



2021 Baptist Grove Baptist Church VBS Notes

Please read the following "notes" about our 2021 VBS. We missed seeing everyone in person last year but were so thankful that we were able to put out a great virtual VBS for our children and community. As we transition back into the building for our in person event this year, please familiarize yourself with the following information. The administration team has met a few times to iron out these details and how to make this a safe environment for everyone involved. We are planning a small meeting on June 13th at 7pm for **ALL** volunteers. Please make plans to join us before VBS week to ensure we are all on the same page & pray for our week. Thank you for volunteering!

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION!!!
We will address any questions on June 13th!

Curriculum:

- Lifeway: Destination Dig: Unearthing the Truth about Jesus
- Theme Verse: Jeremiah 29:13
You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.
- VBS Motto: Seek Truth, Find Jesus!

- Day One Truth: Jesus came as God Promised
- Day Two Truth: Jesus demonstrated God's Power
- Day Three Truth: Jesus was betrayed & rejected
- Day Four Truth: Jesus died and rose again
- Day Five Truth: The Bible is TRUE!

Week Of Notes:

- MONDAY AM:** Please arrive no later than 8:20/8:30, please meet in Sanctuary to go over last minute things.
- Tuesday - Friday:** Please arrive no later than 8:45 daily.

- Please be in the assigned pew (if you are a guide) by 8:50, ready for children to be dropped off.
- **Parent drop off will begin at 8:50A. The following are NEW CHANGES to DROP OFF and PICK UP! PLEASE READ!**
 - Carpool style drop off, no parents in the building (if there are extenuating circumstances they will be honored but we are trying to keep the amount of people inside the building to a minimum)
 - They will enter the sanctuary from the Revels Road entrance, up the ramp, there will be adults to and from their vehicles to make sure they get to the right place. Parents will exit thru Revels Road or can circle the Fellowship hall parking lot.
 - PICK UP: We will be ending the day in the fellowship hall, parents will pick up through the carport carpool style.
 - Newsletter & Information will be provided to parents before the week-of, so they may familiarize themselves with this change.

- **Mask: RECOMMENDED but NOT REQUIRED.**
 - We have been following CDC guidelines as a church since the beginning of the pandemic and are continuing to do so. I think it would be smart to have a mask on hand daily but it is your choice whether to wear it or not. This goes for volunteers, and participants. We know there are a lot of differing opinions about this, so please do what feels comfortable for you and your family. I do ask that we not make a big “commotion” about this with kids or adults. We understand there is a huge spectrum to be on when it comes to this, but please remember why we are here this week!

- **Rotations: WILL REMAIN THE SAME.**
 - Pews will be spread out and assigned. Please sit in your “area” each day and space your participants out as much as reasonably possible.
 - Tables will be assigned in CRAFTS & SNACKS - These will be sanitized between uses. We are hoping to have an “area” for each group in these rotations as space allows.
 - Guides - Please make sure that your participants are washing hands & using sanitizer as needed.

Missions:

- This year our missions collections will be going to the Cameron Boys Home in Cameron, NC. Please be in prayer that we will show up for these young men in a big way this year. There will be a boys v. girls “competition”.

End of the Week Celebration:

- Picnic Style Outdoors - We are still trying to nail down if this will be participants only or if we will invite parents and community - all of this will be weather dependent as well!

- This year I will be heading up crafts and have two volunteers coming to help me. I will have my little “office” space set up in the fellowship hall this year instead of the church office. That will be my home base for the week, so if you need me - I believe the curriculum calls me a “Curator” - Come to the Curator's Office. :)

- Please make sure that anything VBS related you see on Social Media to share it! We WANT our children to come back in person, and we want to be able to welcome our community back into our church this summer. Please reach out to those you may have invited in the past and let them know that we are “all systems go” for a great week! I will be sharing registration information, newsletters, etc as we get closer to the week. Let’s reach as many people as possible so our jobs will be easier while we are in the trenches!

- Registration reminder - We are using Google Forms this year instead of KidEvent. This is NEW! Matthew or Ella posted the link on the FB page not too long ago and there is also a link attached to the homepage of the church website.

Lastly a note from Lauren to you:

Number one, You all know how I feel about you - I thank you from the bottom of my heart for volunteering for this event this year. I know summer plans come up, life is hectic and busy but it never fails that you all always come through for our church. I want to confess to you, this year has been hard. I’m probably not telling you anything you haven’t heard in the last

14-16 months, but I know there is struggle out there - I know for my own self, I have struggled with getting back into the routine of a lot of things, church & VBS being two of them. It was so very easy to get complacent and lazy for lack of a better word. My prayer for VBS this year is not only for our participants but as adults too - that this week will light a fire under all of us. That we will be all-in for these children and for ourselves. VBS doesn't always have to be about just the kids, Jesus can work on your heart as well, if you'll let Him. I have spent a lot of time talking to Him these last few weeks as we have been ironing out these details, praying for a renewal in my heart & yours as well. Praying for these children coming to see our faces for the first time in 2 years, may our faces show love and not frustration, may they show kindness to those who haven't seen a kind face in a while, may they show team work instead of "me work", may they show flexibility when there is a need, may they show Jesus to our community. I love you all & am looking forward to digging for all the treasures we will find during VBS week!

Love Y'all,
Me :)