

God's Wonderful Water



In the beginning, before God created living creatures, God gave us the gift of water: water to drink, water to bathe and to swim in, water to soothe and to refresh us. All God's creation needs water to live. Many of the physical properties of water point to important spiritual truths. Water is also an important part of many bible stories. Water is so important that the Church uses it in a special way in the sacrament of baptism. This year at Vacation Bible School we will experience water in different ways to help us experience and

understand God. So get ready to wade in to **"God's Wonderful Water"** and have a wonderful week of fun at St. Bede's VBS!

Registration Information

Children, rising Pre-K through rising 6th graders, are invited to attend Vacation Bible School. **(Children must have turned three years old by September 1, 2007.)** Registration forms are available in the Commons and on the St. Bede's website, www.stbedes.org. The cost is \$20 for your first child, then \$10 per child for each additional sibling. Please complete the registration form and attach a check made payable to St. Bede's VBS and return them to the VBS registration box in the Commons or mail them to the church. The deadline for registration is **June 20, 2008** - you are not guaranteed space until both the registration form *and* payment are received! If you have friends, relatives or neighbors who might be interested in attending, please give a registration form to them. **Space is limited, especially for ages 3-4** (space will be reserved for the children of VBS on-site volunteers). Additional donations to VBS are welcome and are used to pay VBS tuition for children from the refugee community in Atlanta.

Jump in and volunteer!

A great deal of careful planning and preparation goes into St. Bede's Vacation Bible School every year. **Many volunteers are needed!** Whether you have a small amount of time to give or can commit to help all week, please prayerfully consider where you can serve. A blue volunteer registration form can be found in the Commons; forms may be returned to the VBS registration box or mailed to the church. Adults and young people, rising 7th graders and older, are encouraged to volunteer. There will be two training sessions for all volunteer staff. Childcare is provided for volunteers and other helpers during the training sessions and the week of VBS. Join us in making **"God's Wonderful Water"** a wonderful week!

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Our VBS Mission

Our VBS mission this year is to help send the children of Emmaus House to Camp Mikell for a wonderful week of summer camp. We will provide a beach towel and water bottle for each child. Emmaus House is an Episcopal Center serving the people of inner city Atlanta neighborhoods.

Most of these children have never been to camp and have few opportunities for summertime enrichment. The highlights of their week at Camp Mikell are swimming and walking in the woods. Towels and water bottles are much needed!

VBS families are invited to bring in a towel and water bottle during the week. All items must be new.

For more information on Emmaus House, please see their website at www.emmaushouse.org.

Thank you so much for your support of this outreach offering!

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