

# **SPARK STUDIOS** VBS IS ALMOST HERE!

**W**e are excited to announce that planning for VBS (Vacation Bible School) is in the works! Church members Hope and Alexis Bagley are leading the efforts with strategic planning and decorating ideas. This year's theme is **Spark Studios** with a twist! To make sure kids aren't attending one more repeat of a previous church's Spark Studio theme, efforts are being made to put our own personal "Refuge" spin on this theme by adding creative ideas and a "homespun" feel to the event.

**O**n Saturday, July 23, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm, the fun will begin with a VBS Advertising and Hot Dog Giveaway event in the church parking lot where we will give out free hot dogs and VBS flyers. Then from 1:00-2:00 pm, VBS volunteers will decorate their classrooms and the event area in preparation for the VBS Go-Live event on Monday!

**VBS** will include an opening event each night featuring praise and worship music, then students will transition to Christ-centered classes, craft projects, games, and dinner. The event will take place on Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Volunteers are still needed if you feel God is calling you to be a part of this ministry:

***Teachers***

***Crafts***

***Games***

***Decorating/Cleanup***

If you're interested in volunteering,  
please contact Hope Bagley at (404) 556-0047 or Lisa Garrett at (706) 237-1918.

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## ***Welcome Back Wednesdays!***

**Wednesday Night Fellowship and Dinners are BACK!!!**

Join us from 6:00-7:30 pm for dinner and to reconnect with fellow church members, make new friends, and most importantly, study God's Word together!

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMIT**

**Thursday, July 21, 6:00 pm** (dinner provided free of charge)  
Antioch Baptist Church, 4526 Bix Texas Valley Road, Rome, GA

**Join Tim Smith (Floyd Baptist Association) as he explains  
the importance of growing your Sunday School Ministry!**

Contact Jim and Lisa Garrett (706-237-1918) if you'd like to attend (carpool available if needed).

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# PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please pray for Amanda Rhodes' aunt who is still in the ICU.  
Continue praying for the Church as we search for a pastor.*

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## THE REFUGE LINE-UP FOR JULY

### PASTOR SCHEDULE

Steve Duvall.....	July 3
Steve Duvall.....	July 10
Steve Duvall.....	July 17
Steve Duvall.....	July 24
Steve Duvall.....	July 31

### MUSIC

Harley Allen.....	July 3
Harley Allen.....	July 24

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

1st Sunday Breakfast.....	July 3
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*Join us the 1st Sunday of each month at 10 am for Breakfast and Bible Study (all ages)!*

### BUSINESS MEETING

July Business Meeting.....	July 17
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### WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAYS (JULY)!

Family Fun Night.....	July 6
Men/Women's Ministry Class.....	July 13
VBS Final Planning.....	July 20
VBS Advertising/Hot Dog Giveaway Event.....	(Saturday) July 23
VBS (Family Fun Night).....	July 27

### LOOKING AHEAD-WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAYS (AUGUST)!

Family Movie Night.....	August 3
Men/Women's Ministry.....	August 10
Dave Ramsey Finance Class.....	August 17
<i>The Total Money Makeover</i>	
Dave Ramsey Finance Class.....	August 24
<i>The Total Money Makeover</i>	
Dave Ramsey Finance Class.....	August 31
<i>The Total Money Makeover</i>	



## Farewell to the McGinnis Family

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, the Refuge Church bid farewell to Pastor Richard and the McGinnis family (Kelly, Brodey, and Madison). Richard answered God's call, and the family transitioned to the Lyerly First Baptist Church in Lyerly, GA on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

It was in December 2015 that Wax Baptist Church members welcomed the McGinnis family and together, they would experience many blessings as God began to work and move in the church now known as The Refuge:

- The McGinnis family moved into the restored Church Pastorium at 1791 Wax Road in Silver Creek, GA.
- The Church name was changed from Wax Baptist Church to the Refuge Church, and the area around the Pulpit was remodeled.
- The Adult Sunday School class was reinstated, the Adult Sunday School classroom was remodeled, and the Annual Sunday School Retreat was implemented.
- Several other Sunday School classes were started (Youth, Young Adult, and Women's classes) as the Children's class continued to thrive.
- Refuge Three Sixteen Youth and Refuge Kids' Club classes were started.
- Sunday Evening Bible Study classes were started at church members' homes.
- The Church started a website, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube with video livestreams of sermons.
- Wednesday night ministries continued to thrive with events such as Dinner and Bible Study, Youth and Kid's classes, Movie Nights, and fellowship amongst church members
- Formation of a Praise and Worship Group
- The Refuge Men's and Women's Ministries continued to thrive and experienced many events such as conferences, annual Christmas parties, finance classes, and spiritual growth.
- A partnership was formed with Haven Health Clinic to assist expectant mothers in need.
- Quarterly Service Projects continued to thrive and benefited organizations such as the Women's Hospitality Center, the William S. Davies Homeless Shelter, and Haven Health Clinic.
- Many children's and youth events took place such as picnics, conferences, baseball games, Easter parties, Fall Festivals, and the ever-popular Summer VBS events.
- The Church had the opportunity to mentor a Student Pastor.
- We lost beloved church members who went home to the Lord, we gained beloved church members, souls were saved, baptisms took place (including one home baptism in an old-fashioned tub for a young soul won for Christ), but most of all, God's presence was strong in our Refuge Church family!

Many other events and ministry opportunities took place at The Refuge over the years as God allowed the Church to experience much growth. It is now our hope and prayer that God continues to allow us the chance to experience His presence in our Church. Please pray for The Refuge as we embark on a new journey and as we search for a new pastor to lead us in those efforts. We are excited about the path forward as we continue to seek God's will for the Church and in all things!