



Your pledge donations are making a difference: *Vacation Bible School*

Jeremiah 33:3 *Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

Pastor Susan: *VBS is the most legal fun one can have in church.*



This month we continue to highlight some of the differences your pledge donations are making by featuring Immanuel's Vacation Bible School. We caught up with Pastor Susan Graceson recently and learned:

"At VBS, the emphasis is on scripture. Our title this year is "Footprints of God," and the theme is God and Travel. We'll feature four travel stories from the Bible and each day we'll focus on a different one. We bring the Word to life by combining readings, art, recreation, mission, and games, keyed to the story of the day. And because we'll have the kids for three hours on four successive days, not just the one hour on Sundays, the students are more engaged."

Indeed, Susan remembers in seminary that the students there were once asked about their most positive experiences and their most remembered bible stories. "It turns out we all learned them at vacation bible school. We attributed the difference to the fun, intensive way and the greater immersion.

"VBS is a lot of fun, indeed, joyful! It's the most legal fun one can have in church! The kids want to bring their friends.

"Our school is held on four successive evenings in August, which includes dinner. It's open to children age 3 years through 6th grade and is free of charge. Because VBS is open also to others in the community, it is also a form of outreach. "

Susan will be assisted by some talented volunteers. "Marilyn and Don DiLoreto will be storytellers and will appear in costume each night. Billy Kluttz will provide some awesome music and dancing, Sallie Casto will coordinate the meals each evening, Virginia Coffindaffer will apply her special talent for the art workshop, and Lynn and Hal Van Gieson and other volunteers will lead an awesome adventure workshop. We still need a few more volunteers, so let me know if you would like to join in the fun!"

Susan fondly recalled Dan Thomas and his superb organizing skills. "Because of Dan, we have 10-15 bins of unused materials from previous summers, neatly organized and cataloged, we can draw upon, saving us lots of money."

Thank you, Susan. Everyone's gifts to IPC are indeed making a difference.

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