily attendance was 158 (including adults)

Children's Summer Camp was held for children each Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 29, 9:00a.m.- 11:30a.m. for children, K-5, for fun and Bible Study. Transportation provided as needed. An average of 22 children participated.

The GA.s went to see the Star of Bethlehem at the Morehead Planetarium.

Summer- 8 GA's and Acteens went to Mundo Vista

GA's and RA's collected and sent 21 pairs of glasses to a Texas missionary

GAs gave a housewarming for Dennis and Mildred Hand, whose home had burned.

November – GA/ Acteen recognition service

October – RA's and others participated in CROP walk

November: RA Recognition service and race car event; RAs had Christmas Card Mail Box

1994

VBS, July 17-22, 6:30-8:30p.m; theme: Trail of Treasures; all ages, 147 enrolled, 127 average attendance, 36 workers

October – RA's and others participated in CROP walk

1997

Children's Church began March 4, for children age 4 up to second grade. Children attended worship service until children's sermon presented, then departed for children's Sunday School classroom. Organized by Kathy Shaffer, rotating teams of two leaders taught each Sunday, using the same curriculum. Attendance ranged from 4-8 children. Noteworthy: under the leadership of first volunteers and then church staff, Children's Church has continued to meet through 2020

Summer: 9 GAs and 6 Acteens went to Camp Mundo Vista

November- GA/Acteen recognition service

1998

VBS held the last week of July – theme: *Passport to Holy Land*
Karl Shaffer agreed to work with RA's (four boys)

1999

Children – Tripp Harmon reported Children's Fall Festival was held October 30.

2000

New Mission Friends and Tiny Tot groups started

2001

Cameron Sipe asked for help assembling children's playground, January 20

2003

Great need for children's leaders for the children's programs and activities especially on Wednesday nights; evident with decrease in Wednesday night supper attendance, attributed to not having children's programs on a regular basis

2004

Jennifer Sipe- CiA – Children in Action, The children's mission program was given a new name: CIA which stands for Children In Action and includes Mission Friends, GA's and Acteens. Volunteers were trained in the new program and enlisted to begin the new program in September 2004. CiA teams: craft, discipleship, scripture, leadership, music, recreation, snack, special events, grades 1-3, 4-6, girls and boys each, Mission Friends; met Wednesdays after Wednesday Night Supper while adults had Bible Study.
RA's have 11 enrolled

2005

Children's Church – Drew Pilkington: good attendance, met in the chapel, regular church schedule was conducted so children would get use to church worship
CiA (Children in Action) mission project – collecting teddy bears for children affected by tsunami

2007

Motion passed to create a new position of part-time (20 hours/wk) children's program supervisor, salary of \$12-K-\$15K depending on qualification of selected candidate, amended to add temporary to the title, motion passed
Motion 4/25/2007 passed to hire Debbie McKenzie as the temporary part-time children's program supervisor for 20 hours/week

2008

New children's church format started July 6

2009

VBS – June, Director: Kim Hubbard; record attendance, switched to day-time format
Motion passed(8/12/09)to hire Jennifer Davis as part-time children's director/administrator

AWANA began at PBC in June 2009. It lasted for 2 years. AWANA offered a curriculum that reached children and their families with the gospel. AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed. The goal of AWANA was to reach elementary age students for Christ, to train them to understand and rightly handle the Word of truth, to love Him and others, all in a context of fun and excitement. AWANA met at PBC on Sunday from 5p.m. until 7:30 p.m. It included children from 2 years old up to 6th grade. The 2-3 years olds were Puggles, the 3-5 year olds were Cubbies, the Kindergarteners were Sparks and the 3rd through 6th graders were TNT. Approximately 50 kids along with 25 volunteers were involved in AWANA.

2010

VBS-Director: Kim Hubbard, June 21-25, theme: Saddle Ridge Ranch
Kidz Kommunikator, the children's newsletter, was published by Jennifer Davis

2013

Five ladies, from Pittsboro Baptist Church, as well as two from sister churches, attended the Vacation Bible School Expo at Ridgecrest. VBS Theme: *Colossal Coast World*, October 9, 2013 -Leigh Loomis hired as new part-time Children's Ministry Director

2014

Children's Sunday evening program started in October and met on Sunday night.

2015

Jennifer Cashion hired to the positions of Part-time Children's Director and Preschool Director; starting date: February 3, 2015.

New Children's curriculum began on Sundays during the summer. Discussions held about potential bus ministry.

Vacation Bible School - June 20-26, theme: *Journey Off the Map*, high attendance day 113 children; 120 registered, 55 volunteers. VBS Director: Rebecca Ridge

2016

Members of the Children's Committee attended the "awesome" VBS Expo at Ridgecrest, 2016 Vacation Bible School - June 20-24, theme, *Submerged*. Bus ministry implemented for Vacation Bible School picked up four children at the Villages. VBS: huge success with 149 children, 60+ volunteers, and eight professions of faith.

Sunday evening program for children, called JD's, began the first Sunday in April.

Children's Church was also going well with some dedicated volunteers.

2017

VBS : June 26th-30th. Theme – *Galactic Starveyors!*.

Registered: 213; daily average attendance: 187; Volunteers: 62

Children and youth rode a PBC float in the Pittsboro Christmas parade.

2018

VBS : June 25th-29th.. Theme – *Game On!*.

Registered: 176, Volunteers: 75

2019

Jennifer Cashion, Children's Minister provided training for children's Sunday School teachers and Children's Church volunteers in January.

In the spring, kids started a new curriculum during Children's Church and JD's.

Jennifer Cashion, Children's Minister and Preschool Director, reported in October that the playground construction was complete and the preschoolers started enjoying it first week of October.

VBS : June 24th-28th. Registration opened April 15th. Theme – *In the Wild*.

Participation – 200 registered, 70 volunteers, 8 professions of faith. It was a success.