

South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education
Classes for Vacation Bible School
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“WORSHIP MATTERS”

*Exalting the Savior, Equipping the Saints, and
Proclaiming the Gospel Through Authentic Worship
While Ministering to the Needs of a Changing Culture”*

John 4: 24

Emphasis: “Worship That Teaches About God”

Jeremiah 7:2; Acts 5:42; Colossians 3:16; and 2 Timothy 2:11-15

100. A Model to Recruit and Implement Volunteers to Serve in VBS

This course will explore the development of viable and applicable models designed to identify and recruit volunteers to serve in the local church. Students will explore methods of identifying potential volunteers, approaches for discerning the volunteer’s giftedness, the enlisting process, interview techniques, and best practices for preparing volunteers to serve. Students will also learn practical methods that allow the local church to create a culture of Biblical servanthood.

101. Making VBS Intergenerational

This course will introduce and engage students in methods designed to attract and maintain attendance of an intergenerational audience of believers in VBS, including (but not limited to): Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation Xers, Millennials, and Centennials.

102. VBS Outside the Walls

This course will explore the effectiveness of and process for offering VBS at multiple sites within the local community. Topics to be discussed include resources, partnerships, permits, and staffing needs. The objective is for every student to develop a step-by-step outline, which would be used to establish an additional site for their VBS and thereby getting the name of JESUS out into the communities that cannot come to the church.

103. How Ordained and Lay Leadership Support VBS

This course teaches and highlights ways Pastors, deacons, presidents and chairpersons of ministries and committees of the local church support, enhance, and encourage VBS. Discussion topics may include: prayer, budget, presence, and participation.

104. Christian Education IT Resources that Enhance VBS

This course is designed to focus on the potential impacts of technology within VBS. Students will gain a better understanding of the cyber-church in the age of the net generation to better prepare them to minister to the “present age” of believers.

105. Music and Vacation Bible School

This course focuses on the role of music during VBS. The goal and objective is to inform, inspire, and instruct the students’ understanding of the theology behind the music. The course will also focus on ways in which music enhances the Sunday morning message for the edification of the body of Christ.

106. Vacation Bible School Crafts for All Ages

This course will focus on ways to make Bible education fun and easy with VBS crafts for all ages including banners, poems, wreaths, flowerpots, jewelry and more. Students will learn how crafts can be used to engage children while teaching valuable lessons and helping them remember key themes and related Bible verses.

107. How to Write Your Own Vacation Bible School Curriculum

This course is designed to prepare students for developing a custom VBS curriculum. Students will be exposed to best practices related to theme selection as well as identification of supporting Bible verses, key points, stories, and related activities for each day. Discussion may also include methods for adapting generic VBS curriculums to your church's unique VBS needs.

108. Collaborations and Partnerships for Life Enhancement

This class will explore methods for attracting and engaging community-based Christ-centered facilitators to teach life skills and CHRIST at the same time. Participants will learn to survey the needs of their context and then identify agencies that can assist. This course will also look at funding partnerships, sponsorships, and in-kind donors that could help take their local VBS to the next level.

109. The Benefits of Vacation Bible School for Children

This course teaches children solid biblical truths that help them build a relationship with our creator. Students will learn lessons that are carefully structured to help children become learners of the Lord Jesus Christ with the goal to become more like Him.

110. Reaching the Young Adults and Millennials Through Vacation Bible School

This course will teach the basic understanding of ministering to teens, youth and Young Adults/Millennials. Topics will be developed by class members and discussed among leaders and individuals representing various youth cultures. Discussion may include (but not limited to) ways to help develop a healthy understanding of youth and young adult culture. This course will be an interactive ROUND-TABLE discussion of those interested in meeting the needs of those representing the college/ young adult/teen culture.

111. Faculty and Staff Training

The purpose of this training is to discuss issues relating to the annual session in an effort to ensure that adequate preparations are made in advance of the annual event.