

Goshen e-Leaderletter

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WELCOME!

Welcome to our inaugural e-newsletter! Goshen e-Leaderletter is a free quarterly e-newsletter that's delivered to your email. It features four areas of interest with web links include: VBS, Missions, and Disaster Relief. Goshen Baptist ministry and missions information can always be found at our website, <http://www.goshenassociation.com/>.

Vacation Bible School

"The greatest week in the life of a church," as one pastor's wife calls VBS is right upon us. What does your church have planned? Why do VBS anyway? What curriculum are you using and when are you holding yours?

Consider:

- more decisions are made for Christ in the lives of children during VBS than the rest of the Sunday School year.
- that 5+ hours of Bible Teaching is done during the week of VBS compared to the 20-30 minutes on any given Sunday.
- the reinforcement of the Bible Study time through music, crafts, recreation, missions, and even refreshments.
- many parents are willing to stay with their children at church during the hours of VBS helping out or even in a class of their own.
- the number of prospects for your church are heightened during this week.
- the amount of positive energy and a wave of summertime excitement that goes on during preparation and delivery of the week.

With these thoughts in mind, it's not too late to have VBS in your church this summer. It doesn't have to be done over a week period of time... have you considered a weekend school, or a 5 week, midweek, one night a week adventure? Is your church "too small without personnel, kids, or financial resources?" Why not team with another church and do a community VBS and share what you have with one another and tear down walls, having "true community." What week are you having your school? If it's early in the summer, why not share your "props" (decorations) with another church in the community? God is calling us to be good stewards of our time, talents and treasures.

Have you picked out your curriculum? If you haven't below you can find some information and links for publishers/resources:

† Lifeway www.lifeway.com/vbs2011

Two Options for VBS 2011

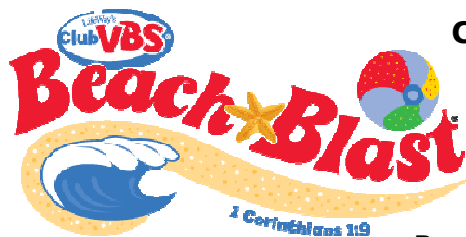
With LifeWay's VBS kids will find fun around every corner in the [Big Apple Adventure](#)[™] as they learn to step out in faith and connect with Jesus.

Or, kids can slide into their flip-flops and head for oceans of fun with [Club VBS: Beach Blast](#)[®] as they learn about God's faithfulness.

Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect

Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in LifeWay's Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world. [Scripture Verse, Motto, & Rotations](#).

Watch the [Big Apple Adventure Overview Video](#)



Club VBS: Beach Blast

Slide into your flip-flops, grab a pail and shovel, and head for oceans of fun with Club VBS: Beach Blast™. Kids will catch the wave of God's faithfulness as they learn all about His love for them. Club VBS: Beach Blast™ is sure to make a splash wherever you use it—whether it's Vacation Bible School, Spring

Break, Fall Break, or a mid-week gathering.

[Scripture Verse, Motto, & Rotations](#)

Order your VBS 2011 [Sampler](#) or [Super Sampler](#) today!

Watch the [Big Apple Adventure Overview Video](#)

† Smyth & Helwys www.helwys.com/uc/index2.html

Under Construction a Habitat for Humanity VBS

What Is Under Construction?

Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity Vacation

Bible School is a Christian education resource that uses a construction metaphor to help children learn about community. To teach children the value of Christian service,

Under Construction also introduces them to the ministry of **Habitat for Humanity International**. By combining solid Biblical teaching with practical Christian service, the children and the adults who are leading them engage a Christian learning experience like no other! [Daily Bible Story Themes](#)



† Group Publishing vbs.group.com

2 Great Group VBS Choices – See [Comparison](#)

PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You!

A wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands. [Bible Points](#)



Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid!

It's the Bible in motion! Kids are welcomed into the ultimate VBS Bible-times experience as they visit with Mary, Jesus' mom, and hear about Jesus' childhood adventures. All kids will learn Bible truths that they can't wait to apply to their lives and share with others. Nazareth teaches kids to love God and his Word...like you do. Uses the kid friendly, New Living Translation (NLT).

[Bible Points](#)

† Concordia Publishing House www.cph.org/vbs

Go wild on a faith journey with Jesus!

