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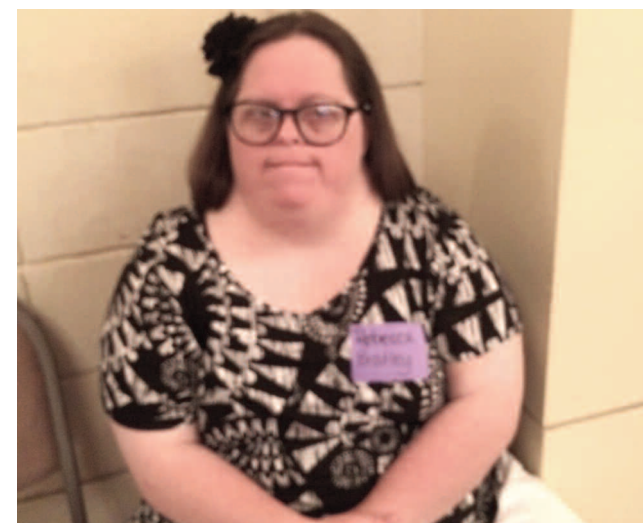
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



**Recreation time on the Playground** — Rinne Pegg and Sam Henson hang out.



**Vacation Bible School gets under way at First Presbyterian** — See story, page 2.



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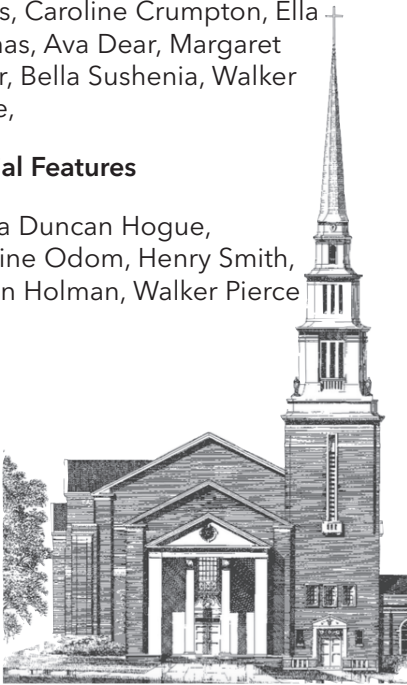
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**Staff of the VBSFE** | Back row, left to right, Wilson Cotten, Paul Gregg, Walker Pierce, William McKelvey, Thomas Dale, Stephen Holbert, Wynn Oakley, Stephens Ball. Middle row: Margaret Oliver, Jamie Jenkins, Mary Elizabeth Greaves, Emma Greaves, Caroline Crumpton, Callie Knotts, Elam Roberson. Front row: Caroline Odom, Ava Dear, Emma Duncan Hogue, Ella Thomas, Gracie Adams, Sarah Pittman, Kara Rose Taylor, Josie Huff

# VBS gets under way

A visit with FPC's Genneysa Case

■ Understanding this week's theme – Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

**By By Gracie Adams  
and Jamie Lee Jenkins**  
*Staff Writers*

We chose to interview Mrs. Genneysa Case, the Director of VBS, to find out about the theme. We asked Mrs. Case why she picked the theme — Make a Joyful Noise. She told us that she loves to sing and that making a joyful noise is the most important part of worship. Mrs. Case loves singing in the church choir and often uses her musical gifts to sing solos for church. When asked about the choir she said, "It is my favorite thing to do." Mrs. Case had help deciding on the theme from Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Wilkins. When asked about her favorite song ever sung in choir, she replied, "And the Glory of the Lord from Handel's Messiah." We then asked her about what influences in her childhood caused her to love music. We were surprised when she said that she didn't love music as a child!!!! What???



Pictured are Jamie Jenkins, Mrs. Case and Gracie Adams. When asked about the choir she said, "It is my favorite thing to do." Mrs. Case had help deciding on the theme with Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Wilkins.

She said, "I learned to appreciate music as an adult." Finally we asked Mrs. Case why she wanted to be in charge of VBS. She responded, "I wanted to serve Jesus and His people." You can usually find Mrs. Case in her headquarters, Command Central. Or after this week look for her in her usual spot in the choirloft. Thanks Mrs. Case for a great week and a great theme!

