



Participants in Living Hope's Vacation Bible School included the following. Front row, Ethan Luna, Jesse Yanez, Karla Luna, Angela Yanez, Raven Torrez, Cesilio Reyes, Everardo Esquivel, Olivia Shorter, Dontavion Fuller, Kyana Hailey, Jed Hodde, Shacita Llanos, Alexis Llanos, T.J. Crume, William Diaz, Larissa Manciaz, Elicio Martinez, Hailey Arriaga, Andrew Reyes, Carlos Arriaga, James Cotton, Jacob Ratcliff, Elivianna Martinez, Destiny Navarro, Cherrie McCain, Chrissy Leopold; middle row, Dylan Ferguson, Pastor Mercy Fling, Dorothy Flores, Joseph Castillo, Christopher Hein, Joseph Casarez, Dominique Zapalac, Cameron Muzny, Bruno Castillo, Caitlin Escobedo, Jazmine Esquivel, Roy Garcia, Miranda Castillo, Chloe Hodde, Fabian Zapata, Zena Woods, Joshua Grounds, Brandon Teague, Elizik Martinez, Hailey Ferguson, Aaliyah Almanza, Carlee Vandermark, Maisyn Stancik, Brittany Sosa, Amber Llanos, Shaundrea Hurd, Kelsey Semora, Larry Henderson, Maddy Sims, Jayden Shorter, Darren Gentry, Jayla Cantu, Julianna Castillo, Selena Perez, Samantha Navarro, Harley Hodde, Sabrina Llanos, Joland Rodriguez; back row, Sterling Fling, Jeslyn Cantu, Paige Vandermark, Madisyn Stancik, Oliver Shorter, Jazmin Castillo, Taylor Semora, Bobby Zapalac, Lee Fields, Marc Anthony Gonzales, Christian Gonzales, Glenn Bozant, Mariah Sosa, Jasia Cantu, Javier Esquivel, Elizabeth Martinez, Jadelynn Almanza, Ryan Almanza, Arlesia Henderson, Todd Nicholas, Damara Gentry, Emily Garza, Kayla Manciaz, Jaquita Woods, Josiah Fling, Clint Leopold, Gloria McCain.

## Living Hope VBS Sees Great Attendance

Living Hope Church held its annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of June 15-19. It was the 16th annual VBS for Living Hope.

Pastor Joe Fling called this "one of our very best summer programs ever." Over 80 children attended from more than a dozen area churches. For many, this marked over 10 years of participation in the Living Hope program. "This year the children really felt the love of God. They were so touched by the stories from the Bible and the songs of worship. The excitement built all week, and it was hard to see it come to an end on Friday," said Pastor Mercy Fling.

Pastor Fling extended special thanks to Sterling Fling and Gloria McCain who taught Bible Stories; Dorothy Flores and Josiah Fling who did crafts; Angela Yanez, Paige Vandermark and Jaquita Woods who handled Bible memory, contests and the missions offering. Jesse Yanez served snow cones. Cherrie McCain conducted games. The music session was run by Mercy Fling and Gloria McCain. Clint and Chrissy Leopold assisted in preparing the

Friday lunches and party games set-up.

This was the fifth year that Living Hope used alumni of the VBS to guide the children between activities and assist in the various centers. These included Woods, Vandermark, Jeslyn Cantu, Keshie Perez, Dylan Ferguson, Selena Perez and Harley Hodde.

Every year, Living Hope uses the excellent materials from Gospel Light. This year's theme was SonRock Kids Camp. The children were taught life lessons the life of the Apostle Peter from the gospels and the book of Acts. The children learned that they are Accepted by Jesus, Protected by Jesus, Saved by Jesus, Forgiven by Jesus and that they can Live for Jesus. The sanctuary and education building of Living Hope were elaborately decorated for the theme. Exciting games and crafts kept the children busy and were enjoyed by all.

Pastor Fling commented, "We could not do this without our marvelous volunteers. Each year we have members who take vacation time from their jobs to be able to participate in this ministry to the children of Eagle Lake. The Bible teaches us that the sacrifice of our

time and money goes up to heaven as a sweet smelling savor, acceptable in the sight of God. Also the youngsters who keep coming back to help make us so proud of what God has done in their lives in the years that they were in VBS themselves. My first experience with church was Bible school when I was four years old. I thank God for that program and for the ladies and youth who served at that time. I carry those memories with me always, and I hope that we can provide as good of an experience for the children today."

