



Vacation Bible Camp 2018 FAQ

When is VBC?

VBC at First Methodist Mansfield is June 11-14. We offer two sessions.

Daytime 9am-12pm

Evening 6pm-8pm

What is the theme and scripture this year?

Our theme is AMPED: Living Fully Alive for God. We will be focusing on these truths...

1. God is with you.
2. God has a plan for you.
3. Jesus is Alive!
4. You are a part of a bigger story.

Our scripture for VBC is "I have come that you may have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way." John 10:10

Who may attend VBC?

Children PK-5th grade completed in the 2018-2019 school year. Please enroll your child in the grade they just completed. Your child must have turned 4 years old by September 1, 2017 to attend our regular VBC. Anyone younger may attend Wee VBC if a parent or guardian is volunteering for VBC and on campus.

Do you have to be a member of First Methodist Mansfield to attend VBC?

No, everyone is welcome.

Can my child be in a class with their friend?

In order to consider this, be sure that the friend is in the same session and grade. We do our best to honor friend requests but can't guarantee this in all situations.

What will my child do when they are at VBC?

Have a lot of fun!! Each child goes through rotations that include games, small group time, snacks, crafts, and worship. All rotations are equipped with trained adults. Worship rotation will teach your child the dance moves and motions to the songs we learn throughout the week. The teaching includes fun skits that share God's true Word. During small group time, your

child will have a chance to hear God's truths and make new friends in a safe and loving environment. We'll also provide a fun snack each day.

What is Wee VBC?

Wee VBC is our VBC for our littles ages 6 months and older during the day session. In the evening session, we will allow toddlers to 15 months old. Children may attend VBC if their parent or caregiver is volunteering and on campus during VBC.

What can my little one expect during Wee VBC?

We will be learning the same lessons from the Bible about how God made us and loves us, but in a way that is just right for our littles to understand. While parents are volunteering, the Wee VBC participants will experience worship with songs and videos, playtime in the classroom, recreation time outside, and special crafts and snacks to reinforce the Bible lessons.

How do I register for VBC?

Please go online to www.fmcm.org/vbc . Follow the link to the session of your choice. Registration opened April 1 and closes June 7.

I've registered by child, now what?

Please review this FAQ sheet. You will be contacted the weekend before VBC by your child's shepherd (leader). If you have any important questions that were not answered here, you may contact andrear@fmcm.org.

Can my friend pick up my child?

Yes, but they need to be on your child's registration as approved for pick-up. They will need to show proper ID to the child's leader before they may be picked up by your child.

Will a nurse be available for medicine or medical emergency?

Yes! We have a nurse on campus during the week, ready to help with medical needs, ice packs, bandages, and hugs as needed. Our nurse will be located in Building A atrium.

What about snacks? How do you handle food allergies?

We serve no snacks with nuts. If your child has severe allergies, please note that on the registration form. For more questions related to snacks and allergies, please contact victoriaj@fmcm.org.

Where should I drop off each morning and what should my child bring?

Drop off will begin starting at 8:40am in the sanctuary for PK-5 grade. Drop off will begin starting at 5:40 pm in the evenings. Please make sure your child is wearing comfortable clothes, tennis shoes, and has sunscreen on. Please leave special items at home for risk of losing their special treasure. Remember to stop by the atrium to purchase a VBC t-shirt for your child.

Can I drop off my child early?

The earliest we allow children to be dropped off is 20 minutes before VBC begins. This ensures that all volunteers are in place to meet your child and that children are safe and monitored by adults.

Where will I pick up my child?

Pick up is in the child's classroom at 12:00pm for the daytime session and 8:00pm for the evening. Your child's shepherd (leader) will give you a card on the first day with the classroom number where your child will be picked up daily. During pick up time, staff and volunteers will be present to share maps of the campus with you.

What happens if I have an emergency and am having trouble picking up my child?

Please call Andrea Roberts (the Children's Director) at 817-235-8412. We will bring your child down to the gym with us until you can arrive.

My child loves the VBC music? Can I get a copy of the songs?

We will have a list of the songs and artists for the week. Due to copyright laws, we can't hand out CD's to participants at the event. Please be looking for the list of songs through email and in your child's take home sheet the first day.

Will there be dress up days?

Yes!

Monday- Manic Monday (VBC Shirt)

Tuesday- Totally Neon Tuesday (anything neon)

Wednesday- Rock Out Wednesday (Crazy Hair, Rock n Roll attire)

Thursday- Terrifically Rad Sports Thursday (dress in sports gear, favorite team jersey)

Friday Night-Family Friday VBC Shirt

How may I purchase a t-shirt for VBC?

Participant shirts are prepurchase and will be available in the atrium starting June 2. You may purchase a shirt by going to www.fncm.org/vbc. For those that haven't prepaid, we will have a limited number available for purchase in the atrium starting the weekend of June 9-10 and all week of VBC. T-shirts are \$12, and we accept cash, check, or credit card. All t-shirts are available on a first come first served basis. Adult and youth volunteers who are serving the entire week of VBS will receive a volunteer t-shirt at no charge while supplies last.

How do I volunteer for VBC?

All students who have completed 6th grade- adult may volunteer for VBC. Please register online. Every volunteer will receive a AMPED t-shirt. Please note that training is required to volunteer.

Are there important dates I need to be aware of as a volunteer?

Yes!

June 6 - 5:30pm-7:30pm Volunteer Orientation and Meeting

June 9 - campus is open if you would like to decorate your room

June 10 -12:30pm-5:00pm- campus is open if you would like to decorate your room

June 15- Family Night 6:30pm-8:00pm

When is volunteer orientation and who should attend?

VBC Equipping and Training is Wednesday June 6 from 5:30pm-7:30pm, starting in the gym. You will receive your VBC role, t-shirt, materials and training. Children's staff will be able to answer any and all questions you may have. All youth and adult volunteers must attend. If you can't attend due to a prior commitment, please contact Michelle Gery at michelleg@fmcm.org

If I want to work with a Special Needs buddy, what do I do?

Register at www.fmcm.org/vbc under Special Needs. You will be contacted prior to VBC to let you know who you will be assigned to and for any training you may need to assist the child. If you have any questions about the Special Needs VBC, please contact amandaf@fmcm.org.

Are the volunteers screened?

We are fully committed to providing a safe environment for your child. We have an extensive screening process for our volunteers.

Will there be a mission project during week?

YES! This year we will be supporting Project Transformation. This is a local organization that helps need children in the Fort Worth area by providing them with a fun, safe environment all summer. We will be collecting money during the week as well as new and gently used books. To learn more about this great organization, go to the following link.
<https://projecttransformation.org/central-texas/>

When is the Family Night Celebration?

Family Night is going to be awesome this year! It is Friday, June 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm starting in the sanctuary. You will see a slideshow presentation of our week, experience worship, hear our bottom lines from the week and even participate in a game or two. Following VBC, we will have fellowship time outside with games, bounce houses, and food for purchase from local food trucks. All family and friends are welcome.

WE look forward to seeing all of you for the best week of summer. Should you have any questions, please contact andrear@fmcm.org.

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