

Vacation Bible School

Welcome to the Vacation Bible School section of this website! Here you will find all the information you need to know about the exciting adventure we take every summer, learning about God and His Word. Let's get down to the facts!

We usually hold VBS in mid-July, starting on a Sunday and continuing through Thursday. Because of busy parent schedules during the day, we have VBS in the evening. It starts at 6:15 pm and runs until 8:30 in the Educational Building adjacent to the church. We cram a lot of fun activities in those 2 hours, including a Bible lesson, crafts, music, games, and snack time!

At St. Paul, we include children from ages 3-10, allowing for three separate classes. The children will keep busy the entire week, filled with a wacky hat contest, exciting opening demonstrations, and a pool party! Yes, a pool party! On Thursday evening we have a potluck dinner, after which the children perform the songs they learned for the week and then we all head over to the Zelianople pool for a fun night of swimming!

I've already hinted about the events each night, but here's the breakdown. It starts with an opening, which includes the collection and a cool experiment, followed by the lesson of the day in the classroom. Next, a rotation between music, crafts, and games. The evening concludes with snack time and a reflection on the Bible verse for that particular day.

Every night of VBS we take a collection, which is sent to our Missionary child, Nevis. The kids always get excited to put their collected coins into the fishbowl every night. It's also a good way to let the children know that the money is going to someone who really needs it.

The children not only come home with a Bible verse they learn every night, but a CD of the music they sing throughout the week and a T-Shirt with the theme for VBS, which they wear on the final night for their performance.

We pride ourselves on having several volunteers for this program. If it wasn't for all the people donating their time, supplies, and effort, VBS would not be a success. We are always looking for new faces to help out with the fun week in whatever capacity you wish. Whether it's crafts, snacks, or teaching, we have a place for you!

Although it requires a lot of time, patience, and people working together, it is well worth it in the end and the children always have a good time. Most importantly, they learn about God and His amazing acts in several different aspects. We look forward to this special program every summer and we hope that you will join us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (724) 452-8683 or by email: williamson.kt@gmail.com

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