

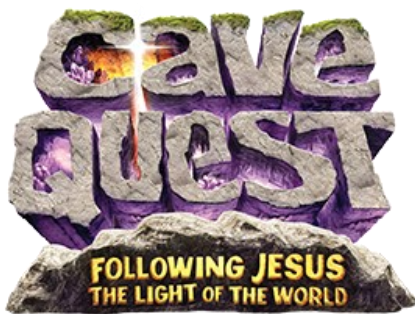
Ministry Spotlight

Vacation Bible School - VBS takes place each year for one week in August and is open to all children, age 3 through (just completed) 4th grade. Youth in 5th grade and up are welcome to participate as volunteers. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm.

Vacation
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Each day begins in the sanctuary with an “everybody” session of songs and a skit or presentation. Then the children split into groups by age. The youth volunteers are responsible for shepherding the children in their groups. They also lead the activities with the assistance of adult leaders. At the end of the day family and friends are invited to join them back in the sanctuary for the closing. During the day they have crafts, music, team activities, science experiments and snacks as they learn about how God works in their lives.

VBS is an important way that we “Welcome and Serve” our own children and youth as well as those who are not members but live in our neighborhood. Typically we have 50 to 70 children and youth participating. Many are not St. John members, but attend other churches or are not connected to any church. Some children attend a series of VBS programs in various churches through the summer, as their parents need to work and VBS provides an affordable program for the children in the summer. The youth volunteers receive a wonderful leadership training experience, leading activities and taking responsibility for themselves and others.



This year's VBS will take place August 1-5 and will be themed “Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World.” Want to get involved? You can:

- Volunteer to help during the program;
- Provide decorations;
- Provide materials for snacks;
- Help decorate the entire building!

If you can help, contact Kari Varns.