Vacation Bible School at EBC will look much different this year. Rather than the traditional germ spreading, close quarters VBS, we will have an outdoor, spaced out, Backyard Bible Club (BBC). Details will come later, but I wanted to give an update on a few of the details that have been settled.

We will postpone any activity until September. A concrete date will come later. It will be a Saturday morning activity from 9-12 (we will feed them hotdogs for lunch, or something similar and simple, before they leave). We are targeting the Wellington Place neighborhood (west of EBC on south side of Old HWY 12). If you would like to look on a map, here is a link: https://goo.gl/maps/T7iYmmiGx8J9MtdUA (The roads in the neighborhood are Asbury, Ashwood, Alpine, and Autumn Drives). There are approximately 50 houses. There is a clubhouse with two side yards in which we can have our activities, if allowed. If the HOA will not allow us to minister on their property, we will use the field at EBC.

We will pass out fliers in the neighborhood a week or two prior to BBC. If we have to have BBC at EBC, then our target area can spread to surrounding houses and apartment complexes--with the idea of attempting to gather as much info as possible in relation to number of children and attendees.

The purpose: to reach our neighborhood with the Gospel by going to them. This will be done through Bible teaching and exemplifying. Meaning, we will live the Bible in front of the people. We will be Christ to them. We will engage them with compassion and love by speaking with them individually, praying with them, sharing with them, etc.

With this purpose in mind, I am also working on the possibility of having a block party on the Friday night prior to BBC. A block party (in my opinion) sounds like a bad thing, but the emphasis is still the Gospel. It would include some type of food for families, as well as an outdoor worship service to include music and preaching. This particular idea (block party) is one that I have never been a part of, but am willing to attempt. So, please be praying about whether or not to proceed with it, and how to implement it if the Lord wills.

Obviously, there is a lot of work to do for preparation and execution. I am calling for all hands on deck. Also, if the block party is enacted, it will not come cheaply, so we will need volunteers to purchase different items. So, please be in prayer as to how you can help--not everything is physical, some is financial, and all is spiritual--so pray for all things to work smoothly and that the message of the Gospel will be clear and inviting for the children and parents alike.

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