

VBS 2023- Prayer Schedule- Keepers of the Kingdom- 30 Days of Prayer

Day 1- Monday June 26- That, most of all, God will be pleased, glorified, exalted, and blessed by VBS! Pray for Ridgecrest Baptist Church as a whole, pray that we would be a church that loves the Lord and each other well!! That people would know we are Christians by our love and devotion to God and one another.

Day 2- Tuesday June 27- For wisdom, creativity, protection, and joy as we plan and prepare the opening and closing portions. Pastor Patrick and Kari will be prepping some of this and closing our time each evening.

Day 3- Wednesday June 28- wisdom, creativity, joy, safety, protection, and energy for all those working to design the decorations, and setup the room, pray for workers to aid in the decorating on July 16 the Sunday before VBS.

Day 4- Thursday June 29- That the all-volunteer meetings will go well, and that there will be good bonding among co-laborers. That we get all the workers we need, and that they will be enthusiastic, excited, loving, and sensitive to the children's needs.

Day 5- Friday June 30- For wisdom, creativity, protection, and energy for Ashton as she plans prepares to lead our music portion and memory verse rotation.

Day 6- Saturday July 1- For our VBS director, Kari Bottoms: wisdom, creativity, strength, endurance, good use of time; physical, emotional and spiritual protection.

Day 7- Sunday July 2- For the children who God already knows will be attending our VBS; pray that God is preparing their hearts to hear the Gospel.

Day 8 – Monday July 3- For Allie and the rest of the team that is heading up VBS crafts that they would have wisdom, good health, joy, and endurance.

Day 9- Tuesday July 4- For the Kitchen Crew (Reba, Casey, Richelle) and helpers to have wisdom in planning and energy as they oversee the VBS snacks and concession stand.

Day 10- Wednesday July 5- That food donations come in and that snack preparations go smoothly before and during VBS.

Day 11- Thursday July 6- That all VBS workers will be good ambassadors for Christ and will form strong relationships with the kids.

Day 12- Friday July 7- For all the technical/ multimedia aspects of VBS to run smoothly, protection, health, and creativity for the crew.

Day 13- Saturday July 8- For Colton to have wisdom and creativity as he oversees the VBS games.

Day 14- Sunday July 9 – Pray for the teaching time, and as the lessons are prepared. Kari will be pre-recording some of the lessons, especially the Gospel Presentation, which in this curriculum will be on the first day!! Pray as they each prepare and study to share God's word. That the teaching will bring glory to Jesus, with great fruit.

Day 15- Monday July 10- That all the VBS volunteers will experience growth in their relationship with the Lord through this VBS.

Day 16- Tuesday July 11- For great weather and safety during VBS week!!

Day 17- Wednesday July 12- That this VBS will be bathed in prayer. We should pray before, during and after!!!

Day 18- Thursday July 13- That God would draw families to our VBS that need to know of Him, and that we will have opportunities to share not only with the children, but that we have good Gospel conversations with parents as well. May they see Christ's love in us.

Day 16- Friday July 14- Pray that we remember we are Christ's ambassadors as we serve Him, may we prepare to serve with JOY!!

Day 17- Saturday July 15- Tomorrow is our day to decorate and last-minute prep, may everyone be preparing their hearts to serve.

Day 18- Sunday July 16- For the safety of those installing the set and decorations, and for enough workers to complete the task ahead of time.

Day 19- Monday July 17- For God to be greatly magnified, and for the Gospel to be proclaimed with power as we prepare our hearts to receive the children that will attend.

Day 20- Tuesday July 18- That all VBS workers are faithful to their commitments, energetic, joyful, enthusiastic, hard-working, and on time each day.

VBS BEGINS

Day 21- DAY 1 of VBS-Wednesday July 19- *Two Kingdoms and The Belt* *Gospel Presentation*

Bible Passages: Creator King and Prince of Darkness- John 18:37–38; Ephesians 6:10–11 & Savior King Genesis 1–3; Gospels; Ephesians 6:14

Apologetics Content: Absolute truth is true for all people, for all times, for all circumstances. We must build a biblical worldview to stand strong in the truth.

Pray that hearts will be soft and ready to receive the gospel.

Day 22- DAY 2 of VBS-Thursday July 20- *Breastplate of Righteousness and the Shoes of Peace*

Bible Passages: 2 Kings 22–23; Ephesians 6:15. Pray that we have good attendance and more opportunities to share the Gospel with more kids as the week goes on, and that each child and family that comes through the door.

Day 23- DAY 3 of VBS-Friday July 21- *Shield of Faith and the Helmet of Salvation*

Bible Passages: 1 Kings 2–11; Ephesians 6:16–17a

*****LAST DAY OF VBS *** Day 24- Saturday July 22- *Family Day!!*** Last Lesson: Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, and always pray. **Bible Passages:** Matthew 4:1–11; Ephesians 6:17–18a. As we invite families to stay and participate this day as Family Day, pray that parents do come and that we have a chance to share with them about the GOOD NEWS of the gospel and the HOPE found in Christ.

After VBS

Day 25- Sunday July 23- Pray for the families of the children that attended VBS, that if they are not attending a church somewhere that they would be open and willing to consider Ridgecrest as a place their family can come and grow.

Day 26- Monday July 24- Pray as we follow up with families and children that may have come to know Christ through attending VBS, that we would have opportunities to help in the discipleship. Pray for families that may attend on Sunday to hear the Gospel that God would soften their hearts to hear from Him.

Day 27- Tuesday July 25- That every child will be in awe of the Lord much more because of this VBS. That the lessons learned during VBS week will be remembered and applied.

Day 28 – Wednesday July 26- For follow-up to be effective, and for many unchurched and under-churched families to be reached.

Day 29- Thursday July 27- That God will keep working in the children's hearts and bring staggering fruit from VBS.

Day 30- Friday July 28- That the good work begun at VBS the Lord will continue to see to completion. That we all grow in our faith and have a heart for the community around us.