## Fun Facts about Vacation Bible School

**By Walker Pierce and Wynn Oakley**  
*Staff Writers*

Miss Donna Dobbs tells us that First Presbyterian Church of Jackson has been hosting Vacation Bible Schools since the early 1900's. Although history on former VBS years is hard to come by, and we had to ask 8 people, we finally found that Miss Dobbs knew that VBS probably started early 1900's. Even the History Room did not appear, at first glance, to have data on earlier VBS gatherings, but we did not have time to do much research on this. First Presbyterian Church has been doing VBS for many  
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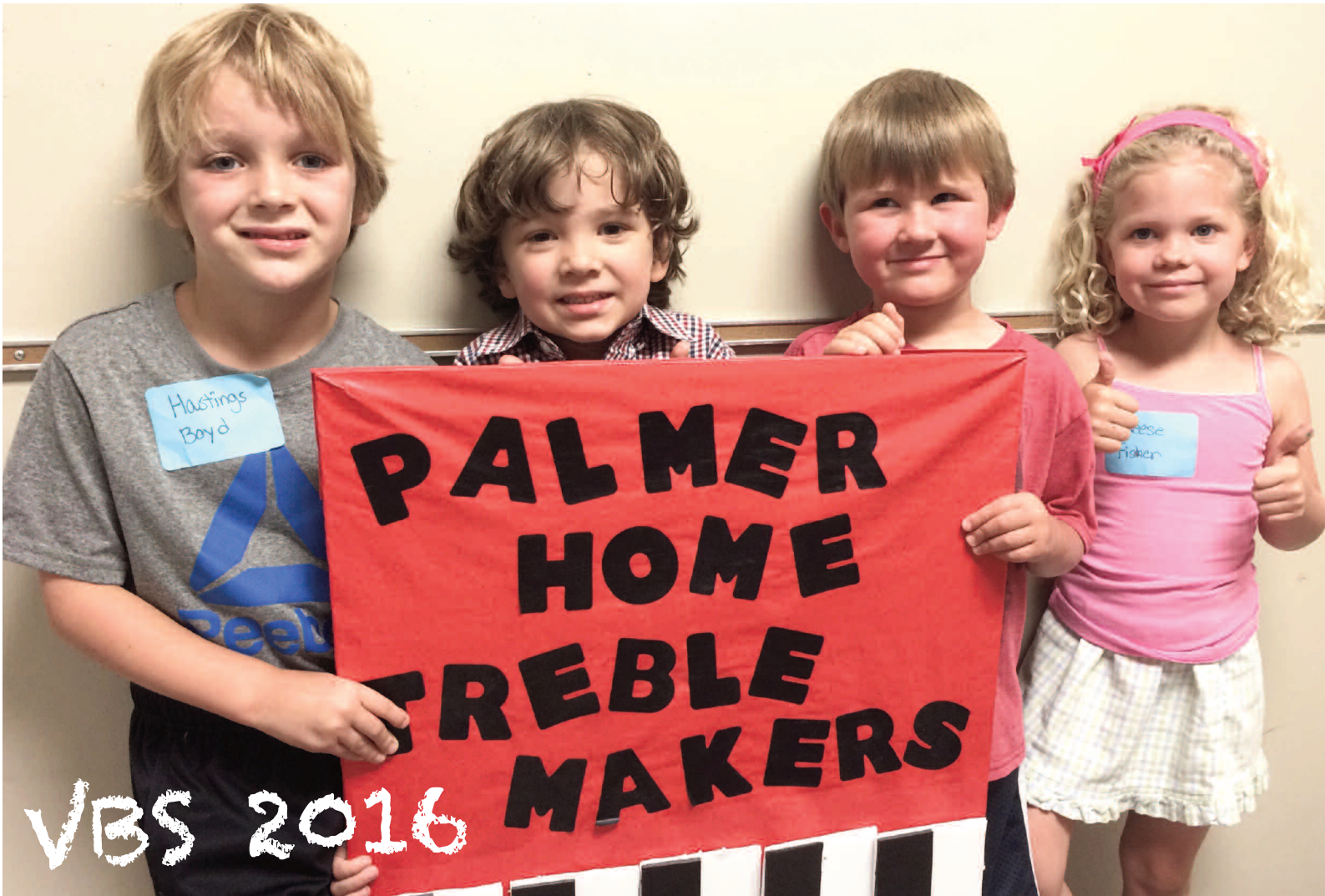


# What's your favorite hymn?

Stephens Ball and Martin Antoon  
showing off Martin's guitar.







