



## Pastoral CARE

Minister Robyn Jackson

As we all know, life is filled with a roller coaster of events. We have our highs, our lows, and the bumps we must get over; but the good news is we don't have to get over these bumps alone. God has called us to walk beside those who are struggling, hurting, or just in need of someone to talk with. These last few months, I have had the blessing of walking with some of you over the bumps. I have had the honor of getting to know some of you that I had never met, and for those of you I have known, I have had the opportunity to get to know you better. For that, I thank each of you.

God laid on my heart many years ago, a love for people; all people. As Director of Pastoral Care, it is my privilege to come alongside you in ministry, in love, and in friendship. I would love to get to know those of you who I have not yet had the opportunity to meet or spend time with. If you would like prayer, if you have personal issues

you would like to discuss and seek guidance on, if you are mourning a loss, or even if you just would like to get to know me better, please, do not hesitate to call the church and let them know you would like to speak with me; no explanation needed, just leave them your name and number and I will get back to you within 24 hours.

As I said on Sunday, this church is a family. I pray you will allow me to come into your life as a sister in Christ to get over the bumps and share in the highs and lows.

May God bless you,  
Minister Robyn Jackson

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**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Phil 2:3-4**



It's a bittersweet thought: The Time Lab is closed because Vacation Bible School is over.

Exactly 125 students were registered for Time Lab! Nearly 70 volunteers welcomed the students, taught them new songs, played games, completed crafts, read the Bible, served snacks, and so much more. Items were donated, resources were shared, prayers were prayed, and time and money were given to help put together an amazing week for the kids who came through our doors. Praise God for His provision and guidance in every part of VBS!

As I shared with our team of leaders and volunteers, my favorite part of VBS is the unity that we feel after giving our best effort in teamwork. Living Springs, I love serving with you! And I love hearing your stories of how you've become friends with some that were on-

ly familiar faces before. It's been my prayer that new friendships and discipleship opportunities would evolve. Think of the greater impact we can make for the Kingdom as we serve together!

Thank you to everyone who played a role in this ministry. Thank you for praying, collecting craft supplies, giving money, driving to purchase supplies and snacks, picking up, assembling and dismantling the set, sweeping the floors, fielding phone calls, offering words of encouragement to me. Thanks to those who walked groups of kids around the building, took pies in the face, planned and prepped lessons and crafts, cared for our volunteers' babies, and gave 100% of your energy. It's been awesome, and now I'll take a nap!

Ever so grateful,  
Cristin Verver  
VBS Director

# August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jayden Aardsma <i>Nicholas &amp; Melanie Doornbos</i>	2 Jim Aggen Elizabeth Roe	3 <i>Earnest &amp; Yetunde Samuels</i> <i>Ryan &amp; Cristin Verver</i>	4 Rachele Alessandrini Ernest Castle Nicole St. Victor Reuben Samuels <i>Scott &amp; Lyn</i>
5	6 Barb Cianchetti Curtis Wright <i>Andrew &amp; Stephanie DeYoung</i>	7 <i>Mel &amp; Ev Webb</i>	8 Patrick Biegler <i>William &amp; Carolyn Hundt</i> <i>Will &amp; Betsy Neibert</i>	9 Terry Keilman	10 Laura Aboagye Polly Thrall	11 Lynn Scheutzow <i>Edward &amp; Tiffany Fynn</i>
12 George Jackson Sean Mac Cormack Ed Stroh <i>Bob &amp; Karla</i>	13 Ella Jane Biegler Evelyn Hales <i>John &amp; Becki Hackett</i>	14 Marilyn Brown Christine Bush Joanne Reder Michelle Stark	15	16 <i>Milton &amp; Hardashi Carter</i> <i>Tony &amp; Lynn Graves</i>	17 Rachel Injerd Autumn Williams <i>James &amp; Megan Zirbel</i>	18 Kyla Carter Caleb Izenbart Ryan Verver
19 JoAnn LaVette Shelby Orr	20 Mary Rimdzius Greg St. Victor	21 Zenda Brown Isabel Sebastian <i>Dan &amp; Lois Reagan</i>	22 Laianna Blackwell Karen Eenigenburg Elijah Toeset Yva Waita	23 Aaron Mabrey <i>Keith &amp; Ronica Williams</i>	24 Susan Visser	25 Laura Epey Cameryn Wright <i>Bob &amp; Mary Rimdzius</i> <i>Ed &amp; Gayle</i>
26 Linda Blue Hardashi Carter	27 Nate Simmons <i>Ed &amp; Linda Stroh</i>	28 Daniela Cordero Izaak Ebeywa Peter Johnson	29 Eric Krusza Kalel Maxey Stephanie Morris Linda Nunez Ev Webb <i>Gino &amp; Samantha Allen</i> <i>Keith &amp; Karen Eenigenburg</i>	30 Krystle Blue Lydia Derks Carol Injerd	31 <i>Adam &amp; Melissa Toeset</i> <i>Eddie &amp; Zetta Wiggins</i>	



## A CHURCH MOUSE

"There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart."

-Celia Thaxter