



## St. Andrew's Church

631 North Jefferson Street • Roanoke, VA 24016-1401

Dear Parents,

Thank you for registering your child for St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School. It runs **July 9-13 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**. Our theme for Vacation Bible School is "Splash Canyon." Children will be kept busy with crafts, music, outdoor games, snacks, and of course Bible Stories. This VBS is based on **2 Cor 1:20** "*For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him.*"

We have lots of activities and fun planned for that week, and listed below is some valuable information that will help you and your child get ready. Children will be grouped according to their age and date of birth, not necessarily to their grade. Groups may include children who are in a grade above or below, but are near the same chronological age.

### Getting Ready:

When getting your child ready for Vacation Bible School, dress them in play clothes, with appropriate footwear, as the children will be going outside for games every day. For safety's sake, we allow only ATHLETIC SHOES (no sandals or flip-flops) to be worn by all children. The children will be outside for a 20 minute time period, so please apply sunscreen before you leave home if you want to.

To make the week a little more interesting, we are going to have a dress-up theme each day for the children. Letting them take an active role in getting ready for each day's theme will help give them a feeling of ownership and independence.

Monday: *"Color Day"* – Wear your group color. Your child's group name and color:  
YELLOW  
RED  
PURPLE  
GREEN  
BLUE

Tuesday: *"Bring a Fuzzy Friend Day"* – Bring along your favorite "stuffed" animal.  
(Ex: teddy bear, lion, tiger, horse, monkey, etc.)

Wednesday: *"Hat Day"* – Find a special hat, funny hat, big hat, or make a hat for the occasion to wear to VBS this day.

Thursday: *"WaCkY TaCkY Day"* – see how crazy you can make an outfit or a hair-do look.

Friday: *"T-shirt Day"* – Wear your blue VBS t-shirt! (VBS T-shirts will be sent home with all children on Wednesday, July 11.)

Drop off and Pick up:

**Drop off is from 8:30 AM until 8:50 AM.** Children are to be dropped off at the lower entrance of the Parish Center, which is directly underneath the Church commons area. (This is also the door that goes into the mausoleum, nursery, and music practice room.) Please feel safe knowing that your child will be met at that entrance by adults, given a nametag, and escorted up to the Social Hall where they will begin their day! *Any child arriving after 8:50 AM should be brought directly to the Social Hall.*

**Pick up is at 12 Noon in the Social Hall.** Please identify yourself to your child's teacher as either a parent or guardian, and sign your child out before leaving the site. *This pick up procedure is necessary in order for our VBS staff to know the whereabouts of all children at all times.* Children not picked up by 12:15 PM will have their emergency contact person called.

Enclosed in this mailing is a form to indicate who is allowed to pick your child up at Noon, an emergency contact phone number for the hours between 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, and information about lunch in the Social Hall on Friday. *This form must be turned in on Monday morning.* Also enclosed is information about our VBS Service Project collection for Blue Ridge Women's Center.

Snacks

Children are served snacks every day. We rely on the medical information that you provide on their form to make sure there are no problems; however, if you know that your child has a severe food allergy, you may want to send their snack from home each day. Our snack menu will be posted on the Vacation Bible School page of our parish website <http://www.standrewsroanoke.org/vacation-bible-school.php>. Direct any questions regarding snacks to Kathy Boyer at [kboyer@standrewsroanoke.org](mailto:kboyer@standrewsroanoke.org) or 344-9814.

Adult Bible Study during VBS time

This year we are pleased to offer an Adult Bible Study from 9:30 – 11:30 am during VBS week. It will meet in classroom 2, and will allow you to study the same scripture that your child learns about every day. The Nursery will be available for little ones.

Closing Program:

On Friday, July 13, we will have a special closing program. We invite families to join us at 11:15 AM in the Church, where the children will end the week in prayer and showcase songs they have learned. Immediately following the closing program, all children and their caregivers will enjoy lunch in the Social Hall, which should conclude around 12:30 PM. Anyone able to help with the luncheon should contact Kathy Boyer at [kboyer@standrewsroanoke.org](mailto:kboyer@standrewsroanoke.org).

On Sunday, July 15, the children will gather at the 9:00 Mass and sing some of their VBS songs for the rest of the parish. Have them wear their VBS t-shirt. We are looking forward to a great week with your child. Any questions you have before then can be directed to the Office of Christian Formation at 344-9814.

Sincerely,

Kathy Boyer  
Director of Children's Faith Formation  
Vacation Bible School Director