



# YAC CALENDAR

## Children's Sunday School

Sunday School meets every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday after the Children's Moment at the 11 AM Service.

**NOAH'S EXTREME SPLASH ENCOUNTER**

**AUGUST 1ST 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**DETAILS INSIDE!**


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August 1<sup>ST</sup> - see inside!   
RSVP July 26th





# Youth Alive in Christ news

for children and youth of bluffton united methodist church  
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## CAMP E.D.G.E - experience+discover GOD everywhere

Hey campers! Thanks for coming to Camp E.D.G.E. and to all of those parents and people who made it successful. On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, it was our extreme pleasure to lead the congregation in worship and song and share our Extreme Expeditions! How many Scripture Checkpoints and EDGE Pledges do you remember???

### Trek to the Promised

Scripture Checkpoint:  
Isaiah 41:10 Do not be afraid for I am with you  
EDGE Pledge:  
God is With Me. I will stay close to God

### Trek to Bethlehem

Scripture Checkpoint:  
Isaiah 48:17b I am the Lord your God who teaches you for your own good and leads you in the way you should go.  
EDGE Pledge:  
God guides me. I will follow

### Trek to the Pharisee's House

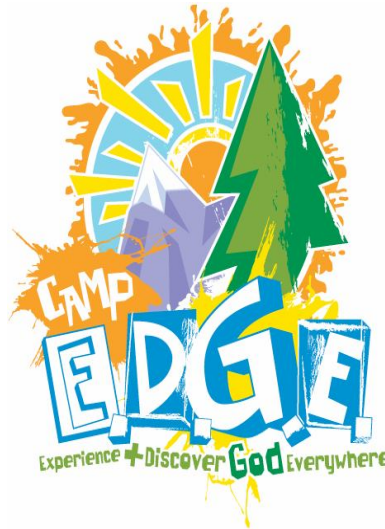
Scripture Checkpoint:  
John 13:13 You call me Teacher and Lord and you are right, for that is what I am  
EDGE Pledge:  
God teaches me. I will learn.

### Trek to the Upper Room

Scripture Checkpoint:  
John 15:12 This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.  
EDGE Pledge:  
God Loves me. I will love God and others

### Trek to Galilee

Scripture Checkpoint:  
Mark 16:15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."  
EDGE Pledge:  
God sends me. I will go.



### How many did you remember?

There are 10 scriptures and pledges in all. What was your score?

Score	
1-3	Okay
4-6	Good
7-9	Terrific
10	Awesome!

E.D.G.E. campers - find your name!

### Toddlers & Two's

Audrey Atkins, Jeffrey Baughman, Julia Bledsoe, Aiden Bryant, Caroline Metz, Olivia Schoenstra

### Pre-school

Benjamin Atkins, Anthony Arias, Olivia Bledsoe, Casey Buck, Emily Davis, Halle Keefer, James Keefer, Lance Metz, Lilly Metz, Caroline Sapochak, Jones Saylor

### Kindergarten

Isabel Arias, Baylor Bryant, Kelsey Buck, Annabel Court, Bella Davis, Anna Schoenstra, Emma Schoenstra, Lillyana Vitiello, Justin Vitiello

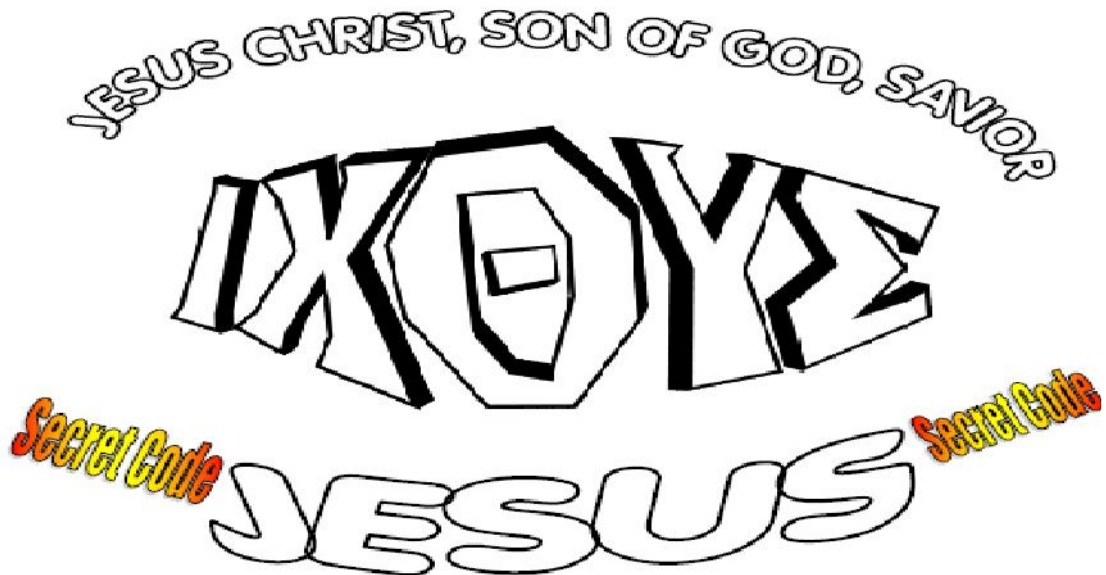
### Elementary

Millie Baughman, Dalton Chavis, Elijah Davis, Will Davis, Brody Morgan, Sarah Sapochak, Madison Shaw, Arlene Warner, Leah Warner, Jaida Young

## EXTREME JEAN REVEALS SECRET CODE

Extreme Jean was our Extreme Adventure Guide during Camp EDGE. Everyday she gave us another piece of the secret code which was a Greek Letter. Finally, on the last day, we found out the secret code. Do you remember the secret code?

