

**Q: When is VBS this year?**

A: Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24 from 9-12:15 each day.  
Decorating day is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM and Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11am for all volunteers  
Volunteer training is mandatory for all volunteers (Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening or Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in the morning).

**Q: What is a typical day at VBS like?**

A: Children start the day with fun energizing, faith-boosting music at God’s Mighty Messengers! Then kids move through activity stations with their Crews (small groups with leader). Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. We end the day all together with more engaging music and a skit at the Sail Away Sendoff!

**Q: How should my child dress for VBS?**

A: Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to dress them in play clothes and safe shoes. Bring a labeled water bottle to fill up at the water station when outside. Don't forget the sunscreen before leaving home, too!

**Q: Will I receive confirmation of my child's enrollment in God’s Mighty Messengers before VBS begins?**

A: Yes, when you click SUBMIT at the bottom of the registration form a short note indicating that you are registered will be displayed. If you have any questions about your registration, please e-mail [cbarton@olmc.org](mailto:cbarton@olmc.org).

**Q: What are the fees?**

A: Registration fee is \$20 per child, \$60 maximum per family. This helps cover the costs for supplies & yummy snacks each day.

Please inquire with Cristy Barton, [cbarton@olmc.org](mailto:cbarton@olmc.org), about financial aid if needed.

**Q: What are payment options?**

A: Payment and registration are on two different pages on this website. Please complete both tasks in order to enroll your child in VBS.

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**If you wish to pay by check**, please mail a check made payable to "OLMC" with VBS 2016 in the memo line.

Mail to:

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
100 Harpersville Road  
Newport News, Va. 23601  
Attn: VBS Registration*

**Q: How early can I drop my child off in the mornings?**

A: Children can be dropped off at **8:45am** each morning.

**Q: What if my child has a food allergy or a special need?**

A: Please include details on registration. This information will be kept confidential and only shared with those who have direct contact with your child. VBS staff will work with parents to accommodate children with food allergies.

**Q: What if my child becomes sick or is injured while they are at VBS?**

A: An adult VBS staff member will assist crew leaders with a sick or injured child. There will be a nurse on duty each day during VBS hours to assist with any of these needs. Please make sure that we have accurate emergency contact information.

**Q: Are children in placed in groups according to age?**

A: At God's Mighty Messengers KIDS will be in Crews, mixed-aged groups with other children who are rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Pre-K and Kindergarten VBS will be in separate Crews.

**Q: Can I request my child be placed in the same crew with a friend?**

A: We will try to honor ONE friend request; however, in an effort to have evenly distributed crews as far as gender and age, it may not be possible. If there is a special circumstance let the coordinator know.

**Q: Can I request siblings be placed in the same group?**

A: Yes. There is a request line on the registration for this purpose. Middle schoolers can help out as one of the crew leaders/station leaders accompanied by a High school or adult leader.

**Q: We are not parishioners at OLMC, may my children still attend VBS?**

A: Absolutely! While we use the Catholic curriculum, all children are welcome on a first come first served basis.