

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

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Vacation Bible School Information and Registration Form

Dates: Monday thru Friday, June 23-27, 2025

Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Grades: Age 4 thru leaving grade 5

The VBS theme this year is “True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.” 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 on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they’ll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what’s true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He’s our True North!

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
Chicken Nuggets & Baked Beans	Walking Tacos	Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots	Spaghetti & Meatballs	Pizza & Pudding

If your child has a food allergy to any of the dinners, 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 Residing Hope (formerly known as 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 and youth 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 19. Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:00am to 2:30pm, and Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

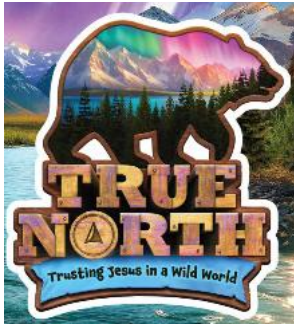
Third, register over the phone by calling Dana at 941.979.9927.

VBS Week

Remember that VBS starts at 5:30pm, so arrive early at the Registration Table which opens at 5:00. Mondays are extremely hectic, so please come a little extra early that day. 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
or text her at 517.260.6167.*

See you at VBS!!



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Children		Age	Date of Birth	Grade Leaving	Gender
First & Last Name					M F
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Allergies & Medical Concerns (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> None. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, as follows:					
Parent/Guardian First & Last Name				Publicity picture ok? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Street Address					
City, State, Zip				Home Church	
Contact Phone# 1	Contact Phone# 2	Email Address			
Emergency Contact Name, Phone#, Relationship					
Alternate Pickup Name & Phone#					
Do you want to be in the same group as someone else? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (provide name):					
Monday meal (see info pages) # _____ kids (including VBS kids) # _____ adults			Comments		