Hastings Boyd, Michael Armour, Robert Riles and Reese Fischer.

# Serving Palmer Home for Children

■ Our Joyful Noise Initiative: A keyboard for The Treble Makers of Palmer Home for Children.

By Rachel Rutledge and Elam Roberson  
*Staff Writers*

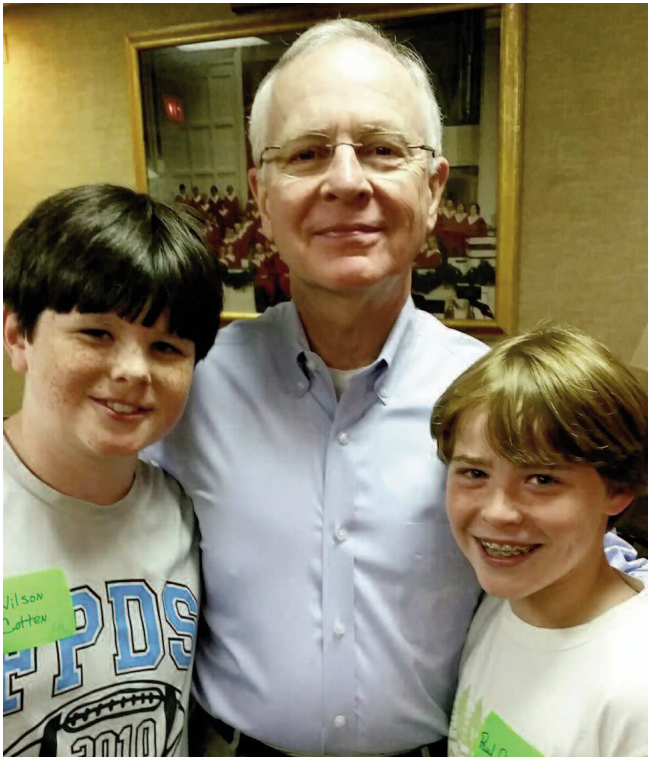
Palmer Home is located in Columbus, Mississippi. It is a group home for children who need to live somewhere other than their home due to many different difficult situations they may face. Children live in group homes that become their loving families. In their group homes they have caretakers who live in their cottages and help take care of them. They have a chance to sing in a choir and it is called The Treble Makers. This program allows the children of Palmer Home to learn about the love of God through music. The choir has weekly practice and many performances. The children grow in confidence as they learn their music and work together as a group to make a great sound as a choir. The performance schedule allows them to meet many people.

The money we are raising is going to help The Treble Makers get a keyboard. We are excited to help Palmer Home for Children have one more way to 'Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord'.





# In the spotlight



**Dr. Bill Wymond** | Today we interviewed Dr. Bill Wymond. His favorite hobby is to lead music. Dr .Wymond’s favorite food is steak and his favorite drink is coffee. He loves The Mayflower Cafe. Dr. Wymond’s favorite thing about VBS is that he gets to teach 5th and 6th grade. He has worked for the church for a long time. He directs the Adult Choir, the Student Choir and Boy’s Choir.

– By Paul Gregg, Henry Smith and Wilson Cotton



**Callum Sinclair** | Today we interviewed Callum Sinclair. He told us he was 13 years old and has helped for 2 years. He also likes photography and his pet, a Tarantula. He has 2 siblings -2 sisters. His favorite food is a hamburger. His favorite sports are rugby and football. He doesn’t know right now where he will go to college.

