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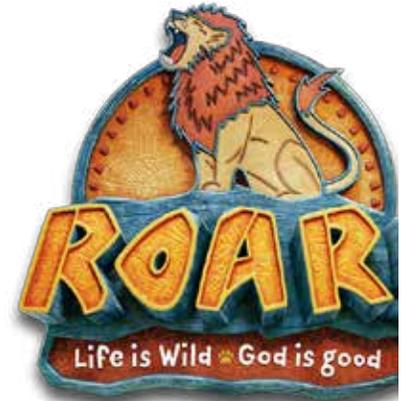
June 2019

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## VBS 2019 – July 8-12

Join us for ROAR VBS as we learn that "Life is wild – God is good". We are excited to celebrate VBS as ONE church again this year. The Promise Road Campus will host the safari themed vacation bible school from 9:00 am-12:00 pm each day. Registration is open for those children age 4 (by Sept. 1, 2019) through 3rd grade. Children 4th grade on up will be welcomed as Assistant Guide for our crews. We will be looking for LOTS of volunteers of ALL ages to help with this awesome adventure! Join us as a "Guide" and lead a group or as a volunteer for our game or craft teams. You won't want to miss this!



If you would like to help us out by donating some needed items please visit the display at either campus or online... search [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) for michelle.latty@geistchristian.org. There will also be list at each campus SOON!

## Summer Choir

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord..." The Chancel Choir invites you to join them for Summer Choir. This is a chance to check out the group and sing with the choir once a month during the summer. No weekly rehearsal. Rehearsal is at 8:15am on Sunday and they prepare an anthem for the morning services. Summer Choir will sing on June 30, July 28 and August 25. If you're interested in singing or have questions, contact Schuyler Brinson,



Director of Music at [schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org](mailto:schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org). Let's overflow the choir loft this summer!



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## Randy Reflects



Randy Spleth

I am susceptible to worms. It has nothing to do with my digestive tract. I am susceptible to earworms, sometimes called stuck song syndrome. The official title is Involuntary Musical Imagery (IMI) and describes when a catchy piece of music continually repeats itself through your mind, long after hearing it. The current worm is a children's song, sung often at camp. I learned it in Sunday School. "If you're happy and you know it." I'll admit to having better earworms than this one; but, some of may have also experienced this as an earworm.

The lyrics support this truth. Every human being desires to be happy. It is a universal longing and it is as persistent and fleeting as an earworm. One day you've got it. The next, it's gone. One day, you are on top of the world; the next day, the weight of the world is on your shoulders. Why is happiness so mercurial, so transient? Our founding fathers described happiness as a pursuit and said we have a God-given right to it.

The challenge isn't in the right; it is in what we pursue. We misunderstand what happiness is. We believe that money buys happiness, that status and recognition make us happy, that possessions will address our deepest need to feel happy. Yet time and again, we discover that more stuff doesn't fulfill its promise. The ancient poet knew this well when he wrote, "When I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind." (Ecc. 2:11).

Happiness is ultimately not about possessions but rather, spiritual fulfillment. It is the reason that Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.est" (John 10:10) Jesus is suggesting that happiness comes when we discover and value the things in life that truly give meaning. For him, they are found in love and compassion, in generosity and grace, in loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself. When we discover and value these in things in life, we will discover happiness, spiritual contentment, and inner peace.

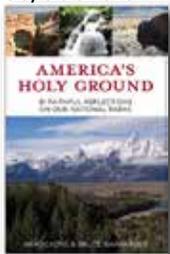
Happiness then comes from within, not from attachments. This is what we want and what we should pursue. I hope you know this. If you do, clap your hands, stomp your feet, and say, Amen.

Blessings,



## CONNECT Adult Ministries

**Love Our National Parks? Save the Date** - On Sunday, June 23, 4-6 pm at the Mud Creek Campus, authors Brad Lyons and Bruce Barkhauer will visit Geist Christian Church discuss and sign their book, *America's Holy Ground* which features spiritual reflections and nearly 200 breathtaking photos from our National Parks.



**Page Turners** - Page Turners, the bookclub of Geist Christian Church will meet to discuss the following books:

- July 24 - *Follow the River* by James Alexander Thom
- September 25 - *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

The club meets at the Mud Creek Campus on the 4th Wednesday (every other month) at 6:30 pm. If there are any questions, please contact Elena Derbique at 317.823.0173 or elena.derbique@gmail.com.

**Prayer Group – Pies & Prayers** - A small group meets the first Monday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 pm to pray for the congregation and specific requests submitted by members and guests of the congregation on the prayer wall at the Promise Road Campus. Contact Michelle Latty at michelle.latty@geistchristian.org for more information.

## CONNECT Children's Ministries

**Family Fun Night - June 17, 6-8pm Mud Creek Campus** - Join us for some family fun. Share a light meal together then hit the ground running for games and community time together. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other families at Geist Christian Church. Open to ALL ages! Bring your family and invite your friends for this free event.

**G5/6 - G56 Service "Week" – June 18-20, 9am-1pm Mud Creek Campus** - This is THE "week" you don't want to miss....Please plan to join us for 3 awesome days of service in our local community. WHY??

- •Get to know your fellow G56ers
- •Help others
- •Have loads of fun!

