

SUCCESS or FAILURE?

VBS *needs* YOU

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The success or failure of any church effort is dependent upon each church member; Vacation Bible School (VBS) obviously is no different. The material has been planned and tailored to the needs of children today. All of the teachers have been planning for weeks, and are excitedly awaiting the opportunity to teach the truth of God's Word. The classrooms will soon be ready, after they have been redesigned specifically for VBS. The appropriate preparations have been made, therefore all that lacks is the inviting, promoting and success of this great opportunity! That which follows in this article seems to be a way to ensure the success of VBS.

Visit family, friends and neighbors. Perhaps grandchildren, nieces and nephews will come to visit for quality family time as well as to benefit from the Vacation Bible School. Children from the neighborhood would certainly benefit from that which is in store in their classes. Like the Great Commission, Christians must be aggressive in seeking individuals to invite; Jesus said "go ye into all the world..." (Mark 16:15, emp added). The individual members must invite and promote VBS! Additionally, each church member must be active in praying for the success of VBS. Get excited about this unique, annual opportunity! Do not let the fact that VBS occurs every year keep you from realizing the true blessings that are to be found therein!

Bring your children, your guests ... and YOU! "Classes for all ages" are often emphasized in advertisements — and so they should be! No one is too young or too old to attend (and benefit from) VBS. In fact, studying the Word of God is a fundamental need of every human being of every age (2 Pet. 3:18)! Be sure to realize the benefit VBS can have for you, the adult; it is not only for children. Teachers have designed the classes to fit the students. The children will be studying the fact that "God loves kids," while the adults will walk through the book of Ezekiel, led by Bro. Bill Irby (of Athens, AL).

Study the Bible with us! Promote, attend and be prepared to be enriched by the powerful Word of God! There is nothing more important than following His Commands, for this is the whole of man (Eccl. 12:13). Young people are charged to remember their Creator (Eccl. 12:1; cf. Deut. 6:7-9). While it is contrary to today's culture, the fact remains true: there is nothing more pertinent, applicable and *needed* than the teachings of the Bible! Come ready to study!

Vacation Bible School provides a great opportunity to outreach to the community. Let us work together to make 2008 VBS a great success!

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