

# Contests help children learn in Baptist vacation school

Music and Bible contests with winners each day and an end-of-the-week play-off brought home God's message for more than 200 youngsters who attended Vacation Bible School in First Baptist Church of Farmington Hills.

Prize-shakers, standard readers guessed the names of books and hymns while Earth Science math grades raced to learn about Bible references throughout the Bibles.

Tom Payne, 16, won the big prize for the most drill and Vespene Gurdial topped her competition in the singing contest.

The youth worked and played with the theme, "Let's Talk About Jesus." The King of Kings, He is He, for a week at the

church located at 3400 Shawnee. Trophy winner was Steve Wiggen, who won in the scripture memorization competition. He memorized 39 verses and all the books of the Bible. And Michelle Brown, who brought the most visitors to the summer school, won a trip.

DANA FELMLY, a member of the church, said one of the most interesting spots of the week was the gospel team of Bob Payne and Steve "The Dummy," who tried together to bring God's message to the kids.

When Steve is asleep, Bob performs as a magician. Although he has a lot of tricks up his sleeve in his gospel magic presenta-

tion, every one has something to do with a Bible story or message.

Another special feature was the daily missionary story. This year the children learned about the life of a man named China who moved to Taiwan.

"I think that was the kids favorite," said Pam Campbell, a staff worker, "because it always ended at a suspenseful part of the story and they couldn't wait to hear what would happen next."

Other story tellers included a series with the theme, "I Am," told by Pastor Richard Duncan, of the church.

Assistant Pastor Paul Stephens commented that the series meant a great deal to the kids. A good share of them wanted to know more about God.

"As the name implies," Ms. Felmly said, "a vacation Bible school sets out to teach children about the Bible and what it has to say to them."

She added, "I think that this may seem like an awesome responsibility, but their feelings can be best summed up by Pastor Stephens who said it was a lot of work, but it was worth it."

Apparently, the children also thought it was worth it. Ms. Felmly quoted David Guerrera as saying he thought it was too much fun.

"Yet happy or unhappy," Ms. Felmly said, "the kids all took something home with them whether it was a new Bible verse, song or a new understanding of God's message for them."

## New Horizons plan membership tea

New Horizons of Oakland County, Inc., a women's auxiliary, will hold its annual membership tea Sept. 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. John Martine, 2260 Boredeaux Dr., West Bloomfield, to welcome new members.

Chairman is Mrs. Erich Schoppe, who will be assisted by hostesses Mrs. Edmund Fink, Mrs. Harold Butler and Mrs. Edward Bracken.

Interested volunteers may call New Horizons of Oakland County in Pontiac for information on the workings of the auxiliary.

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Intermediate classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 21, and those for beginners will start Wednesday, Sept. 22. Sessions will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Both groups will be taught by Mrs. Clara Gordan, a Master Gordan instructor as taught by the American Bridge Teachers Association.

ger (center), a board member, and Ray Knes, a moderator. The year's program will include after-the-service Sunday morning discussion groups on a range of subjects. The church is at 23925 Northwestern Highway, east of Lahser.

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## Sisterhood holds September meeting

Adat Shalom Sisterhood meets Sept. 13, in the synagogue at 12:30 p.m. to hear concert pianist Laini Varano play and talk about her work as a concert pianist.

President of the group is Saria Knopper, and her vice president in charge of programming is Barbara Karchke.

The sisterhood's theme for the year is "We will continue with strength and courage."

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