Summer is now fully underway. Here are some events that are going on & hope you can join us.

BIG UPDATE: Yes, there will be VBS this August!

<u>-VBS on August 3-7th</u> -- After much prayer and deliberation, we're happy to announce that there WILL be VBS this year! Thank you all for your patience in praying alongside with us...

When: August 3 - 7th (The FIRST week of August!)

**What:** We need all the help we can get. If you feel called to help in *any way*, please **CLICK HERE** to register.

**Deadline:** In order to know how many kids we can serve, we need to know how many helpers/volunteers we will have. Please register **ASAP** if you haven't done so. Thank you!

**OUR FIRST VBS MEETING will be THIS SATURDAY AT 1PM** for ANYONE who would like to volunteer at our VBS. We'll be meeting at church. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK

Because of the intensity of VBS preparations... there will be changes to our regular scheduling for the remainder of July & August:

- -NO Thanh Nien (Young adults) Family Time for July & August -- Starting this week, we'll be on BREAK until SEPTEMBER. As many of you in TN know, we're launching a new model of ministry, which we will kick-off on Labor Day weekend with a Thanh Nien Retreat! So we'll take a break for the summer, and start back up again September, immediately after our Thanh Nien Retreat during Labor Day weekend!
- -NO regular TYG for July & August: Any of those of you who are regular TYG attenders, have been contacted by a counselor to either be part of Discipleship-group (D-group) and/or one-on-ones with a counselor. There will be no regular TYG meetings, as you will be meeting during weekdays instead. Instead, for the month of July, Saturdays will be devoted to VBS training & preparations.
- -ES Sunday School: Here's a link to the Mark manuscript: link
- -Baptism Class -- Baptism class is going until July 19. Unfortunately, for those who have not yet joined, you will have to wait for next time. If you are interested in being baptized, please let me (Edwin) know and I'll include you for our next round of baptism.
- -Thanh-Nien <u>Bible Study</u> THURSDAY NIGHT-- Thanh Nien will be gathering to study the book of Galations on Thursday Nights. Please contact Kelvin for more info if you would like to attend: kelvin.doan@gmail.com.
- -FIRST VBS meeting THIS SATURDAY at 1pm: There will be a VBS meeting this Saturday at 1pm at church for all who will be helping VBS in any way.

## THIS WEEK: SPECIAL INVITATION FROM KIM-ANH:

-Louis' 4th Birthday Party, THIS SUNDAY JULY 12th around 4pm after church activities: Special Invitation to ALL OF ES from his mommy Kim-Anh: After church this Sunday, starting around 4pm, you are invited to Louis 4th Birthday Party! Please head on over after ES Sunday School. It will be held at 112 Tonawanda St. Dorchester, MA 02125. Louis is turning 4 years old! Please RSVP to kim-anh at anhty1011@yahoo.com.

## **COMING UP -- PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

-SUMMER YARD-SALE SATURDAY, JULY 18th, WILL BE HELD AT CHURCH: Kim-Anh and family will be coordinating a YARD SALE. It will be at church, and everyone can donate stuff and we will sort through and put together all the sales proceeds to donate to our church. All remaining items left unsold will be donated to charity. VOLUNTEERS and HELP needed!:) It will be a fun activity for everyone to do together, declutter their homes, as well as fundraise for our church. Please let Kim-Anh know if you can help: anhty1011@yahoo.com

When: Saturday July 18th

Time: Drop off things at 7am. Sort and set up from 8-10am. Sale begins at 10am!

Where: Calvary Baptist Church

-ES & VS CHURCHWIDE BAPTISM CELEBRATION JULY 26 -- Baptism is set for SUNDAY, JULY 26. From ES, we will be having now 14 people getting baptized! Mark your calander for this special Sunday to support all those who are getting baptized.

-ALEX LEMONADE Stand at Franklin Park tentative AUGUST 15th morning -- Coordinated by Kim-Anh, to help fundraise for charity -- to set up a Lemonade Stand in Franklin Park. All is *tentatively set for SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th* in the morning/afternoon. Here's more info about the charity: http://www.alexslemonade.org

## OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS...

10) **Sunday Food sign-up**: If you can help contribute food for Sunday after ES, please sign up at this link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CdcsKDUmSifNRIfKf53wrYQsfm84J6jaPi7hLLvVX8k/edit#gid=0

11) <u>LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT</u>:: Thanh Nien Retreat this Labor Day Weekend Sept 4th - Sept 7th. We have reserved a FARM-HOUSE in NORTH CONWAY of NEW HAMPSHIRE. We hope you can make it! Registration information soon to come!

Thanks for reading. Any questions? Please let us know! Thanks!

Blessings, E&L