



Parent Information Letter / VBS 2010

Dear Parent,

We at The Bridge Bible Fellowship are very excited that your child will be a 'pilgrim' in our upcoming **Triumphant Journey! VBS 2010**. This year our children will be **journeying to the Celestial City!** The focus for the week is to **follow Jesus as He leads us in triumph!** Our pilgrims will learn the true salvation message from the Bible – and in addition, follow the story of 'Christian' from the classic book 'Pilgrim's Progress.' The week will be educational as well as inspirational. Our pilgrims will be introduced to much information about medieval times. **Triumphant Journey** promises to be a spiritually jam-packed week geared to impact children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is some important information you need to know to prepare for your child's week at VBS.

Please read over very carefully.

Dates: MONDAY, July 26th – FRIDAY, July 30th / 8:45a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

VBS Cost: \$25.00 / HVCS Summer Day Camp Cost: \$80.00

Your pilgrims will start off each day by forming small groups called '*clans*.' Several clans will join together to become a 'band.' All the bands gather at '*The Great Hall Coronation*' to interact with upbeat Bible songs that introduce them to the concepts they'll be learning that day. They then will rotate to six different '*hamlets*' (a small village). They'll play exciting games at '*Crusader's Challenge*', nibble tasty treats in '*Ye Olde Chow Down Chamber*', hear the exciting ongoing story (allegory) of 'Christian' who triumphantly journeys to the Celestial City in '*Reader's Theatre*', create fun crafts in '*Artisan's Guild*', and witness real life drama in '*Ye Olde Jester's Court*.' Afterwards, all bands assemble again to participate in each day's thrilling '*The Great Hall Finale*.'

CLAN PHOTOS

A keepsake photo will be taken of your child's clan during the week. This will be prepared for them to take home on Friday.

PILGRIM'S BURDEN

Instead of T-shirts this year, we are providing all our pilgrims with a 'backpack' imprinted with the 'Triumphant Journey' artwork. They will wear these to VBS each day and fill them with take home pages, crafts, and (shhhhh!) daily surprises to remind them of the main point of each day. 'The Lil' Pilgrims' (our preschool VBS) will also have their own (smaller) backpacks. We have to pre-order and estimate how many children will be attending. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!** (As with the T-shirts in past years, our pilgrims need to remember to bring their backpacks every day.)

THE GREAT HALL

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us every day at 'The Great Hall Coronation' approx. 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. and 'The Great Hall Finale' approx. 11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary! The 'Great Hall Coronation' will introduce our pilgrims to the daily Bible verses, Pilgrim's Progress chapter, and characters they will be learning about for that day through exciting songs with the 'Great Hall Finale' completing the day through a creative object lesson and celebration of what we've learned. You won't want to miss this! Your attendance will also insure that your child is picked up on time. **Children will not be released to anyone (this includes siblings) except a parent. They are to be met inside the sanctuary immediately after the finale. Please do not make arrangements with your child to wait for you in the**

parking lot, etc. Pilgrims attending HVCS Day Camp for the week will walk back to the school with their leaders for the rest of their day, and parents will pick up their children there.

MISSION PROJECT

Throughout the week, your pilgrims will be challenged to participate in our annual 'Mission Project'. The project for this year is still in the planning stages. Please give your children a 'head's up' and have them begin to save their hard earned coins and dollars. Every year the children of VBS get very excited about this and give so generously.

VBS STAFF

Please be advised that no one (teen or adult) will be registered for VBS staff without first filling out the registration form and signing the 'items of commitment.' Because we need to know each person who is leading and teaching the children who've been entrusted to our care, only those who attend TBBF or work at HVCS are eligible. You can obtain the registration form either at the VBS table or in TBBF office. Staff registration deadline is 7.11.10.

Please Take Note!

1. **If your child has any allergies that we need to be aware of PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE INDICATED THAT ON THE REGISTRATION FORM.** We will alert your child's Clan Leader that an alternative snack may have been provided by the parent for that day. In addition, our *Snacks Director* will be made aware of this special need. Additional information regarding an alternative snack will be sent to you if you checked the appropriate box on the registration form.
2. **All 'Lil' Pilgrims' entering the VBS Preschool Program (ages 3 – 5) must be potty trained.** This includes the absence of "Pull-Ups." Bathroom stops will be planned as much as possible.
3. You will be clearly directed to the registration area as you enter the parking lot (off Yolanda) on Monday morning, 7.26. Parents please escort your children and make sure they get signed in each day as well as take them to the sanctuary to meet their Clan Leader. Please make sure they have had a substantial breakfast before they arrive at VBS – then one more bathroom stop and they're ready for the 'journey' – thus, the arrival time of 8:45 ☺.
4. Emergency kits are on hand in the event of any minor boo boos.
5. Please spread the word to others regarding VBS at The Bridge Bible Fellowship. This year's "Triumphant Journey" promises to be a great time!! Simply provide friends with registration forms (1 per child) and have them send in with their payment. **(Make checks out to THE BRIDGE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (for VBS ONLY) or HEART OF THE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (for Summer Day Camp & VBS) and send to Diane Brown, 8038 Clemens Ave., West Hills, CA 91304).** See the registration form for more information.
6. **Please try very hard to bring your child to VBS no later than 8:45 a.m. each morning.** We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and don't want any of the kids to miss out on 'The Great Hall Coronation!'

We hope this information has been helpful to you as you prepare for your child's week at
'Triumphant Journey' / VBS 2010!



II Corinthians 2:14

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ..."

Please direct any questions to:
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