

Vacation Bible School

*Herring's Chapel United Methodist Church will hold VBS July 21-25. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., nightly and classes last from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome the theme this year is "Rambling Road Trip." Friday, July 25 will be water day; participants should wear shorts and t-shirts. For more information contact Betty Hughes at 231-7925 or 259-6423.

*Friendly Community Baptist Church will hold VBS from July 23-26 from 6-8 p.m., nightly. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The church is located on Hwy. 117, one mile north of Foodlion. Ages 3 to 11 are welcome. The theme this year is "Dino Detectives."

*Topsail Baptist Church will hold VBS July 27-Aug.1 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., nightly. The theme this year is "Out-rigger Island," classes are for children in preschool through sixth grade. For more information call 270-9038.

*Rocky Point Baptist Church will hold VBS from Aug. 3-7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., nightly. Closing ceremonies will be held Friday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. The theme this year is Outrigger Island, Living God's Unshakable Truth. Classes will be provided for adults and children. A nursery will be available. For more information call 675-2535 or visit the church website at www.rockypoint-baptistchurch.com.

*Hampstead Baptist will hold VBS Aug. 4-8 from 6 p.m., until 8:30 p.m., nightly. Children four through rising seventh graders are invited. The program is titled "Out-Rigger Island."

Church Calendar

Saturday, July 26

*North Carolina Conference Lay Organization will meet at 10 a.m., at Mt. Calvary AME Church located at 32 Main St., Navassa. Plans for the annual picnic and report from the 2008 general conference will be discussed. For more information call 371-3281 or 602-3922.

*Outdoor gospel concert will be held at the train depot in Burgaw hosted by Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church from 4-7 p.m.

Sunday, July 27

*Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church will hold an anniversary celebration for pastor Christopher D. Stackhouse at 11 a.m. with assistant pastor Nathaniel Doby of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte. Pastor Reginald Wells of New Christian Missionary Baptist Church of Rose Hill will render the afternoon service starting at 3 p.m.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, July 23

*Pender Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees meeting at 3 p.m. in the hospital dining room.

* Poplar Grove Farmer's Market-8 a.m.-1 p.m., and 3:30-6:30 p.m., 10200 U.S. Hwy. 17, Scotts Hill.

*Missiles and More museum, pre-registration deadline for "Stories and More"- to be held,

Thursday, July 24

*Town of Surf City will hold a public forum to discuss future parking and transportation needs from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the community center, located at 201 Community Center Drive.

*Celebrate Hampstead Festival meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m., at the Health Nut located at 16865 U.W. Hwy. 17 N. in Hampstead. For more information call the chamber office at 270-9642.

* "Stories and More," Missiles and More Museum-2-3 p.m., ages five to eight, Assembly Building, 720 Channel Blvd., Topsail Island, call 328-2488 or 327-2818 for more information.

Friday, July 25

*Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, annual auction and beach party at 6 p.m., at the assembly building in Topsail Beach. Tickets prices are \$15 per member and \$25 for couples, \$20 for non-members and \$35 for couples. A cash bar and prizes will be available. DJ Clint Spell will provide the music. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TopsailCOC.com.

Sunday, July 27

*Pender County NAACP will meet at 4 p.m., at the American Legion Post on Hwy. 53 west in Burgaw. For more information call Charles Jacobs at 329-1449.

*Alcoholics Anonymous-10-11 a.m., Surf City Community Center, 201 Community Center Dr. 328-4887.