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## CIRMC 2021 Vacation Bible School

### JOHN GRAY MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (WEST BAY)



The John Gray Memorial Church held its VBS on July 12-16, 2021, (Mon.-Fri.) 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, focusing on the theme, **“Rocky Railway”** where everyone was able to learn about how Jesus’ power pull us through in anything in life.

The activities consisted of the children and volunteers rotating between stations such as Bible Adventures, Games, KidVid Cinema, Craft & Play, Imagination Station, the morning get-together known as “Sing & Play Express” and the afternoon closing known as “Rocky Wrap-Up.” A favorite was “Chew Chew Snacks” a.k.a. snack time, where each snack for the day related to theme/Bible point.



“Sing & Play Express” was a time where all children and volunteers/leaders came together to sing songs, learn about the day’s Bible point, Bible verse, and Bible buddy. “Rocky Wrap-Up” was held at the end of each day which included singing and reviewing the day’s activities.

A very important part of this year’s VBS was the “Operation Kid-2-Kid” feature which facilitated fundraising for “Feed Our Future Cayman.” (*“Feed Our Future Cayman” is a not for profit association with the primary mission of solving childhood hunger and supporting intellectual nourishment in the Cayman Islands through the funding of nutritionally balanced, low cost or free school meals to children in need both in public and private schools*) The funds raised through this activity will be presented to a representative of the organization in due time.

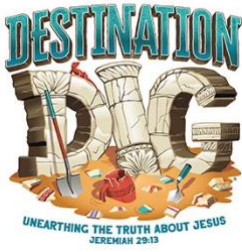


On average 38 children attended the activities each day and a total of 25 volunteers assisted throughout the week. After a year off due to COVID-19, the organizers decided to keep registration limited as there are still people who are concerned about transmission and proximity in an enclosed space. The congregation is hoping to get their usual, higher numbers of kids (around the 80s) next year.



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## WILLIAM POUCHIE MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (NORTH SIDE)



VBS 2021 was a joint mission between the William Pouchie Memorial United Church and the North Side Pilgrim Holiness Church where both congregations came together and shared in all areas of the VBS throughout the week.

The VBS was held at the Craddock Ebanks Civic Center in North Side. Children and young people came from both congregations and the wider community as a whole. The average attendance for the week was 76.



The theme for VBS 2021 was **“Destination Dig”**. The activities brought children and young people to present-day Israel where they uncovered and unearthed artifacts and discoveries that proved the events of the Bible to be not just stories but events that really happened. Children and young people were taught the evidence of the Dead Sea Scrolls as they examine some of the prophecies of Isaiah and other events in time past, also God’s promise in Jeremiah 29:12, “that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts”.



What would be a VBS without sing-a-longs? They were some exciting music as well, for example, “Nothing wrong with a

Christmas song in summer.” Seeing the young people participating and having fun as their faith in Christ is reaffirmed by the testimonies of the facts that were discovered by archeologists over the years and still being discovered today was truly a blessing.

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## WEBSTER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH (BODDEN TOWN)



Webster Memorial’s VBS was held from July 12 to 16. The attendance over the week was 36 children and youth who were grouped into 5 classes.



The VBS theme **“Rainforest Explorers”** depicts the rainforest as a wild place where you can get lost. Life is similar to the rainforest, therefore we need a guide to help us get through.



At VBS, stories such as Noah and the Ark, the Ten Commandments, Jesus calling his disciples, Jesus healing the leper and Jesus visiting his disciples, as well as songs such as “Jesus is my treasure, He leads the way” were used to bring across the message of hope to children and young people, letting them know that Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and our lives. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He’ll never leave us!

## IN OTHER NEWS

### *Congratulations!*

The Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council extends heartiest congratulations to **Isabela Watler**, granddaughter of Charles and the late Jacqueline Watler, as Class Salutatorian and on graduating with Honours from Cayman International School (CIS).

Isabela also received the **Dodie Ebanks Humanitarian Award** and the **International Delegate Award** for her work with Model United Nations and in the community with Youth Ambassadors, Protect Our Future and painting murals at the Cancer Society and the Lighthouse School.

Having been awarded a scholarship from the **University of California, Santa Cruz**, we wish her the very best as she pursues a Degree in Environmental Science and Art starting in September 2021.

*from the CIRMC*

## VBS 2021 AT ELMSLIE



**2nd - 6th August, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**  
**Ages: 4 - 17 years**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30. (Saturday)

**Lay Leaders Training Course** – 9:00am - via Zoom

August 01. (Sunday) 10th Sunday of Pentecost

August 02 - 06. (Monday - Friday)

**Elmslie Memorial UC VBS** – 5:30 – 7:30pm

## PRAY ♦ PRAY ♦ PRAY

UCJCI responds to the  
**COVID-19**  
pandemic and other local,  
regional and global  
challenges as a community  
of faith

## Let us Pray Together

Every Wednesday

12 noon—1:00 pm

- Families keeping safe during the summer
- Rev. Dr. Norman Francis who has been hospitalized
- Mrs. Karen Francis who is recovering from illness
- Camps and virtual encounters planned for children and youth this summer
- Wisdom and disciplined behaviour which advances health in the face of COVID-19
- Environmental concerns in Cayman



on Radio Cayman 89.9  
every Sunday at 7:45 am

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