



May 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Vacation Bible School 2018 at Island Christian Church. VBS is an exciting opportunity for us to partner with you to help your child catch a glimpse of the greatness of the God who made them and loves them. Here's why VBS is a great place for this to happen:

- ❖ The focus of VBS is to build an enthusiasm for God in your child. God delights in those who seek Him through faith in Jesus and who live their lives to honor Him.
- ❖ Our wonderful VBS staff is concentrating their efforts and prayer on helping each child experience the love of Jesus. Whether it's registration, the opening skit, the Bible teachers, the crew leaders or those who help with recreation and refreshments, we do it all for one reason - that each child would experience and come to personally know Jesus' love for them.
- ❖ Experiencing the fun and challenge of VBS with other kids their age builds the right kind of friendships - the kind built around learning truth together in a safe and loving atmosphere.
- ❖ This year in our Bible Discovery time, we will learn that Jesus is our Rescuer. He knows when we feel alone, or worried. He sees when we are having a really hard day and when we mess up. Even in the times when we feel powerless, Jesus is the One we can turn to for help!
- ❖ Finally, we have lots of fun. Our theme this year is **SHIPWRECKED- Rescued by Jesus** Our stage will come alive with skit characters that help our kids to learn to trust God in real-life situations and follow Him and His ways all through life.

Your child will receive the greatest benefit from VBS if they attend each of the five days. Please take some time to ask them what they learned and to go over the Scripture memory verse for that day- and memorize it along with them! Among the attached materials you will find an overview sheet that lists each day's Lesson Focus, Bible Passages and a whole lot more. One way to deepen the impact on your children is to read the Bible passages for yourself so that you can speak of them with your children as they learn day-by-day.

By the way, we are happy for your children to invite their friends to come - all are welcome!

At the beginning of this letter, I said it was our intent to partner with you to help your child catch a glimpse of the greatness of God. As a father of six, I know there is no greater gift we could give our children than to help them come to know the God who made them and learn to walk in His ways. This week, as intense as it is, is just one of 52 weeks in the year. If you do not have a church home that you regularly attend, I invite you and your child to come and experience our Sunday worship services at 9 and 10:45 am. We have an interactive children's program called Promise Land that I believe your child will truly enjoy.

So let's trust God together for a blessed week!

By God's grace,

*Pastor Lee Hamblen*  
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# 2018 Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 23 - Friday, July 27  
9:00 am - Noon

*For kids entering K-6th grades*



We're glad you're going to be part of our SHIPWRECKED VBS adventure this year. It's a week of Bible lessons, songs, crafts, skits and lots of fun as we discover amazing truths in God's Word- the Bible!

*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19*

**ALL WEEK YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SPECIAL VBS TICKETS to use at the Fair on Friday night. Here are some ways that your child can earn tickets:**

- 1 for each day in attendance
- 1 per day for good Christian conduct
- 5 for each new visitor your child brings
- 5 per day for doing Bible memory work

**\*\*\* Costume Day- Wednesday- earn 5 extra tickets!\*\*\***

*Come dressed as a castaway, island animal or a Bible character.*

*Please bring your Bible to VBS each day, if you have one.*

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**VBS Missions Project:** Each day of VBS we will collect an offering. The money will be used toward the designated Missions Project for 2018- providing bus scholarships to kids in Nicaragua. More info will be available VBS week.  
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### Join us at the VBS FAIR

Friday, July 27th- 6:00-8:00 pm

Use the tickets you've earned for: games, balloons, face painting, jumbo slide, moon bounce and more!  
We will also have hotdogs, soda and other treats for sale!

**The VBS child and their family are invited to attend.**

**Children *MUST* be accompanied by an adult.**

Dear Parents,

***If your child is entering K, please remember to bring proof of age with you on day 1!***

The program begins **promptly** at 9:00, which means you need to arrive as early as 8:30 so your child can line up, be accounted for and be seated safely with their group. When arriving, please park your car and walk your child to their line each morning. Follow directions from our very capable traffic team as you enter and exit the church grounds. **Name tags** will be distributed on line each morning and returned to your child's leader at the end of the day.

Our **Opening**, from 9:00 to 9:40, is filled with lively songs, a video and a missions update. We set up extra chairs in the back of the Sanctuary so that you can join us if you wish to watch the fun. After the skit, please stop by the parent resource area in the lobby for coffee and light refreshments. You are invited to attend our parent workshops offered during the week. Child care is available for workshops- sign up during the week.

We encourage the children to bring their friends. Our policy is to place each child in their age-appropriate grade. If there are any special circumstances we need to be aware of, please discuss with the registration department.

**Dismissal is at 12 noon. The "person responsible for pick up" must go to each dismissal location within the church buildings to pick up their children.** Dismissal locations are included in this packet. If someone other than you is picking up your child, they may be asked to provide the 'safe word' you assigned for your child upon registration. Please be sure to inform them of it.

