

Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church and Daybreak Camp/Vacation Bible School



Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church embraces Psalm 127:3-5 -- "Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward" -- and is passionate about providing spiritual educational resources for all children. This year, with the help of a Local Mission Grant, Sargent Memorial was blessed with the opportunity to once again provide a summer Daybreak Camp/Vacation Bible School. The combined Daybreak Camp/ Vacation Bible School served 20 - 25 local Washington, DC Ward 7 students from 8am to 4pm every day for a week in August. This year's theme was "Finding the Treasure of God's Amazing Grace". In addition to a hot breakfast and lunch, students

received Biblical lessons which focused on God's Promises and learning to trust the Word of God. The message of God as our loving Father who never breaks his promises was reinforced by the story of "Noah's Ark" as well as "Paul and the Shipwreck". Throughout the Camp, every opportunity was utilized for children to hear the Gospel with songs, crafts, games, scripture memorization and stories from the Bible.

Children were also given the opportunity to see God's grace outside the walls of the Church. The Camp took trips to a wildlife nature center, a local farm, as well as a library. At the wildlife center, children were able to learn about mammals, amphibians as well as reptiles that God created. At the farm, children were able to feed the chickens, goats, and cows and learned about their lifestyles; enabling them to see animals in an environment other than the dinner table. The children were also able to attend a workshop which shared what a wonderful world, God created and how the children in other countries, specifically "Japan", go to school. They had an opportunity to learn about the customs of Japan, and actually try on the clothes, shoes and book bags that Japanese children wear to school!



The week ended with a Family Fun Day trip to Pump It Up! (indoor recreational facility) as well as dinner and a Vacation Bible School Youth Revival. Parents and children enjoyed the time spent together. During the Youth Revival, Youth Pastor Anthony Hagler, from the City Sanctuary Church, provided a message on "Trusting God's Promises". At the end of the service Pastor Hagler prayed for the students for the upcoming school year.

All this was possible because of the presbytery's financial support,

together we are making a difference!