– By Paul Gregg, Henry Smith and Wilson Cotton



**Sarah Love Frey** | Today we went around the church and we stopped and talked to Sarah Love Frey. Sarah Love just graduated from Jackson Prep and is 18 years old. She will go to Mississippi State University in the fall on a great scholarship. This is her 7th year as a teen helper. Sarah Love’s hobby is singing and she is a member of the First Presbyterian Student Choir and Adult Choir. Her favorite sport is volleyball. She loves to babysit. Sarah Love’s favorite food is Chicken Alfredo. She is the youngest of 4 siblings in her family. The first thing that Sarah Love thinks of when she hears VBS is ‘skits’. Thank you Sarah Love for all your help this week!

– By Paul Gregg, Henry Smith and Wilson Cotton



**Pace Perrett** is 6 years old. He is going into first grade. He has two siblings. His favorite part of VBS is crafts and playing basketball.



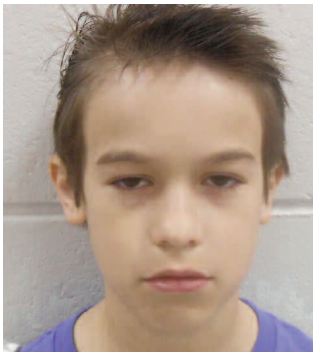
**Mary Ellison Dale** is 7 years old. She is going into the second grade. She has two siblings who are also at VBS. Her parents are members of First Presbyterian Church, so she has been coming to Vacation Bible School since she was very young. Her favorite thing to do is sing.



**Bailei Hobson** is 8 years old and going into the fourth grade. This is her second year at VBS. She attends school at Spann Elementary and her favorite subject is history. Her favorite scripture passage is Psalm 23.



**Ava Smith** is nine years old and is going into the fourth grade. She has been at VBS for 9 years. Her favorite part of VBS is the play. She has two siblings that are also at VBS. The summer activity she is looking forward to is swimming.



**Peyton Mills** is ten years old and is going into the 5th grade. He has been coming to VBS for four years. His favorite thing about VBS is snacks! He has two siblings. He attends Jackson Classical School and his favorite subject is math. He favorite after school activity is going to the beach!



# When you hear VBS!!! what comes to mind?

## ■ Man On The Street Interview

By Thomas Dale and William McKelvey

Isobel Sutherland — Art

Bently Roberson — Singing

Thaxton Berch — Praising God

Charlie Greaves — Crafts

Esther Witherow — Singing

Luke Smith — Recreation

Julie Greaves — Singing

Jackson Page — Crafts

Sarah Love Frey — Skits



Jackson Page



# Let’s have a ball at recreation!

By Stephen Holbert, Tayshon Knight, and Jonathan Pittman

Make a joyful noise  
.... through laughter!

By Walker Pierce, Colton Holman, Henry Smith

- Q. How did the piano open the door?**  
A. By using the right key
- Q. Did you hear the joke about the staccato?**  
A. Never mind, it’s too short!
- Q. Why was the musician arrested?**  
A. Because she got in treble!
- Q. What do you get when you throw a piano down a mineshaft?**  
A. A-flat minor
- Q. Why are pirates great singers?**  
A. They can hit the high C’s
- Q. What type of songs do planets sing?**  
A. Nep-tunes!
- Q. What do you get when you cross a sweet potato and a jazz musician?**  
A. A Yam session
- Q. What makes music on your hair?**  
A. A head band
- Q. What was stolen from the music store?**  
A. The Lute!

It’s time for... recreation! Have fun choosing your own activity. That’s right, you get the choice of most popular kickball, octaball, jungle gym, football, swings, soccer, or also very popular basketball.

We’ve also had great snacks such as butter cookies, water and lemonade! We interviewed two of the staff, RUF (Belhaven) minister Seth Starkey and teen

helper Cameron Lee Trussell. Seth Starkey was recruited for this job by his wife, and wisely said YES! he was delighted to help with VBS!

Seth is a great asset on the playground! A natural athlete, He played on the offensive line at Greenville High in Greenville, South Carolina and then played football at Newberry College!

He is well prepared to serve VBS

sports 2016!!!!

Cameron Lee Trussell is also a great fit for this playground job. She has been playing softball since she was four and has played on 8 softball teams.

She will be attending Millsaps College next year on a full athletic scholarship!!! She said the reason she is helping is that she has always liked playing sports with her brothers and wanted to help others have a good week.