The opening assembly and music were tremendous times of celebration as the children came together. Pastor Mercy Fling said, "We had some really special songs this year that ministered to the needs of the children. We will be singing some of them for years to come."

The week of excitement concluded on Friday with a closing program in which all the children sang and danced, followed by games and a brown bag lunch. Awards were given for perfect attendance and for the annual coloring contest. Over 130 attended the

concluding program and party.

"The missions project this year netted over \$300 in offerings during the week, all of which, when combined with Living Hope's monthly missions contributions will go to help Brenda Lange, whose Orphans Unlimited ministry serves orphaned children in the southeast African nation of Mozambique.

Pastor Fling, reminded, "Living Hope keeps no part of these offerings, we provide VBS for the kids and all of the kids' offerings all go to our missions project each year. In this way, your children get to share in the great work being done by Brenda."

The class of mostly 11 and 12 year olds won the prize for bringing in the most money, and were treated to a refreshment treat and other prizes on Friday. Prizes were also won by the classes that brought the most in mission offering each day. Over the last 16 years, the children in Living Hope's VBS have given over \$5000 directly to workers in foreign missions.

Pastor Fling extended thanks to all in the community who let their children share in this wonderful experience of Christian love. He added that we do Bible school because we need it, the children need it, Eagle Lake needs it.

## EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 06-15-09	96/72	0.00
Tue. 06-16-09	96/74	0.00
Wed. 06-17-09	96/74	0.00
Thu. 06-18-09	95/73	0.00
Fri. 06-19-09	96/73	0.00
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CAT Scan Tech Kurt Sundermann, left, and Dr. Frank Cavallo show Rice Medical Center's new GE Multislice CAT Scan machine.

## Rice Medical Center Gets New CAT Scan

Rice Medical Center is continually looking for ways to improve patient care through training, new equipment and new procedures.

Rice Medical Center has once again taken that step forward and purchased a more technologically advanced CAT Scan unit.

This new GE Multislice Light-speed CAT Scan has improved image quality, smaller slice thicknesses that gives more detailed information to the Radiologist and faster scan times.

Given all these improvements over our most recent CAT Scan machine, we are now able to do procedures that we were unable to do in the past.

With the combination of our new CAT Scan machine and the expertise of our Radiologist, Dr. Frank Cavallo, M.D., we can do most CAT Scan procedures at Rice Medical Center.

Due to the large amount of images produced from the CAT Scan, Rice Medical Center has also purchased and installed a Picture Archive and Communication System (PACS).

This allows us to store the images on a server and the Radiologist to view these images on any computer. Along with the CAT Scan, our MRI, Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound are tied into the PACS.

Rice Medical Center has also purchased a Computed Radiography system, which has made the radiology department filmless. All x-rays are taken on special cassettes that are processed by a computer and sent to the PACS to be viewed.

Ordering physicians on staff at Rice Medical Center are now able to view their patient films over

the web on our secure site from their office. We will also be sending patients that are transferred to other facilities or have been referred to a specialist with their films on compact disks.

We are very lucky at Rice Medical Center to have such a qualified Radiologist interpreting our films and performing special procedures at our facility.

Dr. Cavallo reads x-rays, ultrasounds, CAT Scans, MRIs, nuclear medicine, bone density and mammograms and also performs special procedures that consist of biopsies, aspirations, thoracentesis, paracentesis, needle localization, barium proce-

dures, arthrograms, myelograms, epidural steroid injections, and some vascular studies.

It is very fortunate for a small rural hospital to be able to offer so many different procedures and studies, which normally would have to be done at a larger medical center.

Rice Medical Center continues to expand the services provided to improve the quality of patient care.

If you have questions or need more information about a procedure or exam please call us at 979-234-5571 ext 5237. At Rice Medical Center, it truly is, "Our family caring for yours".

## NEWSBRIEFS

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July 17: Social Studies. Tests will be given to those students who have taken TAKS Exit, but who have not yet met the state standard.

### Gospel musical is July 17

The E.H. Henry High School Alumni will present a Gospel Musical on Friday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. The musical will take place at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church, 580 Old Altair Rd. For more information call Aberleen Lemons at 979-256-7971.

### Falls and Balance workshop planned

The Council for Health Education and Development along with the Houston Galveston Agency on Aging will present a four hour workshop focused on falling, direct and indirect costs of falling, the four basic strategies in fall prevention, intrinsic and extrinsic reasons for falls, the five major fall risk factors, and the five skills for better balance. The workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and a basic CPR class will be held from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. that day. The classes are free to registered participants. To register, you may call 1-877-747-1542 by July 16.

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