



**Buford First United Methodist Church  
Vacation Bible School  
2017**

**“Hero Central – Discover your Strength in GOD”**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Vacation Bible School at Buford First United Methodist Church! We are so excited that your child will be a part of our week. This year, our VBS will be held in our new Christian Life Center adjacent to our beautiful Church. Please note the changes to drop off and pick up.

I wanted to share a few details of our week with you to help everything run smoothly.

1. **Drop off** – There will be 2 tables located in front of the Christian Life Center where you will sign in your children in each morning. The tables will be divided by A-L and M-Z. You will sign your children in and they will receive a name tag and a volunteer will escort them to their seat in the church. We will start promptly at 9:00AM each day because we have a lot to do! We will open check in at 8:40AM on Monday, and 8:45AM Tuesday through Friday. Please arrive no later than 8:55AM each day.
2. **Pick up** – Pick up time is 12:30. To pick up your child, you will sign them out at the tables in front of the Christian Life Center. Parents will then be allowed 10 at a time into the gym to pick up their children. If your child is being picked up by someone other than the person who signed them in at drop-off, please indicate this at drop-off. Whoever is picking up children needs to be prepared to present their ID. **Once you have picked up your children, please make sure they are supervised in the parking lot area.** With the large traffic flow, we want to make sure everyone is safe. ***Please do not bring animals with you into the church to pick up your children.***
3. **Closing Assembly**– For the safety and security of the children, parents will have a designated seating area at the rear of the gym. Please sign your child out before entering the gym. Once the assembly has ended, your child may join you and depart the gym. Please make sure to let your child’s teacher know that you have picked up your child before you leave.
4. **Attire** – Children should wear comfortable play clothes, and tennis shoes are required. **Children who are wearing flip-flops, crocks, etc. will not be allowed to participate in recreation due to safety concerns.** Children will be creating crafts with glue and paint, as well as playing outside. Please dress your children in play clothes.
5. **Behavior Expectations** – We strive to create a safe and welcoming environment for all of our VBS participants. We want all of our children and volunteers to have a great time at VBS so everyone should treat each other with courtesy and respect. We reserve the right to contact parents if children are not following the behavior expectations.
6. **Bathroom Policy** –**All children attending VBS must be able to toilet independently.** Children will be escorted to and from the bathroom but must be able to complete all toileting tasks on their own.
7. **Items from home** – At VBS we will have fun and be busy the whole morning with Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and music. Children do not need to bring toys, blankets or pacifiers from home. backpacks, or any electronics (phones, MP3 players, video games, etc.) should also not be brought to

VBS. If children bring these items, they will be kept in the Director's office for the morning and returned at the end of the day.

8. **Illness policy** – If your child has experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, or other symptoms of contagious illness, allow 24 hours after symptoms resolve (or antibiotic treatment is started when appropriate) before sending them to VBS. We would hate for anyone to miss VBS due to illness, but we also have to consider the health and safety of our other children and volunteers. We reserve the right to contact parents to come and pick up children who exhibit any of the above symptoms. **(Epi-Pens should be labeled with the child's name and carried by the child on their person if possible. Please include this information on your registration form)**
9. **Missions** – During the week we of VBS we will be collecting children's book for our Sack Kids Hunger Ministry. We will also be partnering with Grace UMC in collecting toiletries, toothbrushes, and toothpaste for the homeless.
10. **Color of the day:** There is a color for each day, and children are encouraged to dress in that color. The color schedule is **Monday -RED, Tuesday -Orange, Wednesday -Green, Thursday -blue, Friday: VBS Shirts** Please encourage your child to dress in the color of the day.
11. **CDs for sale** – Our interactive CD-ROMs will be for sale all week at the check in tables. The cost is \$5.00. These CDs contain all the VBS music your children will learn during the week, plus other fun songs, games and activities to carry the excitement of VBS through the whole summer.
12. **VBS Celebration** – We will have a VBS celebration as a part of our 11:00 worship service on Sunday, June 11th. All children who have participated in VBS are invited to bring their families as we share some songs and stories! Plan to arrive at 11:00AM and wear your VBS shirt!

We are so excited to have your child as a part of our Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

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