

Rippling Brooks Ministries

"...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Summer 2026

This summer is full of patriotic red, white, and blue, and not just because of our nation's 250th birthday. Our vacation Bible school theme this year has a patriotic early American flair as we learn the importance of serving as couriers for God! In the American colonial time period, there were many couriers tasked with delivering important messages. Perhaps the most remembered is Paul Revere. He had important news that had to be declared. We, too, have important news that must be declared – the News of Eternal Wonderful Salvation! Through this summer's VBS the children discover how the Apostle Paul revealed Jesus to others. It didn't matter where Paul was, he declared Jesus to those around him, whether on missionary journeys to different cities, or to important people, or even as a prisoner. The children hear of this important news of Jesus and what He has done for us. They are also challenged to be couriers for the Lord, declaring this news to others! They are memorizing the Romans Road verses so they can tell others how to receive this eternal wonderful salvation and are also given some other tools to be able to share this amazing message. We have completed about half our VBS stops for the summer, declaring this news to children in Pennsylvania and Maine, with churches in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Hampshire still ahead.



THANK YOU!

We may be on the front lines, but we could never do what we do by ourselves! It is a joy to come alongside a different church family each week and work together to reach the children in their communities.

Our prayer and financial partners also have an intricate part in the ministry and we are very grateful to them! This year several groups took on the challenge of helping us with some special projects. A group of ladies gathered on two different days to help us make Gospel Flipbooks, which use the wordless book colors to present the Gospel message in a fun and engaging way. Because of their help, we are able to hand each child who attends VBS their own Gospel Flipbook! The youth group of another church helped to assemble devotional books to give the children so that they can continue to learn biblical truths. They also provided many items for the VBS store. Please pray with us that the Lord would continue to use this VBS and the resources given to the children to not only to see the children saved, but also to encourage the children (and adults, too) to declare the news of salvation to others. There are many who need to hear the news of salvation.



Pete's Perspective:

Why aren't there patriotic knock-knock jokes?

Because freedom rings!



We are celebrating America's birthday all summer long, and I'm always on the lookout for new patriotic fun! If you are looking for something new for your next road trip, stop by my corner on the website and get my free printable for a patriotic travel game. It's miles of seek and find fun!

With my new tricorne hat, I blend right in on the VBS set, and I enjoy watching the kids come in every day excited to see what hidden message the courier is going to deliver, hear how Paul revealed the Good News, learn new words to the tune of Yankee Doodle, and so much more. Just a trivia note – did you know the Brooks girls could each play two instruments at the same time?

The family has enjoyed many adventures along the VBS trail including finding several of the America 250 geocaches hidden in PA, canoeing at Lake Pemaquid in ME, and best yet, a week-long visit from Breanna, who now calls IA home, but took vacation to join us on the road. It's a great country no matter what part you live in.



In Christ,

Erick & Shawna
and family

ATV CREATION RIDES

September signals the end of summer and a return to a more structured schedule, but there are still many nice days to get out and explore God's amazing creation! If you have an ATV or UTV and desire to see and hear about God's creation, I encourage you to join us on the trail for a Creation Ride. These are guided rides through northcentral Pennsylvania's ATV trail systems. No fee is required for these rides. You can find out more information on the Rippling Brooks Ministries' website: www.ripplingbrooks.com/creation-ride or by contacting us directly by phone or e-mail.

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