



# Blackhawk Community Church Newsletter July 2022

For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to Him? Deuteronomy 4:7, NRSV

## SPECIAL DATES

Church Council Meeting	July 5
Don Bovenschulte's birthday party	July 10
Emmaus gathering at our church	July 15
Vacation Bible School	July 24-28

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, JULY 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

All are welcome and encouraged to come.  
The next council meeting will be AUG 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DON!

We will be celebrating Don's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 10<sup>th</sup> after

Sunday morning service

Sandwiches, Iced tea, Lemonade and birthday cupcakes will be provided.

Please bring a salad or side dish.

No presents but birthday cards are welcomed.



Lord Jesus, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to

strive for justice for all, at home and abroad.

Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that **YOUR** goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair.

Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are).



On Independence Day and every day, “O let us ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

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## THE CHOSEN

series is every Sunday evening at our church at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please see Scott Brock.

“I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord’s side.”

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.” - Abraham Lincoln

“Ruth once wrote, “Dear Journal, Never let a single day pass without saying an encouraging word to each child . . . ‘More people fail for lack of encouragement,’ someone wrote, ‘than for any other reason.’” - Billy Graham

## UPCOMING 2022 FALL EMMAUS WALKS

**Men's Fall Walk - September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Women's Fall Walk - October 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>**

All Walks and Flights will be held at the Clay City Free Methodist Campground, Clay City, IN (Clay County).

If you have been on an Emmaus Walk and would like to participate as a worker, go to [elshaddaiemmaus.org](http://elshaddaiemmaus.org)

Click on Walk Information

Then click on Application Forms

Then click on Team Application and print.

If you would like to experience this amazing event as a Pilgrim, go to [elshaddaiemmaus.org](http://elshaddaiemmaus.org)

Click on Walk Information

Then click on Application Forms

Then click on Pilgrim Application

Everyone who would like to experience a Walk needs a sponsor. Several of our church members have gone on this walk and would be thrilled to sponsor you!

It's a fun, tender time and a refreshing like few others, don't miss it!

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## EMMAUS GATHERINGS

**These gatherings are wonderful opportunities for those who have enjoyed the amazing Walks to come together with thankful hearts.**

**July 15, 2022 7:00 p.m.**

**BLACKHAWK COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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*The glory of corporate worship is the dynamic to the midst of the saints that cannot be experienced fully by those who may view a webcast.*

*May we experience worship services that have people saying,*

*"You had to be there!" By Bob Sorge*

*Thank you Pastor Joe and the Praise Team for being led by the Holy Spirit!*

## COMMITTED TO THE GRAVE

Hemet, California was once known for gang activity and drug business. The gang activity was so widespread that it wasn't uncommon to see three generations of one family with membership in the most pervasive group, the First Street Gang. The violence was so rampant that even police officers wouldn't go into the area without back up. Nine methamphetamine labs supplied more than a million people a year. The dominant religion was Scientology and a meditation center stood as the centerpiece of the town, a symbol of the New Age fetish. A spirit of competition, particularly among the pastors, marked the Christian community. Known as a pastor's graveyard, Hemet was the last place most pastors wanted to be in ministry.

God called the Becketts to this valley, but they didn't want to be there. When they arrived, they didn't even unpack their bags, hoping God would let them leave. But they were soon assured this was God's calling on their lives. To show their commitment to God's Word, the Becketts bought a cemetery plot as a way of saying, "There's no way out. Unless God tells us differently, we will die here".

In the years since their commitment to God's leading and with the help of other area pastors, Hemet has completely changed. Cult membership has sunk to less than .003 percent of the population. First Street Gang members have gotten saved and disbanded the group. The drug trade has dropped by 75 percent. Even the New Age Meditation Center was demolished by a fire that didn't destroy anything else. Government officials, officers, and teachers have gotten saved. Hemet schools used to be the laughing stock of California and now have the highest scores and lowest drop-out rates. Churches and pastors aren't competing anymore, they are coming together to build the kingdom of God. All because of an unrelenting commitment to obedience.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>- 28<sup>TH</sup> - 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM  
CLOSING PROGRAM JULY 29 - 6:30 PM  
AGES 2 THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

High school and adult volunteers needed to assist in station rotation. Please text your name to volunteer or if you have questions to Kristy McCullough 812-249-5497.