Thanks to these great helpers!





PEOPLE

All about the nursery



**Nursery worker** | Louvenia Palmer has served the FPC nursery since 1989. We visited with her this week in the 'fun room' with the playhouse and the slide.

■ The kids also like the slide more than they like the playhouse.

**By Kara Rose Taylor and Sarah Pittman**  
*Staff Writers*

We traveled to the VBS Nursery, located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Office Building, and interviewed Louvenia Palmer.

We walked down a colorful green hallway and found Louvenia Palmer in the fun room with the slide and the playhouse.

Mrs. Palmer has worked in the nursery since 1989.

This week there are 5 kids in the room where she works.

The most loved toy is a ball!

The oldest kid in her room is 20 months old.

The kids also like the slide more than they like the playhouse.

We loved getting to know Mrs. Palmer. She is such a nice person.

We had a great experience visiting the FPC VBS Nursery.



Knowing about the skit players



**By Callie Knotts and Caroline Crumpton**  
*Staff Writers*

Today we interviewed Madeleine and Claire Porter and they answered some of our questions about the skit that happens every day in the large group gathering.

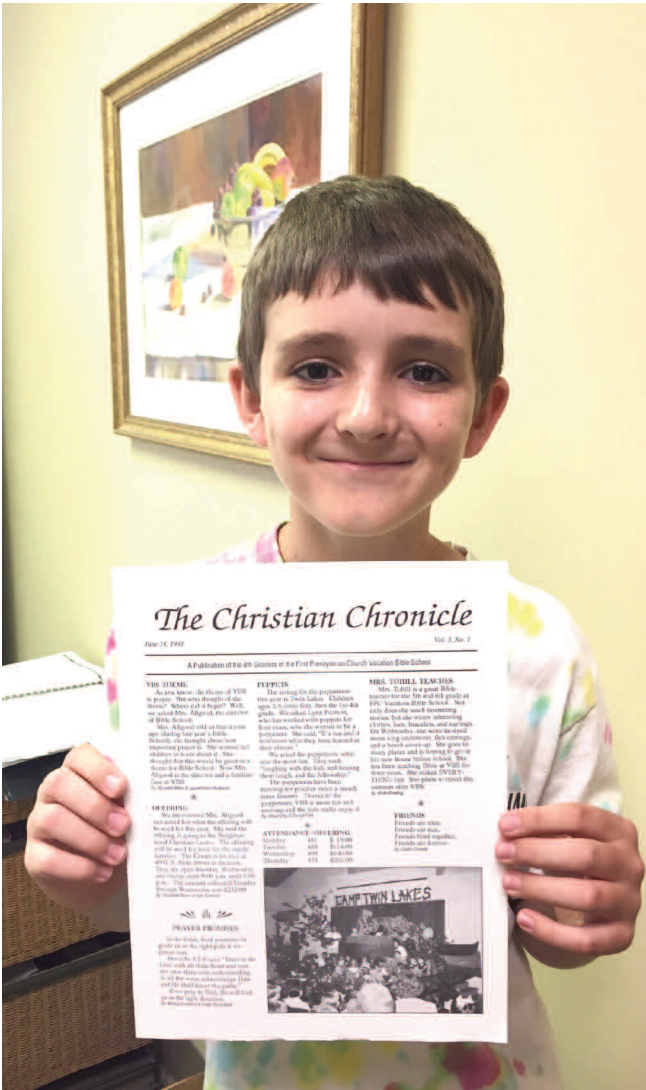
They said that sometimes it is a little nerve-racking but also fun to be in the skit.

They said that there are usually seven or six people in the skit. Cindy Davis, a former FPDS teacher, and a composer of many plays for the Day School, wrote the skit. It sounds really fun to be in the skit.

