



THE F.I.S.H.

FELLOWSHIP IN SERVICE TO HIM



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Whether 1517 or 2017 it is still all about Jesus. VBS is all about connecting people to Jesus. And at the end of July Hope's Youth helped connect kids to Jesus. As crew leaders they led and participated in the fun and games, the bible studies and crafts helping these children learn about God, who is our fortress and strength. "Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense." So we raised our banners high in the sky and sang praises to "God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Another year another amazing VBS at Hope as we learned about The Lord who brings down walls (Joshua 6), who delivers us from enemies (2 Kings 18-19), whose Word reforms our lives (2 Kings 22-23), who comes to save (Luke 19), and give us the "win" on the cross and at the empty tomb (Luke 23-24)... *In Jesus, the victory is won!*

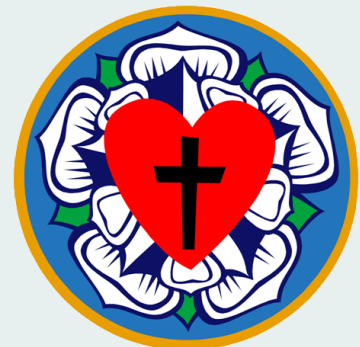


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## BEACH DAY



We weren't able to kickoff our summer at the beach, but we were able to kickoff the school year at Siesta Key. *Hurrah!* On the sand and salty sea we had a spectacular time. *Look at Joslin.* She is buried up to her head in fun...as well as sand (lol).

We also had a most interesting encounter in the water. While jumping over the waves and tossing the football, some of Hope's Youth notice something in the water. And while they tried to warn Pastor Shea, though he didn't take them seriously, the creature had no problem coming up behind him to give him a start. No it wasn't jaws—thankfully. It was a *manatee* and for about 30 minutes this manatee was swimming around with us.

After hours of fun in the sun, it was time to head back to Plant City, and on our way back made sure to stop and get some delicious Chick-fil-A, because what tastier way to end the day.



### WORD FROM



### MARTIN LUTHER

*Look! My God, without merit on my part, of His pure and free mercy, has given to me—an unworthy, condemned, and contemptible creature—all the riches of justification and salvation in Christ, so that I no longer need anything, except faith to believe that this is so. For such a Father, then, who*





## YOUTH-LED SERVICE

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month our *Living Hope Worship Service* is led by the Youth. This past month our Hope's Youth acted out the Gospel message from Matthew 14:22-33.

There in the deep of the night out on the sea amidst storm, with wind howling and waves crashing, a figure suddenly comes walking to the 12 on the water. In heart pounding terror they think it's a ghost. But Jesus bellows out *"Take heart—It is I! Don't be afraid."* In the midst of their fear our Lord speaks a word louder than the wind and more powerful than the waves, a word that penetrates their fear all the way to the disciples' hearts. And in the mist of all our fears, Jesus comes and He speaks the same to us: *"Take heart—It is I! Don't be afraid."*



Make sure to give a big, "THANK YOU!" to everyone who's graciously supported us through Butter Braids. Also, orders come in September 13,

so Youth, please, come by the Church Wednesday before 6:30 PM Living Hope Service to pick up your Butter Braid orders so you can begin distributing these delicious treats to our blessed supporters.

*has overwhelmed me with these inestimable riches of His, why should I not freely, cheerfully, and with my whole heart, and from voluntary zeal, do all that I know will be pleasing to Him and acceptable in his sight? I will therefore give myself as a sort of Christ, to my neighbor, as Christ has given Himself to me; and will do nothing in this life except what I see will be needful, advantageous, and wholesome for my neighbor, since by faith I abound in all good things in Christ.*

*(On the Freedom of the Christian, paragraph 28)*



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## FISH T.A.L.E

Reeling you in with all the happenings of Hope's Youth. Dedicated to encouraging, equipping, and casting youth out into the mission field—ready to give an answer for the HOPE they have within (1 Peter 3:15), in order to catch people with the gospel—to *Connect People To Jesus!*



## UPCOMING DATES



### Youth Led-Service

Wednesday, 9/20 from 6:00—7:30 PM

### Youth Group

Saturday, 9/23 @ Hope, 4:30—6:00PM

**Kayaking**  
**Hillsborough River**  
Saturday, 10/14



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