



Let's Roll

Make a difference

Ask yourself . . .

*"What am I going to do
to get the Word of God out?"*

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From Pastor Bill . . .

Vacation Bible School!!! Wow.... Let's get excited!! Well, that is the plan, anyway. . . as many of you know, having been through many "VBS's," as we refer to them. Excitement is often "not the case," and instead, many are boring, same-old-thing, year-in and year-out!!

Not so with Gospel Baptist's VBS! About ten years ago, we decided to get "crazy." We started appealing to the adult workers and tried to make it "fun" and "different" for them . . . thinking that if *they* had fun and enjoyed the five nights, that the kids would sense it and all that excitement would be catching!!! Well, it worked! Our adult attendances at the annual VBS is huge. Well, *huge* for us. **Some 100 adults will come through the week and help us reach souls for Jesus.**

The secret, if there is one, is allowing the adults to "cut loose" and dress in costume. I mean shave their heads, grow beards, color their hair, wear stupid clothes, paint their faces, carry props, and have funny skits that all add up to a good time! **Let's face it, how often as an adult, do you get to "act like a kid" again?** Come to our VBS and you can!!!

What we have now found out for sure is . . . **when the adults have a good time, it increases their zeal, enthusiasm, energy level, participation, and willingness to do it again next year!!** We all actually look forward to VBS now! **This adds up to more boys and girls coming and more getting saved in the end.** We change themes each year and repeat themes only once in five years or so. This allows us to use our crazy costumes again, and conserve a little cash in the mean time!

Would you like to see me absolutely bald??? Well, look no further, it's history! *Would you like to see me with red, blue, white, and green hair?* Well . . . it's history. *Would you like to see me with some teeth missing?* Well... it's history. *Would you like to see me coyote ugly?* Come and see me anytime!!

Yours for souls, Bill Lytell, Sr. Pastor

VBS Themes Through The Years

1996	Olympics
1997	Military
1998	Fast Food Frenzy
1999	Safari Bill's Jungle Adventure
2000	Olympics
2001	Wild Bill's Wild West
2002	Barnacle Bill's Pirates of the Caribbean
2003	Hillbilly Bill's Yonder Do'ens
2004	Summer Storm: Invading the Kingdom of Darkness (Military)
2005	Fast Food Frenzy II: Return of the Hamburglar Aloha Bill's Hawaiian Adventure
2007	Wild Bill's Western Rodeo

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What's Happening

Greetings! The "spring" is short-lived in Florida and we are already feeling the humidity of summertime. **But, with summertime comes many things that we look forward to.**

Gospel Baptist Christian School is now within its last month. When you receive this letter, we will be about done (and all the teachers said . . . "Amen!"). There will be a **Senior High graduation on May 30th** with one senior, C.J. Motes, completing the necessary requirements in order to graduate. There will also be a **kindergarten graduation held on June 5th** with 13 young children donning a cap and gown and marching the aisle to receive their diploma. **June 6th marks the last day of school.** Enrollment is looking good for the next year despite the economic crisis many families are finding themselves in.

Students from the 3rd – 8th grades participated in a Jr. Fine Art competition with the Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools. I am grateful to our high school teacher, Regina Brown, for her hard work and dedication in making all of this happen for the students.

