

# June 2019



**June Memory Verse:**

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

—2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

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This month **Golden Heirs** will meet on **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly fellowship meal. It should be a lot of fun! There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish! If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 3-7** VBC Work Week
- June 7-9** VBC Family Weekend
- June 8** Blake Dailey and Lauren Waller’s Wedding in LR
- June 9-13** VBC Junior Week
- June 16-24** VBC Teen Week
- June 16** Father’s Day



## AWANA Awards Ceremony

By Natalie Butcher



On May 1st, the annual AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) Awards Ceremony was held to honor the achievements of our students and to thank and recognize our adult leaders.

The evening was kicked off by AWANA Commander, Vicki Evans, then Kingston Webb-Washington opened the service in prayer. Throughout the evening students led those in attendance in the different pledges that are recited, verses, books of the Bible, and songs from the AWANA program.



Blake Dailey, Marrable Hill Chapel Youth Pastor and Victory Bible Camp Director, was the guest speaker for this year's ceremony. He taught the students and adults that we all have sinned and make mistakes. He used an example from his bio at the back of the program having his age wrong — how even he makes mistakes like

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## Ladies Day Out (April)

By Deanna Hopson



On Saturday, April 27, the MHC Ladies went on an outing to the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta River Nature Center at Pine Bluff. There was a total of 15 ladies on this trip. We first spent some time inside the center looking at the snakes commonly found in Arkansas. Jason Hooks, the center's manager, was our guide and educator.

The building itself was very nice. There was a beautiful tile mosaic on the floor that was a map of the river delta.

We started our outside tour viewing an alligator sunning himself and a surprisingly large alligator snapping turtle submerged in their shared pool. We then moved on to see 3 rescued American Bald Eagles. It was fascinating to see them up close. Due to their injuries they would not be able to survive out in nature. One of the older eagles has been there for 28 years.



After a vote we opted for the longer board walk tour that looped out into the wetland for half a mile.

It was a nice stroll under the trees. We saw huge Cottonwoods and

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## AWANA Leader's Appreciation Dinner

By Joan Hershberger

Heavy winds and rain hovered over the area the afternoon before the AWANA leader's appreciation dinner. Watching the sky, listening to the reports and thinking safety, Director Vicki Evans still welcomed 90 percent of the expected for a chicken dinner. Vicki made cheese cake desserts and strawberry shortcakes.

She also welcomed us with a room decorated with balloons and other décor in the AWANA primary colors of red, yellow, blue and green. Of course, being Vicki, we also had fun games before we reviewed the year and talked a bit about next year. Cheryl McKinnon did not win any prizes, but her daughter, Whitney, assured her that she would be receiving the potted flowers for Mother's Day and her husband Larry said that the candy he won for guessing the correct amount was also her Mother's Day gift. Whitney pocketed the \$5 in the Hot Potato Easter Egg Toss. Three other folks went home with potted mums.

Vicki thanked everyone for their contributions through the year, "I could not do it without you coming to teach, listen and lead the games." She also recognized church secretary Natalie Butcher for all the behind the scenes work and preparation that she contributes every week.

Vicki had prepared bags of small items to show her appreciation with a greeting she prepared.



## Sunday School — Fellowship Class

By Ruth Guinn

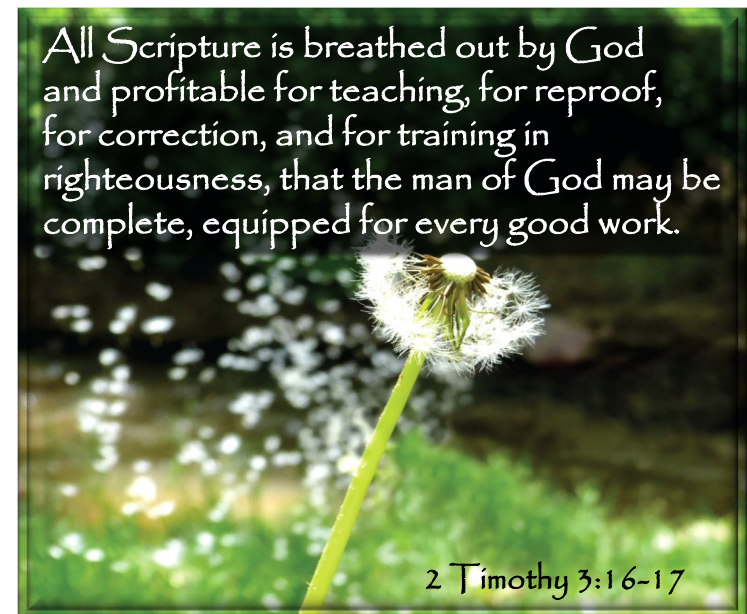


Patty Walker is the teacher of the Fellowship Class. She grew up as a missionary kid in Colombia, South America. At the age of 14, she began attending Marrable Hill Chapel. She became a member while at college.

