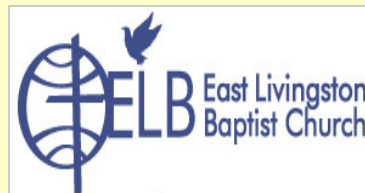




East Livingston

June/July 2017



### Vacation Bible School

by Pastor Winters

The time has arrived and, as always, we are excited about this year's Vacation Bible School! We have selected an exciting Bible-based curriculum for our school entitled, "Mighty Fortress; In Jesus, the Victory is Won!!" Our VBS will be held Monday – Friday, June -9, with the final program on Sunday, June 11. Our inspiring theme verse is I Corinthians 15:57; *Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* The five daily VBS themes are: *God is Mighty, Fear Not, God's Word is True and Powerful, Jesus comes to Save, and Jesus is our Savior and King!* Our teachers will present Bible lessons to go with these themes each day. For the opening and closing VBS gatherings in the sanctuary the students will be introduced to our daily themes while having fun exploring the Bible. Our director is Karen Vreeland with a great staff of many volunteer leaders.



Our program is for children from age 4 (Preschool) through students who have just completed Grade Six. The members of our Youth Group and will be serving as helpers throughout the VBS. Registration is taking place with our goal of having all of our children registered before the beginning of our school. The final program, when the teachers and students will share what they have learned during the week will take place on Sunday morning, June 11, during the morning worship service.

Each year we have a mission project for the students, and this year they are going to meet American Baptist Missionary Kit Ripley and help her send a child to Vacation Bible Camp in Thailand where Kit lives. Kit will be visiting our Bible School on opening day. We can make it possible for a child to attend Bible Camp if we can raise \$150. This is a big goal . . . can we reach it? I'm sure we can, with God's help, and send a child in Thailand to Bible Camp!

Please be in prayer for all our leaders as we share the love of Jesus and the gospel message of the Bible with children in our church and in our area through our Vacation Bible School. We hope you will make your plans now for your children, grandchildren, and neighbor children ages 4 through Grade 6 to join us on June 5 as we gather together to learn about Jesus, who is our "Mighty Fortress!"



## *American Baptist Women's Ministries*

Because of the schedule for Vacation Bible School, there will be no regular June meeting of our Jackie Rutter Mission Circle. However, a very special summer meeting is being planned, so stay tuned for the latest information from our president, Nordeen Vest. All of the women of the church are invited to participate.



Our Youth Group will be busy in June! First, they will be serving as helpers in every aspect of our Vacation Bible School. Our youth serve in the classrooms, outside with our recreation, in the Craft and Music rooms, they help deliver refreshments, as well as manage the technical equipment in the sanctuary, such as the laptop computer and the video projector. We thank our youth for their good work during VBS!

Our Youth Group will also meet on Sunday, June 11, from 4 pm – 6 pm in the Recreation Room to celebrate the completion of the school year, and to plan activities for this summer. Youth members are asked to bring \$3.00 each to the meeting.

### *Celebrating a Milestone Together*



Even if you were not a part of the ministry of East Livingston Baptist Church 20 years ago, you can still help us celebrate a wonderful milestone that has just been passed in the life of our congregation.

Twenty years ago, our members had the vision to expand the facilities of our church and add a Recreation Room for our children and youth, a Fellowship Hall for all ages, and to (finally) add a baptistry to the church building, after over 30 years without our own baptistry. A pledge drive was begun, and in 2001, our members borrowed money from the Kent Fund of the Columbus Baptist Association to build a wonderful new addition. We have been paying on this loan ever since . . . until now. Even though we still have a loan balance in our Building Fund, the part of that Fund that was borrowed for our building addition has been paid in full. The balance owed in our current Building Fund is for payment of our new parking lot that was installed in May of 2015.

Our Trustees are sponsoring a Reception to celebrate the completion of the new addition loan to be held after our morning worship service on Sunday, July 16. We hope you can join us as we give thanks to God for the blessing of paying the costs of our beautiful building addition in only 16 years. Light refreshments will be served as we express the joy of our ministry together at this Reception on Sunday, July 16. Everyone is invited!

### *Advisory Council Workshop*

Our Advisory Council will meet Saturday, July 22, for a morning workshop, from 9 am to noon, in our Fellowship Hall. Larry Swain will lead our time together as we do some evaluating of the effectiveness of our current church governance. During the workshop, we will discuss possibilities and ideas relating to how we might adapt and update to better meet the needs of our growing congregation.



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Our Mission Committee thanks all who have been supporting Rovaughna Richardson, American Baptist missionary to Ghana, with your monthly gifts this past year. Ms. Richardson is serving at the Baptist Vocational Training Center in Frankadua, where she uses her compassion, skills and professional training in counseling and social work to serve women recovering from their traumatic experiences. She works with girls and young women who have escaped or been rescued from a practice of ritual slavery called “Trokosi,” a practice that was made illegal in Ghana in 1998, but government enforcement has been limited. It has been determined that professional intervention is critical to helping these women understand that they are special and beloved children of God, rather than the harmful beliefs they were told while they were being trafficked.

Ms. Richardson was with us at ELBC for a presentation of her ministry in May, 2016. Our Mission Committee would now like to ask “Can we count on you to continue your support?” Please pray about continuing, or beginning, your \$10/month support by marking your donation to “Richardson” on your giving envelope. We thank all of you for your financial support, as well as prayer support, for the important work of Rovaughna Richardson in Ghana.



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*Mid-Year Meeting and Ice Cream Social on July 12*

Our mid-year meeting of the congregation will be held on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. At this important meeting, we will review our ministry so far this year, and look ahead to the second half of 2017 at ELBC. Our Treasurer will update us on any financial issues vital to our congregation, and the Trustees will present any matters relating to our building and property. We will also hear from representatives about our ministries of missions and Christian education. When our business has concluded, we will bring out the ice cream for a fellowship time around some delicious build-your-own **ice cream sundaes!** The meeting is open to all members of the congregation. We hope to see you Wednesday, July 12, for the **Mid-Year Meeting** of our congregation.



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