

We Made a Splash at High Seas Expedition!

Friday, June 18, 2010

Greetings from Lacey! A map shows all the places we can go to share God's Word. God's Word is for everyone.

Bible Point – God's Word is for everyone.

Bible Story – The community of believers share. (Acts 2:42-47)

Bible Verse – "Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created." (Psalm 119:90)

The children finished off the week with another story from the books of Acts. The first Christians loved each other very much and did many things to show love for each other. One of these things was to share what they had with others who had need.

The Pesky Pelican, Daring Dolphins, Silly Seagulls, and Whales learned today about sharing, just like those first followers of Jesus. They had to share today in Goodies From the Galley but it wasn't hard because they were sharing ice cream toppings!

In Bible Voyage, they discovered what it's like to be kept outside of the "inner circle". Ship Rec Games had activities using giant parachutes.

The children made "God Loves Me" blankets in Clipper Ship Crafts. Fifty blankets were completed by our elementary kids. These blankets will be packed in the suitcases of our mission team this summer and taken to children in Costa Rica.

The Sensational Sailors spent the morning in the youth center just hanging out, playing video games, enjoying ice cream sundaes, and getting ready to lead today's Floating Finale. We look forward to next year when all of them will join us as VBS Volunteers!

Floating Finale was a celebration to remember what we had learned all week. There were skits and pictures and of course, singing!

The Little Skippers have had an exciting week at VBS discovering how God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture! Today they made Ships on A Stick and learned what Chadder told the people of Acheron. Ask your child what that was!

Thanks for the generosity of all of VBS children and parents. We collected over \$2300 to finish a church in Guatemala. We have also collected 286 jars of spaghetti sauce, 400 boxes of spaghetti noodles, and 111 bottles of children's vitamins.

Want to continue the High Seas Expedition adventure? Please join us on Sunday, June 20 as we share some favorite VBS songs with all the dads and the Due West UMC congregation. Gather in the narthex at 10:55. Wear your t-shirt if you can!

An Invitation!

We would like to invite all of our Vacation Bible School friends and their families to join us for worship on Sundays. Due West UMC has three services every Sunday morning. Traditional services are held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the North Campus sanctuary (where the elementary kids were at VBS). A contemporary service is held at 9:39 a.m. in the Family Life Center (the center building). About 15 minutes into each service, the children (age 3- rising kindergarten) are invited to



come to the front of the church for a special children's sermon. After that, they may return to sit with their parents or are escorted to Children's Church for stories, music, and activities. Hope to see you there!

Sunday School is a Fun Place to Be!

If your kids enjoyed this week of Bible School, they would probably also enjoy Sunday School. We sing VBS songs year round! Due West UMC has Sunday School at 9:39 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for children who have turned 4 in the past school year through 5th grade in the North Campus building. Just come in the "service" doors and we'll direct you!

Now that all the ship's sails, pelicans, and stormy seas are gone, we hope that all the kids will remember the mighty love of God and the lasting relationships they've built. Thank you for entrusting your children to us this week. We hope they have learned as much from us as we have from them. They were truly a blessing!