Patty has been teaching this class since 2007. It is a class of men & women with a lot of love for Jesus and others. They meet at 9:30am in the Little Chapel (Main Room) and they would love to welcome you to their class. This quarter they will be studying the book of Genesis.



For those of you who don't attend Sunday School, you are missing out on bonding with others and learning to live more like Jesus. Please come join the Fellowship Class or any of our other classes! You won't regret it!!





## Golden Heirs

By Joan Hershberger

Joe and Nadine Williams pulled one out of the hat in May. At the last minute both their planned music and speaker were unable to attend. Still they decorated the table and room with a theme of spring: flowers, little watering cans and baby chicks.

Joe read from a book he received earlier from Phoebe of amusing stories. Each one he had chosen brought a chuckle. He also pulled out his favorite DVD music video of the Collingsworth family playing the piano and violin. Some challenged Nadine to play the piano that fast.



With last minute request to share a devotional, Jerry Purtle spoke from his recent studies from Isaiah and compared Israel's wickedness to that in the United States and projected the same harsh consequences if we ignore the consequences for refusing to honor God.



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 🔊 **bags** instead of desserts. Thank you for providing 🔊  
 🔊 desserts throughout the year and donations to the 🔊  
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Box Elders. We also saw a former State Champion Toothache tree the was felled in a storm. We did see a few snakes below us on the marshy ground.



Out on the river we observed some ducks and generally enjoyed the

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peaceful setting.

We headed back home after eating lunch, making a keepsake snakeskin bookmark, touring the indoor exhibit of stuffed animals found in our state and watching colorful songbirds at the bird feeders at the back of the Center.

As usual, the conversation and fellowship, even in the vans as we traveled, made for a very enjoyable day. Thank, Laura Rogers, for arranging another fun outing!

**(As of May 24th, the center is closed until further notice due to flooding.)**



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not being able to get HIS OWN age right. (I was actually the one that changed his age, but God was able to use the mistake to help explain sin. Like Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”) The students did a great job responding to Blake’s presentation.



After the talk, the leaders were recognized for their years of service. It was amazing to see how long some of our leaders have worked in AWANAs — Vicki Evans and Joe Williams have worked for **29** years! Many others have worked 10+ years! It shows the kind of love and dedication that our leaders have to our kids.



Clubbers were also presented their awards — AWANA attendance, uniform, Sunday School attendance, and book work. Chloe Price received the Sparky Award, Sparky Doll and pin for completing all three books. Ashton Bailey received the “Timothy Award” for completing all four of the AWANA T&T books. For



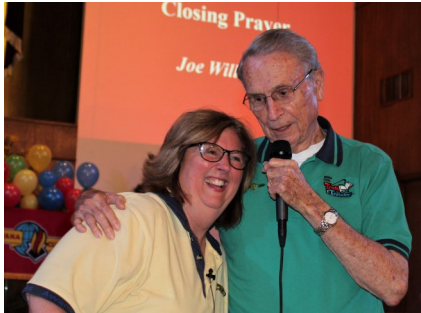
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Sparks, Hailynn Howe and Ryker Nations received special Sparks recognition. The Clubber of the Year Awards were given to Ashton Bailey and Stella Martinez.



Before Joe Williams closed the program in prayer, he recognized and gave a gift from the leaders to Vicki Evans for her hard work and leadership as the AWANA Director.

This year was great! We can't wait to see what God will do next year!

**Zac Shepperson and Family  
(MHC Supported Missionaries)**

Zac, Kim, and their kids are missionaries in Slovakia and are supported by the Marrable Hill Chapel Faith Promise Fund. Their second daughter, Gwyneth, graduated from a Slovakian High School this year. Zac and Gwyneth will be in El Dorado from June 15th to July 20th so that Gwyneth can obtain a US driver's license for college this fall.



Below is an update from the Sheppersons:

**“TEAM TRAININGS**

In February, local church youth ministry teams from around Slovakia gathered to focus on vision and practical goals. Each team followed a specific track tailor made for their maturity and stage of ministry development. Teamwork as opposed to a one man show, is one of our core ministry training values.

In March, David and Mary Swain, our friends from Greenville, South Carolina, joined us at our national youth leaders conference (KPM). It was a very special opportunity for us to host them in our home (as they have done for us so many times in their home) and introduce them to our lives and ministry. The Conference was amazing with over 650 leaders from all over Slovakia. David and Mary spent a number of hours counseling young leaders and married couples.”

