

VBS Report  
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As you may already know, this year's VBS theme is "Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus" Focusing on Philippians 1:6 as the theme verse: **I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.** The heartbeat of this VBS is *Jesus is the foundation that lasts!*

I, with the THBA DOM and Kabir Bansal, attended the Associational VBS Directors Advanced Training in Jefferson City on November 15, 2019 and had the privilege of previewing the music, curriculum, snacks, and games. Also, our VBS team attended the VBS Team Training on March 2, 2020 in Chillicothe, MO from 8a-3p. We gained a lot of valuable tools and information that we're excited to share with the rest of the association. On March 7, the VBS Early Clinic was held for Church VBS leaders and pastors. There were 16 people in attendance with 8 churches represented.

The VBS Trainings scheduled on April 18 and April 25 have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have since been combined and rescheduled for **Saturday June 6 from 9am – 12pm** at Fellowship Baptist Church (a central location for the association). We still plan to have all the sessions available to the association that were available for the April dates. The Lifeway core sessions include:

- VBS Directors Workshop
- Curriculum Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Missions & Special Friends
- Decorations, Snacks & Crafts
- Music & Worship

We also have bonus sessions included that *do not* pertain to Lifeway Curriculum that are still important and beneficial to those involved with VBS. Those sessions include:

- Children & Salvation: Sharing Your Testimony & the Gospel
- Learning Styles: Tips on Teaching Kids
- Safety & Protection of Children in the Church
- Adult VBS: How to Implement Before, During, or After Children's VBS

Please plan to bring your VBS teams to this Training Session in June!

The Thousand Hills Baptist Association and the VBS team are bringing another opportunity to learn and grow in the children's ministry within their churches. On **Thursday, June 4 at 6pm**, a team from the Missouri Baptist Children's Home will be coming to our association to educate and train those that work with children in their churches on sexual abuse, minimizing risks, and how to implement in your churches. This program, **Stewards of Children**, is a 2 hour training that features videos of survivors of sexual abuse; it also includes an interactive workbook. It is led by a certified facilitator. The location is TBA at this time. Please call Bobbie Bansal @ 314-399-0226 if you or your children's ministry leaders/helpers plan to attend.

As we draw closer to this year's VBS, I encourage you all to join me in fervent prayer for this ministry. This year (because of the pandemic) could be a very large year for VBS in both attendance and in salvation. Pray that God softens hearts, provides each church with the teams they need for the harvest, and relationships are made that go beyond VBS. It's all for His glory!

Jesus is our Strong Foundation!

In Christ's Love, Bobbie Bansal