



Prospect United Methodist Church in Ebony , VA Vacation Bible School 2019

All 47 who participated (ages 4 – 80 something) in some capacity and were touched by this ministry declared VBS 2019 a roaring success! This year's program (ROAR) was based on an African Safari adventure where students learned that "God is good" and will stay with them forever.

The daily bible points of the program were memorable and resonated with all ages. These messages quickly became ingrained:

- When life is unfair, God is good!
- When life is scary, God is good!
- When life changes, God is good!
- When life is sad, God is good!
- When life is good, God is good!

Miss Mary kicked off each evening with great music for Sing-and-Play and introduced our Animal Buddy mascot who introduced the theme. Rev Ken, as Safari Chief, shared the bible story. Then everyone disbursed. Preschoolers went to Little Paws Preschool, elementary and teen Crews went to Crafts and Stampede Sports/Games stations, and adults to Holy Roar. The Hungry Herd café was the setting for the evening snacks for the elementary and teen crews. All crafts, games, and snacks were aligned with and reinforced the bible point of the day.

For each evening's closing, everyone then reconvened for Safari Celebration in the sanctuary to recap, celebrate the evening, and practice for Sunday's program.

The week wrapped up with the VBS closing program as part of Sunday Service, in conjunction with a special Father's Day tribute. The VBS group – wearing their VBS T-shirts, kicked off Sunday Service by entering the sanctuary, dancing and singing to the music video: "I'm Trusting You". Then a subset of all ages (child with adult partner) shared the bible point and verse for each day. This was followed by presentation of certificates for participation and recognition of appreciation. After the church service, everyone convened in the fellowship hall for lunch that included a special ROAR VBS cake. During lunch a VBS slide show played and exhibits were on display.

As part of VBS, we also adopted a mission with donations collected in the Giving Tree throughout the week and on Sunday. We collected \$93 which will be donated to the Brunswick County Cancer Association.

Co-Leads Keenen Broome and Anne Hartley extend their sincere thanks to all who joined us on this spirit-filled, fun African Safari contributing their support as a student participant or volunteer. We also appreciate the support of the congregation for Sunday's program.

Special recognition is extended to the very talented Izzy Broome who made all of the animal mascot cutouts and her family for all the special props that truly set the stage and vibe for a fun week!

Check out our VBS photo album on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/ProspectUMCinEbonyVA/photos/?tab=album&album_id=759442307785921