Grab a vine, brave the rapids, and prepare for a BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE! Kids (and volunteers!) won't want to miss a minute of this big adventure where they can go wild for Jesus! Complete with interactive and engaging activities, kids will learn about Jesus' amazing love all day, every day. [Key Theme, Theme Verse, & Daily Schedule](#)



† Cokesbury Publishing www.cokesbury.com

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

In this kid-friendly cafe full of chefs' hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, you kids will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. Through interactive lessons boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God. [Day-by-Day Lessons / Bible Stories](#)



† Gospel Light Publishers www.gospellightvbs.com/sonsurf/

Sonsurf Beach Bash

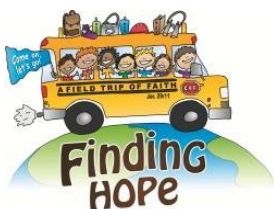
Grab your surfboard and paddle out to ride a wave of fun and adventure at SonSurf Beach Bash VBS! Learn about cool sea creatures like clownfish, dolphins, and sea turtles. Explore tide pools and collect seashells. Jump into cool, refreshing waves or sit on the beach and feel the soft, warm sand between your toes.



As your kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also get Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus: Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do?

Students will have an opportunity to Meet Up, Look Up, Join Up, Open up, and Fire Up to and with Jesus...[Course Overview](#)

† [The CBF store](#) for their VBS Program



Finding Hope: *A Field Trip of Faith* is a unique children's resource designed to share the Biblical concept of hope in fun and meaningful ways while leading children on a missional field trip to five communities in the U.S. Finding Hope is designed as a Vacation Bible School resource, but could easily be used for children's day camps, backyard Bible clubs, and summer mission programs.



Impact Virginia! is our "classic" one week construction mission opportunity for teenagers in which 250 and 300 participants focus on home repair and renovation for those in great need in Virginia.

Project days begin and end with worship celebrations to help set and maintain the right spirit and attitude. Space remains available only at Buckingham site, July 17-23.

<http://www.vbmb.org/Missions/Impact-Mission-Camps/Virginia.cfm>

Virginia Baptist Worship Arts Camp Concept Cost - VBMB

Summer Music & Worship Arts Camp has been a wonderful experience for thousands of children and youth in Virginia for the past 30 years. While attendance at many camps began to wane, we are now offering a combined camp for older children and middle school teens.



http://www.vbmb.org/Ministries/Worship-Music/Event_Worship-Arts-Camp.cfm



Camp Piankatank - VBMB

Piankatank Camp and Conference Center is a year-round Virginia Baptist facility located on 90 acres along the Piankatank River in Hartfield, Virginia. Camp Piankatank provides pristine natural surroundings, comfortable lodging, quality food service, proper program space and equipment, and exciting recreational opportunities for its summer camp programs, as well as

for retreats, conferences, and other gatherings. <http://www.vbmb.org/Camps-Centers/Camp-Piankatank/default.cfm>

MC2 2011: "Jesus Said..." - July 25-30, 2011 ... Eagle Eyrie ...

Jesus also said, "...And you will be my witnesses." How do we share "I am" with the world? Join us at MC2 as we share "I am" with our world! ... This camp offers hands-on mission opportunities for the whole family or just specific age groups from your church, WOW Bible study and dynamic worship. <http://www.mc2-va.com/>



CROSSROADS SUMMER CAMPS

Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure this summer? Do you want to come to a place where you can build lifelong friendships, strengthen your relationship with God, and have fun at the same time? CrossRoads Summer Camp is just the place for you! We offer: All Girl Camps, Coed Camps, and Family Camps. <http://crossroadscamp.com/summercamp/about-summer-camp>

PASSPORT SUMMER CAMPS

These camps are held in various locations from Georgia to Boston and California to Washington, D.C. Children and youth participate in hands-on missions, Bible study, worship and just plain fun.

http://www.passportcamps.org/home/Inc.2011/Youth_Camp.html



🐟 Disaster Relief

† Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief Services. Disaster Relief is a mission effort of the Global Missions Team in which Virginia Baptists work to provide relief to those who find themselves victims of disasters in Virginia, the U.S., and around the world.

We work in partnership with the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Baptist conventions, agencies and other national and international partners to bring relief and hope to those in need.

For more information or to find out about the many recent responses, please visit: <http://www.vbmb.org/Ministries/Disaster-Relief/default.cfm>

🐟 Goshen

We hope you'll visit it on a regular basis to see the latest missions, ministry, and training updates. Please visit [Goshen's website](#) on a regular basis!



We hope you'll also visit us on our new Facebook page. Join the Goshen on Facebook to read our latest news, share what's going on in your church, post pictures for others to see, and become inspired by posts from other churches. You may discover new partners within our association, in your area or somewhere else in Virginia that will open new avenues for ministry!

As always, we welcome your input and we look forward to staying connected!

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