

# Contests help children learn in Baptist vacation school

Music and Bible drills with winners each day and an end-of-the-week playoff brought home God's message for more than 30 youngsters who attended Vacation Bible School in First Baptist Church of Farmington.

The children, to third graders, guessed the names of verses and hymns while fourth through sixth graders raced to locate given Bible references throughout the scriptures.

Tom E. Frye won the big prize for the music drill, and Annette Cordell topped her competitors in the Bible drill playoffs. The youth worshiped and played with the theme song, "Let's Talk About Jesus: The King of Kings is He," for a week at the

church located at 33400 Shawasssee. Another trophy winner was Steve Wiggins, who won in the scripture memorization competition. He memorized 20 verses, and all the books of the Bible. And Michelle Brown, who brought the most visitors, 44, to the summer school, won a trophy.

DANA FEMLEY, 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 Dummies, who worked together to bring God's message to the kids.

"When Steve is asleep, Bob performs as a musician. 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. That year the children heard about Union, a young boy from Communist China who moved to Taiwan. "I think that was the kids' favorite," said Pam Campbell, a staff worker, "because it always ended at a successful part of the story and they couldn't wait to hear what would happen next."

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

Assistant Pastor Paul Stephens commented, "I think the stories meant a great deal to the kids. A good share of them wanted to know more about God."

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

For the workers, 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. Femly quizzed David Gutierrez as saying he thought it was too much fun.

"Yet, happy or unhappy," Ms. Femly 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. Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual membership tea Sept. 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. John Martine, 2560 Bordeaux Dr., West Bloomfield to welcome new members.

Chairman is Mrs. Ench Schaepe, 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.



## U-U Church starts fall season

The Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church is back in session, and the planning bodies of the church are ready. June Dover, a Farmington resident and a board member of the church, takes a break to pose with John Amer-

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.

## Bridge lessons scheduled

Bridge lessons for intermediate and beginning players will be sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation in the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 12214 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Intermediate classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 21, and those for beginners will start Wednesday, Sept. 22. Sessions will be from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Both groups will be taught by Mrs. Clare Gordon, a Master Goren instructor as certified by the American Bridge Teachers' Association.

Registration will take place in the first evening of each class and the fee for each 10-week course is \$15. The classes are open to both residents and non-residents of Livonia.

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## Dancing for all ages

Mary Ann Murley puts her best foot forward in Shirley St. Mary's spring tap dance recital. Classes begin again this fall under Mrs. St. Mary's tutelage in the Farmington Community Center. Class schedules, for persons of all ages and levels of expertise, will be given by calling the center at 477-8404.

## Singles dance set

at Sorrows Church

Northeast Bethany will hold a dance on Sept. 18 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23015 Power.

Purpose of the group is to help guide infirm and enterprising persons who have suffered a loss, either through divorce or death. Bethany holds discussion groups has a bowling team, and regularly scheduled adult-only activities.

The Saturday night dance will have a disco theme, with some records and some live music, campers, coffee and cake. Guests may bring their own liquor. The dance starts at 9 p.m. when \$12 per person will be asked at the door.

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