Each day, your child will receive a daily paper highlighting the day's events and announcements about the next day's activities. **Lost your daily paper?** These will also be available on our website during VBS week: [www.islandchristian.com/vbs](http://www.islandchristian.com/vbs).

Thank you for choosing to send your child to VBS at Island Christian Church. It's sure to be a week filled with possibilities!

*Suzie Nicolosi & Amy Walker* - VBS Directors

## Dismissal Procedure:

The dismissal at 12 NOON is designed for greater safety and security.

**SAFE WORD DISMISSAL-** When you registered your child, you chose a dismissal safe word. Your child does **not** need to know this safe word. Please share your chosen safe word with any adult that you may ask to pick up your child.

### Kindergarten

**YELLOW**

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*Preschool Annex building- across the parking lot from the church building.*

### GRADE 1

**LIGHT GREEN**

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*Sanctuary*

### GRADE 2

**DARK GREEN**

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*Sanctuary*

### GRADE 3

**LIGHT BLUE**

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*Youth Room- go into Youth Center entrance, up stairs, on right*

### GRADE 4

**DARK BLUE**

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*Fellowship Hall- enter main lobby, go down stairs, to the left*

### GRADE 5

**LIGHT ORANGE**

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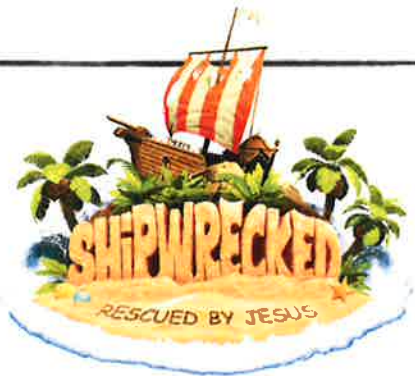
*Gym- enter main lobby, up stairs one flight*

### GRADE 6

**DARK ORANGE**

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*Gym- enter main lobby, up stairs one flight*



## 2018 VBS Missions Project

### VBS Missions Objective: High School Bus Scholarships- Managua, Nicaragua

Each day of VBS we have a daily offering for missions. This year we will be revisiting a project that our VBS helped start many years ago. In this area of Nicaragua, children often end their education at an elementary level. This is because the free high school that they can attend is many miles away and their families cannot afford the cost of busing them. It costs only \$25/ month- but that is more than half of what some families make in a month! High school and higher education is simply out of the equation for so many kids- keeping the cycle of poverty in this area of the world going and growing.

There are so many amazing stories of kids who have been scholarship recipients in the past as well as some other ministries that have started as a result of the bus scholarship program! You'll just have to come to VBS and hear all about it!

### **Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for this project**

Please give as God leads you. We do encourage the children attending VBS to earn some of their donations by doing chores at home or finding creative ways to serve others. In this way, they can feel God is using them to help these children, half a world away!

*Pastor Paul Sandberg*

VBS Missions





## **VBS SNACKS:**

Your child will have a snack time built into their schedule each day at VBS.

We make sure that all of our snacks are **nut free**. However, if you would prefer to send your child in with a snack from home, please have it labeled and in a convenient to carry bag for your child as they will be responsible for carrying it with them during the day.

The snacks we will serve through the week will be:

- Potato Chips
- Pretzels
- Cookies
- Trail Mix
- Ice Cream/Frozen Treat

Drinks: ice cold water

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [vbs@islandchristian.com](mailto:vbs@islandchristian.com)



## BIBLE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### Bible Story

### Key Verse

Day 1

Hope



When you're  
Lonely...*Jesus*  
*rescues!*

Jesus tells parables  
about lost things.  
(Luke 15)

"The Lord will hold  
me close."  
(Psalm 27:10)

Day 2

Beacon



When you  
worry...*Jesus*  
*rescues!*

Martha worries and  
complains. (Luke  
10:38-42)

"The Lord comes to  
the rescue each time."  
(Psalm 34:19)

Day 3

Rae



When you  
struggle...*Jesus*  
*rescues!*

Jesus' friends try  
to rescue him in  
the garden of  
Gethsemane.  
(Luke 22:39-54;  
Matthew 26:36-56)

"Be still, and know  
that I am God!"  
(Psalm 46:10)

Day 4

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When you do  
wrong...*Jesus*  
*rescues!*

Jesus welcomes  
a criminal before  
dying and coming  
back to life. (Luke  
23:26-24:12)

"Here on earth you  
will have many trials  
and sorrows. But take  
heart, because I have  
overcome the world."  
(John 16:33)

Day 5

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When you're  
powerless...  
*Jesus rescues!*

Peter and John  
heal a lame man in  
Jesus' name. (Acts  
3:1-26)

"This is the same mighty  
power that raised  
Christ from the dead."  
(Ephesians 1:19-20)