

Dear Parent,

Welcome to ***Shipwrecked VBS—Rescued by Jesus!*** Shipwrecked VBS uses sight, sound, and touch to help children experience Bible stories in ways that help faith flow into real life. (And yes, we might all get a little messy, so be sure to send your children in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call *God Sightings*. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

During Shipwrecked VBS your child will also have the opportunity to participate in two mission projects—one global and one local. First, we will collect money to help provide drought tolerant fruit and vegetable seeds for Haitian families through *Group VBS's Operation Kid-to-Kid!* Second, we will collect canned/boxed foods for a *local food pantry*. Additional information about these projects is attached to this letter.

Each evening will begin in the **Family Life Center** where you can **pick up your child's nametag** and your **Security Card** to be *used each night during pick-up*. Supper will be served by 5:30PM. At 6:00PM children will attend Castaway Sing & Play in the Sanctuary. Afterwards, Crews will travel in larger groups to the Shipwrecked stations: Bible Discovery, Ship Rec Games, and Imagination Station/Preschool Craft & Play.

Dismissal for Preschool through rising 1st graders will begin at **7:40PM** each night from the child's last rotation room (indicated on the **Security Card**). Members of the Security Team will direct you to the Children's Department (located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary). If you have older children (rising 2nd-rising 6th graders), you may choose to pick them up at the same time or to return for their dismissal at 8:20PM (the last elementary rotation ends at 7:55PM). If you plan to pick up your elementary-aged children early, please respond to this email (amy@hvbc.org) with your name and the preschool and elementary children's names.

Everyone is invited to join us in the sanctuary each day at 7:55PM for our daily finale, *Sail Away Sendoff*. However, **for safety reasons we ask that you keep any younger children in the pew with you and that the elementary children remain with their Crew Leaders until dismissal.**

Dismissal for Elementary children (rising 2nd-rising 6th graders) will begin by **8:20PM** each night. Children will not be allowed to leave the sanctuary until a parent or designated adult (*with a Security Card*) has signed them out. **There will be NO exceptions**, so please make sure someone is present to meet your child every night. Your child must remain with his/her Crew Leader until the leader has your signature. Once you've signed-out your child(ren), we ask that you quickly exit the sanctuary area so that our volunteers can begin their nightly staff meeting and devotional time.

If you have any questions about what has been communicated, please call our church office at 919-493-1809 or contact the VBS Directors by email at amy@hvbc.org

Blessings,

Jonathan & Amy Herring
HVBC VBS Co-Directors, 2018

Missions Projects—

Operation Kid-to-Kid

Operation Kid-to-Kid™ is a partnership of Group Publishing, Inc. Vacation Bible School and nondenominational Christian organizations that over the years has become one of the largest forces mobilizing children in serving other children around the world.

This year, Group is partnering with World Vision and other churches like HVBC to provide drought tolerant fruit and vegetable seeds for Haitian families. Not only will the harvest from these crops provide food for these families, but they'll also provide more seeds that will provide food year after year. These donations also support education programs for farmers on updated farming techniques. During this year's Shipwrecked VBS, each child will have the opportunity to participate in the OK2K mission project by bringing a monetary donation. A \$10 gift provides seeds that can grow into food that will feed a child for an entire year. And *any* donation makes a difference!

Yates Baptist Association Food Pantry

The Yates Baptist Association Food Pantry is a ministry that provides food and the Gospel message to those in need in the City of Durham. The YBA Food Pantry is located at Antioch Baptist Church (1415 Holloway Street, Durham, NC). Anyone in need of food assistance can call and make an appointment. Food is distributed each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. In November, the YBA Food Pantry prepares special “Thanksgiving Baskets” which are given out free of charge to those in need. Each basket contains a 12-15-pound turkey, fresh collards, sweet potatoes, homemade pies, rolls and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. During all the appointments, individuals are given the opportunity to learn about Jesus and have someone pray with them. The YBA Food Pantry strives to not simply meet the physical needs of each person but to meet their spiritual need as well.

Shipwrecked Music CD

CDs are available in the Family Life Center across from the Registration tables from 5:20PM until 6:15PM Sunday-Thursday. CDs are provided free of charge (1 per family) to families who pre-registered for HVBC's VBS by June 30. Families who did not pre-register may purchase a CD for \$5 (while supplies last).

Shipwrecked T-Shirts

Children's T-shirts are available at the table across from the Registration area and may be purchased for \$5 on Sunday-Thursday evenings from 5:20PM until 6:15PM (while supplies last).

Dinner

Dinner will be served on Sunday-Thursday by 5:30PM until 5:55PM. This meal is free. (But donations are appreciated!) The weekly menu will be emailed to you this week.

Family Night Friday

Friday's closing production promises to be a special event. Following a pizza supper for the whole family at 6pm, we will review the week with a special skit where the children will perform some of the songs they learned during VBS.