Registration forms were emailed out and paper forms are available at either campus. There will be a day of service on Sunday, June 23 too! If you can't make it during the week – join us on Sunday for service downtown Indy. Please let us know if you can attend and if you are able to drive. Families welcome on Sunday!

NOTE: As of June 2 all students attend their grade for the fall 2019. Join us as we celebrate the finish of one year and the excitement of the next!

## CONNECT Youth Ministries

This summer we are bringing back Out to Lunch. Throughout the summer, all High School youth are encouraged to meet Kyle and fellow youth at different restaurants around Hamilton Town Center on selected Fridays. Contact youth@email@geistchristian.org.

Summer Dates:

- June 7
- June 21
- July 5
- July 19
- July 26

**ENGAGE** - A group for youth entering grades 7-12 that meets throughout the summer.

- June 19 - Canal Scavenger Hunt, Promise Road Campus, 5:30 pm
- July 10 - Pool Party, 6:30 pm
- July 17 - Kings Island, 7:00 am
- July 31 - Brofro Family Cookout, 6:00 pm

## Creation Care Tip

Did you know that most of the world gets by on only 2.5 gallons of water a day per person? In the US, however, the average person uses 400 gallons a day! Experts agree that if we don't get a handle on this simple problem, some cities will be importing water within 20 years. We use far too much water in the house for routine activities such as washing, using the toilet, bathing, etc. We can make some differences simply by changing habits. And, you can lower your water bill every month besides!

- Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth. Do the same while you are shaving.
- Check your sink and toilet for leaks.
- Check your faucet for drips. A dripping faucet can waste as much as 20 gallons a day.
- Take shorter showers. Reducing your time in the shower by just minutes can save 20 - 30 gallons a day.
- Don't use the dishwasher unless you can fill the machine.
- Wash full loads of clothes only.

# Weekday Ministries News

## Weekday Ministries

Happy Summer! We are blessed with such wonderful Weekday Ministry families. Summer camps are up and running at both campuses. Check us out this summer and during the school year online at [geistwdm.org](http://geistwdm.org) and on our Facebook page at Geist Christian Weekday Ministries.



2019 graduating kindergarten class at the Mud Creek Campus [▲](#) and Promise Road Campus. [➤](#)



## Keenagers - Field Trips for Adults



The Keenagers of Geist Christian Church were back on the road to Fowler, Indiana on May 31st. Wind farm tour, lunch at the 100 Mile Rib & Chop House (100 miles from both Indianapolis and Chicago) and then a tour of a shrimp farm! Stay tuned for the next Keenager field trip.

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# News Around Geist Christian Church

## New Members

Andrew Pepmeier (inadvertently omitted from Pastors Class from the last issue)

## In Sympathy

Damon Ashburn, uncle Jim Gaither  
 John Hall, wife Anna Hall  
 Betty Sterrett, mother Anna Hall  
 Kim Seaitz, grandmother Anna Hall  
 Eric Groot, father Scott Groot  
 Candi Lindamood, brother Nathan Lee  
 Erin Bartholomew, father David Erhinger  
**Joyce Bansch\***  
 Judy Fisher, mother Darlene Nebel  
 Kim Everette, grandmother Darlene Nebel  
 Bill Mullineaux, cousin Richard Mullineaux  
 Sean Mulholland, father Steve Mulholland  
 India Bobadilla, grandfather Leslie Farley, Sr.

\*denotes GCC member

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of Paul Dubenetzky

Deb Dubenetzky

### In Memory of Anna Hall

Kent & Lori Kline  
 Richard & Cathleen Lucht  
 Vicki Shafer  
 Joe Mansfield  
 Larry & Nancy Pugh  
 Jay & Joanie Fuson  
 Michael & Linda Jerrell  
 Christie Love  
 MJ Rose  
 Pat Webster  
 Craig & Myrna Mullins  
 Nancy Alexander  
 Laura Derrickson  
 Tommy Hall  
 Mary Wasky  
 The Sterrett Family  
 Kathy Harrison  
 Annette Ludlow  
 Diane Muench  
 Sue Rains  
 Nan Ferris  
 Judy Vigus  
 Betsy Binkholder  
 Donald & Carolyn Hetzler  
 Jeff & Mei Ling Yu

### In Memory of Spenser Wilson

Todd & Lisa Higgins  
 Mackenzie & Shauna Higgins  
 Riley Higgins

### In Memory of Joyce Bansch

Jim & Judy McGrath

## May/ June Attendance

Service	May 4/5	May 11/12	May 18/19	May 25/26	June 1/2
5:30 pm PR	67	63	53	74	70
9:00 am MC	135	218	154	133	162
10:00 am PR	148	205	155	147	145
Youth Worship PR	n/a	10	8	n/a	n/a
10:30 am MC	192	203	225	149	203
Youth Worship MC	15	12	7	n/a	n/a
Baptism		140			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>580</b>

# Special Events

**Artisan's Table** - This year's Artisan Table will be on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. Plan to shop the many vendors that will be present with their unique, hand-crafted items. Those interested in being a vendor should contact Mary Ann Lucas at [bonbonmaryann@gmail.com](mailto:bonbonmaryann@gmail.com).

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