



## Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

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## Vacation Bible School Information and Registration Form

**Dates:** Monday thru Friday, June 10-14, 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Grades:** Age 4 thru leaving grade 5

The VBS theme this year is “Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God.” Our opening ceremony will start each evening at 5:30, followed by a free, light dinner for each VBS participant and their family members. After dinner, the kids will go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they’ll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! The kids will learn daily Bible points and key Bible verses, and watch inspiring Bible stories. Don’t worry, you don’t have to pay for anything, but donations are gratefully accepted! However, we are limited to 60 children, so register early!

### Dinner

A free dinner is part of our VBS program and will be served to each VBS participant after the opening ceremony. All other members of your family (kids and adults) are invited to join us for dinner, if you so choose. We hope you can stay, observe the VBS opening, and eat with your VBS kids during the early part of the evening. We ask that you please indicate ahead of time the number of adults and number of children (including your VBS child) who will be eating each evening. Sign up for the Monday dinner on the VBS Registration Form; sign up for the rest of the week at the Registration Table during the week of VBS. Each meal will include a juice box or water, and a fruit cup or applesauce. The dinner to be served each day (subject to change) is:

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Hot Dogs & Baked Beans	Walking Tacos	Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Pizza & Pudding

If your child has a food allergy to any of the above, please send with your child something that he or she can eat that evening. We will also need to know about food allergies for the nightly snack that will be served. Please indicate that information on the Registration Form.

### **VBS Mission**

VBS is a time of learning more about God through Bible stories, songs, and games. It is also a time for the children to learn about giving back. Our missions provide a way for children to learn the value of investing in Kingdom work using their own gifts and talents.

Our VBS mission this year is helping the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. At the Children's Home, donated funds play a huge role in the purchase of items the children need and want. Our VBS kids are encouraged to make a donation of any size each evening for the Children's Home. As in previous years, there will be a challenge to see who can donate more money – the boys or the girls!

### **Registration**

There are three ways to register. First, register online using the VBS registration button on the church's homepage at <https://GulfCoveChurch.com>.

Second, complete the VBS Registration Form in this information packet and deliver it to the church by June 6. Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm, and Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

Third, register over the phone by calling Dana at 941.979.9927.

### **VBS Week**

Remember that VBS starts at 5:30pm, so arrive early at the Registration Table which opens at 5:00. A name tag will be given to VBS participants each day. PARENTS, BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD IN AND OUT EVERY EVENING!

*If you have any questions, please contact Holly Tozer,  
our Children's Director, at [GCUMCkids@gmail.com](mailto:GCUMCkids@gmail.com)  
or text her at 517.260.6167.*

**See you at VBS!!**