**NOTES FROM KRISTY McCULLOUGH**

We will begin each evening with our opening ceremony by singing together, we state our Pledges, collect an offering, watch a skit and then divide into three groups.

Group One – Beginning with age 2 - Pre-K

Group Two – K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Group three – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.

Groups will be adjusted to equal children out as needed. We no longer have a teen class but I will divide them to assist with groups as needed. They will still be able to participate in all the rotations.

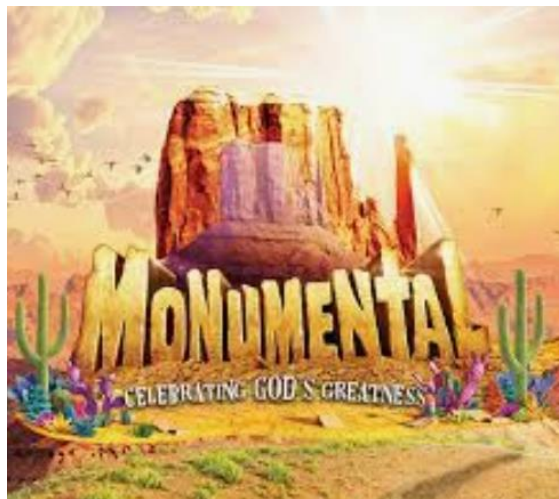
Groups are not set in stone. Siblings and friends may stay together when needed but the attendance book needs to be informed for counts.

**GROUPS ROTATE THROUGH  
THREE STATIONS:**

Crafts  
Bible Story  
Snack time

Deanna Lawson will instruct crafts. Crafts will have two items most days, one peel and stick and one to color. They will also decorate t-shirts to wear to the closing program.

Snacks will have a prepackaged choices with Kool-Aid and water options each day.



We will watch for food allergies and adjust snacks if needed. Please let leaders know if a child has food allergies.

Children will receive a Bible buddy character and watch a video about the Bible point of the day. Janice Pender will lead the Bible buddy lesson.

The Bible story lesson will be given by Jane Lee and assistants. She will instruct the daily Bible story adjusted to the age of the group but adults will be blessed by her lesson also!

Everyone gathers back into the sanctuary for the closing program. We will sing and watch a kid's video about the daily lesson and dismiss VBS from the sanctuary. Parents and adults are always welcome to stay and rotate with children! Please remember to respect the children and not disrupt with socialization during or at stations.



**GROUP LEADERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE THREE GROUPS.**

Three volunteers are needed every night to guide children to stations and closing program. It is best to have one contact person for each group.

Group leaders have the role of loving on the children! Show them God's LOVE and demonstrate Godly attitudes! Are you up for the task?

You have been guided by Jesus and the Holy Spirit! Your wholehearted participation in every activity will say so much to them.

Remember VBS is about making connections with God and having fun while doing so! Help kids discover that God is monumental!

His love  
His power  
His plans for our lives  
His forgiveness

These will focus on one important Bible truth each day.

God loves you no matter what  
God is with you everywhere  
God is in charge  
God is stronger than anything  
God is surprising

Decorations have been ordered. I would like to start preparing the church to decorate July 10<sup>th</sup> after Sunday service. Then decorate Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> around noonish till late evening and wrap up on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone who is available.

We will be decorating early due to Kristy being out of town July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Seeing the decorations up early might

encourage excitement for the families to bring their children to VBS.

Be in prayer about our VBS. It's so important to show the love of Jesus to these children.

**IMPORTANT NOTE – NEEDED WITH REGISTRATION:**

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS  
FOOD ALLERGIES  
SHIRT SIZE  
ADULT SHIRTS FOR SALE AT \$15.00 EACH**

**HOORAY FOR VBS!**

For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"