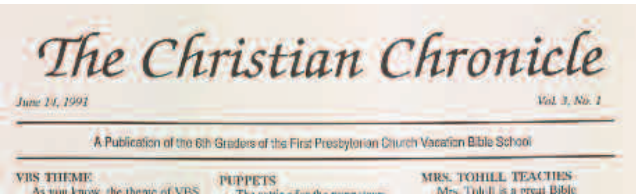
Madeleine and Claire have been in many plays between Jackson Prep and the community, including The Jungle Book, The Sound of Music, Mash, Pieces of My Heart, Legally Blonde and The Little Mermaid. Both girls have done many drama classes and workshops.VBS is fortunate to have such good actresses!

The setting of the skit is a music classroom, and it is about a boy named Andy, who is very full of himself!!! Andy has to learn to give glory to God and be thankful for his abilities.

The skit is directed by Phyllis Seawright.



**Early days** | Wynn Oakley in the Historical ( or is it called History Room) at First Presbyterian looking for information on FPC Bible School history. He and William Pierce were looking for old photographs or articles about FPC VBS programs in the past. They did find a newsletter from a 1991 Bible School. Donna Dobbs guesses that First Presbyterian has been doing VBS programs since the early 1900's.



Fun Facts about First Pres VBS

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years and has served thousands of children through the years. Here are the statistics for this year, or in other words here are the numbers that make this week a wonderful week!

Total attendance: 536  
Teen Helpers: 60  
Children Present: 316

Teachers: 118  
Skit Helpers: 13  
Custodian Helpers: 9  
Kitchen Helpers: 5  
Playground workers: 5  
Nursery Workers: 10

Thanks to all who helped give their time to serve VBS 2016!





# Whatcha gonna make at craft central

By Josie Huff and Kimmons Sheppard  
*Staff Writers*

In the Crafts Room they get everything ready for crafts of all ages.

First and Second Grade make tambourines while the older grades make rain sticks.

The rain sticks were originally made by Native Americans. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not bow down to the king when there was great music in Babylon.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego honored God even when their lives were in danger. We made a musical instrument to demonstrate the music and how to worship God. The coolest craft of all are the rugs, made by the older kids, constructed from t-shirts. Though this is not the hardest craft, the loudest craft is the horn!



Emma Duncan Hogue and Caroline Odom.

# The Bookstore is a great place

By Emma Duncan Hogue and Caroline Odom | *Staff Writers*

Even when VBS is over you can still learn more about God during the summer. The FPC Bookstore has great books for all ages and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The bookstore has a lot of Bibles and devotional books like Heart of an Athlete; Devotions for the God Girl; The Jesus Storybook Bible; The Legend of the Three Trees; The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross; Heaven God's Promise for Me and Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing.

You should go visit and see these and other books!

Mrs. Beard works in the bookstore and can help you find just the right book to help you grow your faith!

# Make a joyful noise. Sing!

By Ella Thomas and Ava Dea  
*Staff Writers*

We talked to one of the singers, Mrs. Lou Ann Flatgard, about what the kids learn and sing in 'Gather Together Time'. Mrs. Flatgard said they were learning Psalm 100 and singing fun songs that glorify God. The theme of VBS and the main focus of 'Gather Together Time' is making a joyful noise unto the Lord. The kids get to go in the large group for 25 minutes. It is full of fun songs praising God.

Mrs. Flatgard is great in front of a crowd. She is a former high school cheerleader and she is still very joyous, active and happy. She also sings in the church choir. She likes to have fun and share the love of Christ.

The skit teaches children to be kind and humble. It also teaches kids to use their talents to praise God.

(picture of Lou Ann being interviewed; picture of large group with her leading)



Lou Ann Flatgard

# Yum! Refreshments!

By Margaret Oliver and Bella Sushenia  
*Staff Writers*

Many things are happening for VBS refreshments. Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Cotton plan the 5th and 6th grade snack. Having a special snack for the older grades gives younger kids something to look forward to, and it makes the 5th and 6th grade time special. Mrs. Turner plans all the teacher snacks. The teacher snacks are awesome and the snack room is always crowded with lots of visiting and hungry teachers! (So that's where they are!!!!)

Other snack helpers are Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Cleland, and Mrs. Saxon. There have been many fun snacks for the kids. Some of the snacks are donuts, Oreos, cokes, chicken biscuits, popcorn, and more. Teachers and kids have enjoyed these fun breaks and thank everyone for going the extra mile to make things so tasty!