The students involved and those who won first place are as follows:		
<p>ART KAYLEEN OTT – acrylic painting* TIMOTHY SWETT – sculpture* JEHU MARQUEZ – sculpture</p> <p>MUSIC Trent Lytell – vocal solo* Joslyn Ott – vocal solo* Iyana Johnson – vocal solo* Kayleen Ott – vocal solo* Hannah Stone – vocal solo* J.Boutchia/T.Swett – vocal duet* MERRICK FIROZ - piano solo* Grant Wightman – piano solo JOHN BOUTCHIA – brass solo*</p> <p>SPEECH <i>Bible Teaching</i> HANNAH STONE* John Boutchia*</p>	<p>SPEECH <i>Serious Interpretation</i> Anahi Caballero* Cayman Lytell* ALYSSA NORTH</p> <p>SPEECH <i>Oral Interpretation of Scripture</i> KAYLEEN OTT* JOSHUA BROWN* Alex Stahl* Thomas Swett*</p> <p>SPEECH <i>Humorous Interpretation</i> TRENT LYTELL* JOCELYN NEWBERRY* David Collier Iyana Johnson* Kathy Ho</p>	<p>SPEECH <i>Poetry</i> Brittany Annand* James Boutchia* Amir Capistran Merrick Firoz* Stephen Hawley Anahi Marquez* Joslyn Ott* Timothy Swett* Grant Wightman Craig Hawley* CASANDRA HO* Wyatt Collier* Chris Dang AMAIRA CABALLERO* Stralen Clowdus Jehu Marquez Daniel Sanchez</p>
<p>* Indicates choir member CAPS/Bold indicates going on to State Finals @ Palm Beach Atlantic University</p>		

We are proud of each and every one of these students for a job well done. A fine arts recital was given at the church auditorium on May 5th for our people to see the finished product.

This newsletter showcases our previous VBS themes. Take a look at what we have done and enjoy the pictures. **Please pray with us as we prepare for Evangelist Kevin Walker and his wife, Loretta, who will be coming to lead this year's VBS.** We will once again be using a western theme. I have talked with Brother Walker on a few occasions and I am excited about what he and his family have planned. It will be fun. I hope you can be with us June 16th -20th.

Your friend and co-laborer, John Boutchia

Youth News

Summertime is almost in full swing here at Gospel Baptist Church. **The teens recently served the Lord by feeding the hopeless, hapless, and helpless at the Ft. Myers Rescue Mission.** What a privilege to help those who are in need with both physical and spiritual food. Also, on May 2nd the youth ministry attended a local youth rally at Seagate Baptist Church in Naples. Assistant Pastor Tommy Thompson of West Gate Baptist Church in Tampa preached a convicting message entitled, "Come Out." **Teens were challenged to come out of worldliness and separate from ungodliness.** What a message! I'm so thankful for ole' fashioned preaching that stirs the hearts of teens and adults alike.

I want to spend the remainder of my time sharing with you folks a wonderful door that has opened up recently.

Almost two months ago, Brother Ralph Stokes and his wife, Sandy, asked to park their fifth-wheel trailer behind the church for a few days. Brother Ralph is a missionary to troubled teens in juvenile detention centers all over America. **Basically, he seeks to open the door so that local independent Baptist churches can be involved in reaching teens in their local juvenile detention center.** Brother Ralph and I were able to meet with the superintendent and his assistant about the possibility of ministering weekly to young men and women from ages 8-19. The men we met with were very eager to have a church faithfully minister to the

young folks each week. **This is a wonderful opportunity because we have almost a new group of teens each week and are able to preach the Word of God without limitations.** By the grace of God, thus far **54** young men and **6** young women have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Praise the Lord! **Please pray that this effectual door of opportunity will remain open.**

We greatly miss all you snow birds who have flown back north for the summer. **I would ask that you pray for our teens, especially next month as we attend the Youth Conference at First Baptist Church of Hammond, IN from July 16th -18th, and Camp Victory, July 27th-August 1st.** May many of our teens make life changing choices this summer!

Marty Moon

Upcoming Events at Gospel

GBCS Senior High Graduation	Friday, May 30th
GBCS K-5 Graduation	Thursday, June 5th
Last Day of School for GBCS	Friday, June 6th
Vacation Bible School with Evangelist Kevin Walker and family	Monday - Friday, June 16-20th

Recommended Sermons

What Romans 8:28 Does *Not* Say

Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
April 13, 1997

What You Don't Like Is What You Want

Preached by Pastor Bill Lytell
March 3, 1996

Sermons can be downloaded at www.gospelbaptistchurch.com