



Vacation Bible School

June 26-June 30, 2017



Kindergarten - Grade 5 (Fall 2017)
9:30am – 12:00 noon at
Queen of Peace Church,
4170 Pullman Ave SE, Salem, OR 503-364-7202
michelle@gpsalem.org

Sponsored jointly by Queen of Peace Catholic & Calvary Baptist Churches

REGISTRATION:

Fees: \$20 per child or \$45 per family of three or more. Financial assistance is available.

Registration Deadline: Please return registration form by Thursday, June 1st to the Queen of Peace Church Office. Registration is on a first come-first served basis. Registrations received after this date may be placed on a waiting list.

Music CD's, DVD's, and T-shirt orders are due by the June 1st registration deadline.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Welcome to VBS! We invite you to join us in an ecumenical VBS program and outreach to the children of the Salem community. This is the 24th year for these churches to co-sponsor VBS together!

Program Theme: Our theme this year is "Rome; Paul and the Underground Church".

Crews: Campers are placed into small, mixed-age crews, supervised by youth and adult leaders, which work like families, encouraging teamwork and relationship-building within the crew.

Special Needs: We want to provide a fun and safe experience for every child at VBS. If your child has special needs (i.e., learning, allergies, physical) please explain their needs on the designated section of the camper registration form (side 1). We will work with you to try to accommodate your child's needs. In some cases, we may request additional information and/or for the family to provide a responsible adult on site during VBS to assist with your child's special needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Schedule: VBS begins each day with check in at the registration table, dropping off food, putting on name tags, then joining Crew Leaders in their assigned pew in the sanctuary for Extollo (praise) to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs that introduce kids to the concepts they'll be learning that day. The Crews adventure through the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedure: Daily registration begins at 9:30am and VBS ends at 12 noon. Please enter through the main door from the parking lot to the registration area. Parents please do not bring your children before 9:30am as our staff will not be available until then to care for them. Also, please pick up your children from their Crew Leaders in the sanctuary promptly at 12 noon. We will NOT release children to meet parents in the parking lot. Please provide a written note for any changes in who will pick up your child at the end of the morning.

Closing Session and Picnic: Parents and family members are invited to join their children on Friday, June 30th at 11:45am for the closing session in the Church sanctuary. If you wish, please bring a picnic lunch and join other VBS families to picnic together on the grounds.

MISSION PROJECT:

This year's VBS Mission Project will benefit The Table of Plenty, an outreach of Marion-Polk Food Share. On the first day of VBS we will send home an information flyer listing what items we are collecting. Please bring your donations during the week of VBS. Marked containers will be located near the registration area. Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed: Adults and Youth (Grades 6-12)

*****Volunteer registration form with T-shirt size due by June 1st*****

Adult Volunteers Age 18 and older: Required to complete Volunteer Registration form and attend Volunteer Orientation Meeting. Also required to have a current Background Check and Called to Protect training. Please contact michelle@qpsalem.org or 503-394-7202 ext 209 to verify renewal date.

Youth Volunteers (Under Age 18): Required to complete Volunteer Registration form and attend Volunteer Orientation Meeting.

T-shirts: Volunteers wanting a complimentary VBS t-shirt must have a registration form turned in by June 1st. Please select your t-shirt size on the Volunteer Registration form. Volunteers returning registration forms after June 1st may not receive a t-shirt, due to printer's ordering deadline.

Childcare and Pre-K Program: Provided for younger children (infants - 5 years old) of adult volunteers while working at VBS. Please register your children and order their t-shirts on the Volunteer Registration form.

All Volunteers: Please plan to attend the **Volunteer Orientation Meeting**. Adult volunteers (age 18 and older) in need of Called to Protect Training must also attend the training following. Child care will be provided. All meetings and trainings are held at Queen of Peace Church:

Tuesday, June 20th: General Orientation 6:00-7:00pm Called to Protect Training 7:00-8:15pm

Please return forms by June 1st and contact Michelle Unger (Queen of Peace) at 503-364-7202 ext. 209 or michelle@qpsalem.org, or Shannon Merzenich (Calvary Baptist) at 503-363-9246 or cbckidsministry@icloud.com, with your questions!

Get Involved!

VBS is a wonderful experience for all involved and is made possible through the volunteer efforts of adults and youth. We welcome your children, but we also need your help! Whether you can be available every day, only one or two days, or for a part of every day, we have a place for you. A childcare and Pre-K program is provided for younger children of parent helpers on their workdays.

Job Descriptions

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for job assignments and days available to work at VBS on the Volunteer Registration form and return with the Background Check form (adults 18 years and older only) to the Queen of Peace office by June 1st.

- Crew Leaders:** Leaders guide a small group of children to activities, build rapport, and help to direct the children's energy and attention in positive ways. **9:00am staff meeting in the Sanctuary required daily.** (Monday-Friday, 8:45am - 12:15pm)
- Games:** Lead active Bible learning games. (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:15pm)
- Crafts:** Assist children with craft activities. (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:15pm)
- Drama/Music:** Share your talents in role-plays, skits and music! (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-12:15pm)
- Kitchen:** Help prepare the daily snack. (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-11:00am)
- Childcare/ Pre-K:** Provide care for younger children of VBS volunteers. Help Pre-K children with fun activities. (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:15pm)
- Registration:** Help get the morning off to an organized start. (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-9:45am)
- General Helpers:** Those willing to help out wherever needed! (Monday-Friday, 8:45am-12:15pm)
- Setup/Takedown:** Set up (Sunday, June 25th, 1:30 pm – completion; Takedown (Friday, 11:45am-1:00pm)
- Session Leader:** Plan, organize and lead sessions (i.e. crafts games, childcare, drama, kitchen, etc.)