Hint: It swims in the ocean!!!! That's right it is the Jesus Fish also called the ICHTHYS (ik-thoos) and the secret code for the Greek letters is Jesus, Christ, Son of God, Savior! Can you draw a fish around the Greek Letters and color all of the letters????? Cut it out and put it on the fridge in the kitchen.



## Made to Heal

Have you ever wondered why a cut stops bleeding on its own? If you poke a hole in the bottom of a water bottle, the water leaks out until the bottle is empty — why don't cuts do the same thing? The easy answer is that our blood clots and forms a scab. Simple, right? Wrong! How does your blood know to form a clot? What triggers the process to stop the bleeding? Psalm 139:14 tells us that we are **"fearfully and wonderfully made,"** and we can see a perfect example of that when we look at the way blood cells clot. The way our blood clots is further proof that our bodies didn't evolve by random chance. Instead they were created by an Intelligent Designer, God.

**Think about it:** How long would it have taken for our bodies to "evolve" to a state where blood clots formed to stop bleeding? Evolutionists would say this incredibly complex process would have evolved over millions of years. What about all the cuts that occurred during those millions of years? Wouldn't everybody have died by bleeding out —

sort of like the water bottle? The blood clot is too complex to have happened by chance. Isn't it amazing how God designed our bodies to take care of and heal themselves?

E.D.G.E PRAISE TEAM  
A FIRST AT B.U.M.C.

What an incredible Praise Team we had for Camp E.D.G.E.! Leah Warner, Arlene Warner, Sarah Sapochak and Millie Baughman were the first ever Praise Team at Bluffton UMC. The team practiced for four weeks, learning all of the words, tunes and movements to four cool contemporary praise songs, "Livin' on the EDGE", "Friend of God", "Love the Lord" and "God is Good". The Campers had so much fun following the team and learned the motions much faster because of them. We thank the VBS Praise team for sharing their talents and helping us Praise and Worship God. You will be seeing more of the Praise Team at the Youth Events. We need more team members. If you would like to join, please call or ask Ms. Cecil 705-4126. If you would like a Camp E.D.G.E CD, please ask Ms. Cecil for one.



# NOAH'S EXTREME SPLASH ENCOUNTER!!

**New!**  
Noah's Extreme Splash Encounter  
an interactive drama

**Eats!**  
Sandwiches, frozen treats and other junk!

games and more games!  
Ice Cube Relay, Exterminator,  
Water Balloons, Bucket Brigade

**New!**  
**TWIGS** - The Word is Good Stuff  
Interpreting scripture and song with dowel rods  
and sticks - really cool!!

**Date and Time:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Ticket to Play:** 11:30AM -Participate in Noah's Extreme Splash Encounter  
and TWIGS (a new way of using sticks to praise God)  
**RSVP - July 26th:** Call Ms. Cecil 705-4126 or put a note in the offering plate

EXTREME  
SPLASH  
HA- HA!!

Q: On what  
day do you  
need the most  
water?

A: Thirst-day!

Get it  
Thursday???

Ha-ha-ha-ha!!

Bring Beach Towel, Sponge, Small Squirt Gun, Detergent Bottle, Sand Bucket  
Wear T-shirts and Shorts - any water gear – **must** have some type of shoe on your feet!

## The Bible answer: How much does God love me?

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 118:1**

God's love is so much greater and more wonderful than the love we have for other people. God says in Jeremiah 31:3, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." God's love is so great that it lasts forever! His love for you will never end. There was never a time that God didn't love you. He loved you even before you were born. He loves you so much that He sent His perfect, only Son, the Lord Jesus, to die in your place on the cross. He has promised that if you believe in Jesus as your Savior, He will

someday take you to Heaven to live with Him forever. Can you see how much God loves you?

**TO DO:**  
**Find your Camp E.D.G.E. CD and sing "God is Good" with the motions. Teach it to your family and a friend.**  
(If you do not have a VBS CD, ask Ms. Cecil for a CD and she will help you with the motions.)

## SNOOP and WIN!!!



Did you ever notice colors change around our church? Snoop around! Check out the altar cloths in the hall closet; the praise streamer ribbons; the Cherub

Choir Stoles in the hanging garment rack in the hall. Call or tell Ms. Cecil the correct 4 colors and win a "big snoop prize" and get your name in the next Newsletter!!!

**Big Snoop Hint: Ask Ms. Ella**

