



FARMINGTON

New Vision

July 2026



Vacation Bible School Preschoolers

Snowball Mountain Challenge

BY REV. DR. BARB JOHNSON

During the week of June 8-12, we welcomed over 150 preschool and elementary students to Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School. We experienced cool winter activities in a hot and humid Memphis! Activities like running relay races under the sprinkler in games; watching Shrinky-dinks shrink in crafts; stacking and decorating powdered donuts into snowmen in snack; experimenting with refraction and light in science; singing, dancing, and playing instruments in music; and participating in Bible storytelling brought discovery and

laughter at Farmington all week. Over 30 volunteers from the church and the staff of Summer Camps worked together for a great week!

Our Snowball Mountain Motto for the week was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). This verse reminds us that, through Jesus, God's strength can help us do more than we ever thought possible. Each day we learned a Lift Lesson - a reminder of the lesson from the Bible Story.

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We can share our gifts. Joseph's interpretation of dreams invites us to use our gifts to help others.



We can be brave. Esther's story teaches us that we can call on community to join us in prayer and lean on God for courage to do the right thing.



We can give our all. Children considered how what they do is important in God's Kingdom through the account of the Widow's Coin.



We can pray. Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane lets us know that God's strength helps us in challenging times.



We can hope. Peter and John healing the man at the Temple gate shows us we can have hope even when we face a big challenge.



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**I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME!**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



Farmington Day School

hello
SUMMER

June has flown by with lots of excitement, fun and learning! Some of the highlights included cotton candy, bounce house, splash days, water slides, field trips, pizza and kona ice. The children also enjoyed Vacation Bible School. The church and volunteers did a fantastic job and we appreciate all the hard work.

We are going to kick off July with a Team USA theme. Magic Mr. Nick is coming with his giant bubbles for a bubble day for all the kids to enjoy. We will also have a visit from the Great American Cookie Company Ice Cream truck.

The following week's theme is Camping and S'mores. We will make sun catchers, make s'mores and the older kids will visit Donut Hutt to learn how donuts are made and they will get to decorate their delicious fresh donuts!

Week 7 is Artist Studio and this is always a fun and creative week. We will use all kinds of art materials to create and make our own personal masterpieces.

We will end Summer Camp 2026 with Superhero Training camp. We are going to learn how to be superheroes. Ms. Lisa our favorite face painter will be visiting to turn our campers into their favorite superheroes. The older kids are going to train like superheroes when they visit the Ninja gym.

The last week of July the school will be closed. We will be hosting teacher in-service and gearing up for Back to School!

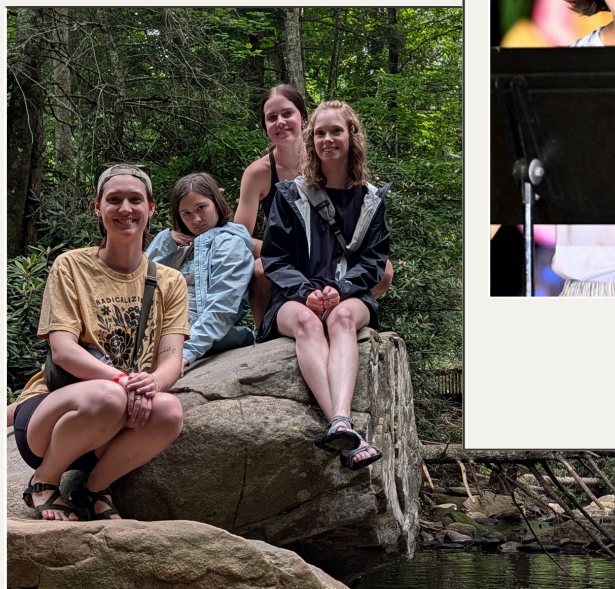
We want to sincerely thank all our staff, families and kiddos for another fun and exciting summer! Stay cool!

Ms. Gretchen & Ms. Andrea



Montreat Youth Conference

June was a "wonder"ful month for the youth, between volunteering for VBS and attending the Montreat Youth Conference! This year's MYC theme was Wonder & Wander, with the youth doing a lot of both during their trip! The youth listened to powerful keynote speakers and worship leaders, participated in robust small group discussion, and engaged fully with the day's topics in back home meetings. During free time they paddle-boated around Lake Susan, shopped for snow cones and thrift in Black Mountain, rock-hopped chilly mountain creeks, and more.



Presbyterian Women



The women of the church offered prayer shawls during the service on May 31.

Session Updates

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, July 26, for the purpose of receiving and acting on a report of the Nominating Committee. The nominations for those to serve as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2029 are: Elizabeth Demaree, Rebecca Hutchins, and Don Mitchell. Additional nominations will be accepted during the meeting if there are any. If you would like to make a nomination, please secure the nominee's agreement to serve prior to the meeting.

Session Members

Pastor	Rev. Rebecca Luter
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson
Administration	Mike Colley
Congregational Life	Elizabeth Demaree
Christian Education	Liv Palmer
Clerk	Laurinda Ingram
Discipleship	Charlie Smithers
Property & Grounds	Bob Plotner
School Board	Tom Moots
Service	Madi Lewis
Treasurer	Jackie Hall
Worship	Paula Gale

Fellowship Coffee

Sign up now to host on July 19.

On the third Sunday of the month, members of the congregation help serve a simple after worship snack in the Fellowship Hall. We simply ask that one person bring savory items and another bring sweets.

Nothing fancy is required! Sign up at farmingtonpres.org/sign-ups or contact Elizabeth Demaree.



Presbyterian Youth

Youth Sunday School

Students in 6th-12th grades have Sunday School from 10am-10:45am in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship

Summer youth activities are subject to change based on the availability of some very busy kids! For youth event updates, contact Davis at davis@farmingtonpres.org or (901) 482-2503.

July Birthdays

- 2 Scott Hutchins
- 4 Meg Williams
- 4 Annette Main
- 7 Stephanie Nagel
- 14 Catherin Laycook
- 16 Vickie Street
- 17 Judith Cassidy
- 21 Polly Knight
- 24 Carolyn Demaree
- 24 Susan Bryant
- 25 Jonas Haguewood
- 26 Jim Thrash
- 29 Emma VanFrank

Adult Sunday School is on Summer Break until August.





Sunday Worship Online

Don't miss worshipping with your Farmington family. Join us on Sunday mornings for worship online. Click *Worship With Us!* at farmingtonpres.org or go to www.youtube.com/farmingtonpresbyterian. All services are archived and available on our YouTube channel. Subscribe to be notified when we are live or when a video is posted.

Flower Signups

Honor a loved one, remember a dearly departed one, thank a friend, or celebrate an occasion by providing flowers for worship.

To sign up, visit farmingtonpres.org. At the top right, click *Sign Ups*, then click the *Sunday Flowers* icon. The cost for two arrangements is \$60. You may take them home after worship, but please return the silver urns.

Staff Extensions

Pastor	Rev. Rebecca Luter, Ext. 3134
Associate Pastor	Rev. Dr. Barb Johnson, Ext. 3130
Youth Director	Davis Howe, (901) 482-2503
Financial Records Keeper	Polly Knight, Ext. 3136
Church Office Administrator	Renee Abel, Ext. 3131
Day School Director	Gretchen Burch, Ext. 3132
Assistant Day School Director	Andrea Soto, Ext. 3138
Maintenance Technician	Anthony Jones



Content for the August New Vision newsletter is due Friday, July 24. Email articles, photos, and event information to church@farmingtonpres.org