

# Church

## Summer Bible School

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BISHOP WEBB

Vacation Bible School is a boy and girl, man and woman, learning to pray when others pray. It is a time — the first time — some pupils learn that God loves them; it is the first time a youngster hears the name of Jesus spoken reverently.

Vacation Bible School is our Church planning for months, how it can serve its youth. It is preparation meetings, orders for supplies (when you hope there will be enough), pleas for teachers to give cheerfully of their time, without pay.

It is an opportunity during the year when parents see for themselves that people are concerned enough about the eternal destiny of their boys and girls, to give hours of effort to teach them to know and to love the sweetest name in any language — Jesus. It is hope — a hope that the

days spent in Vacation Bible School may be a turning point for a Paul, a Timothy, a Simon Peter, or an Alexander Campbell disguised in blue jeans and a tee shirt.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "JESUS, I BELIEVE IN YOU." Our theme text is "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through His name." John 20:31.

Our goals for this year are: (1) The student will know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; (2) the student will believe that Jesus has all power in heaven and in earth; and (3) the student will respond to Jesus, God's wonderful Son.

Each student will be taught about Jesus' power through such Bible (See Bishop, page 18)

# Are You A Chicken Or A Soaring Eagle?

By Rev. Charles Wyatt

Are we symbolically like the eagle or are we like a chicken caught in a wind gust, feathers all ruffled up and blown up against the chicken coop? Are we spreading our wings with grace and strength into the wind to glide gracefully through its ravages.

God gave us His Son to save us from the strong winds that blow against us? Are we America, one nation under God, or like a chicken with its head off, flopping about dying and lost from the Grace of God to live free as the eagle, but as gentle as a dove?

Must we become the chicken of the world and have our heads cut off before we open our eyes and hearts to give room for God to come in? (K.J.V. John 4:24 — God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Is the Spirit of the

chicken or is the Spirit of the eagle, our image to other Americans?

Are we too chicken to obey God who said, "And behold a voice out of the cloud, which said "This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; Hear Him." This was part of Matt. 17:5 — K.J.V. Or are we brave and strong and keen-sighted like the eagle? A lot to think about!

The disciples of that day with Jesus fell on their faces and were so afraid. So Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise and be not afraid."

Yes, America, let us call on God to lift us up like the eagle, strong and keen of hearing and sight; let us not be too chicken to stand up for God.

Forget not that Jesus said, "This is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many. (Mark 14:24; Part, K.J.V.)



REV. WYATT

Have we been drinking chicken blood at our suppers? God forbid!

Jesus said to Apostle Paul (Acts 18: 9, 10), "Be not afraid, but speak; Hold not thy peace: For I am with thee and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have many people in this city."

Did Jesus Christ die in vain for us here in America or will these words catch the eagle eye of some Godly Christ filled men who know the kingdom of God is in all mankind?

Questions that are sharper than a two edged sword, but we must not let truth vanish from our thoughts.

In God we live and breathe, yet some act like they can not find Him and will not let Him in. To truly know God on a personal basis is His will, but is it ours in truth?

The Sadducees and Pharisees put Jesus Christ in prison by using the power of the written law without mercy and He was taken out and put to death, but God lifted Christ up to watch over us like an eagle high above us. He sees every free man and every prisoner. Would an eagle swoop down and devour a chicken?

The Book of Revelations tells of many who are too chicken to let go and let God be their God. But they will be like a chicken in the eyes of an eagle as it swoops down to end the (See Rev. Wyatt, page 18)

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