

VBS & Children's Ministry WORKSHOP

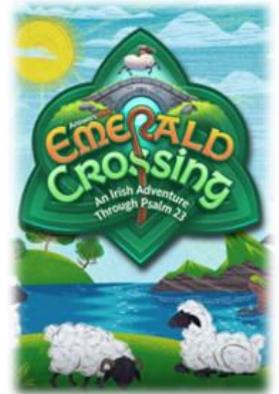


February 28, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

@ Lebanon Baptist Church

16016 E. Lynchberg Road, Mt. Vernon



This workshop will equip you with the tools and resources needed to successfully lead your VBS this year and as a value-add assist you with general children's ministry. ***You'll notice a different format and approach this year.*** Our desire is to provide you support whether you use Lifeway, Answer in Genesis or another curriculum. You will also be able to connect with other VBS leaders from across the association and our region to share ideas.

Nine breakout sessions to choose from! Summaries on back of flyer.

We will have light snacks, coffee and bottled water available throughout the morning.

Questions? Contact Bob Burton at salemsouth904@charter.net

VBS & Children's Ministry Training Workshop 2026
Salem South Baptist Association

Clinic Specifics

When and Where:

- Saturday, February 28, 2026; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Lebanon Baptist Church, 16016 E. Lynchburg Road, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Registration and Opening Session – 9:00 – 9:25 am

- Registration and Check-In, 8:45 am
- Opening Session, 9:00 am – Training Content: Leading a Child to Christ
Facilitator: Pastor Jason Webb

Breakout Session #1 – 9:30 – 10:15 am

- **Pastors & Directors 101 – Robin Mayberry (Park Avenue Baptist Church)** – Consider all the details involved in implementing VBS in your church – planning, budgeting, recruiting volunteers, scheduling, promoting to the community and more!
- **Bible Study Leader Tips: Preschool & Kindergarten – Peggy Howard (FBC O'Fallon)** – Equipping teachers with practical strategies and tools to enhance the understanding of preschoolers' needs and wants in the classroom setting.
- **Bible Study Leader Tips: 1st – 6th Grade – Ryan Tackett (Williamson Baptist Association)** – Discuss tips and helps for preparing the Bible study, connecting with kids, classroom management, considering different learning styles, your packing list, and much more.

Breakout Session #2 – 10:20 – 11:05 am

Effective Evangelism, Promotion, and Follow Up for VBS - with a panel of Bob & Dana Burton, AMS Salem South, Teresa McIlrath, Associational VBS Director and Mike Ilbery, Associate Pastor Pleasant Grove Baptist Church – Join our Panel Discussion for tips for promotion and learn ways to make the whole VBS experience more evangelistic. You'll receive practical steps for follow-up along with communication ideas that keep families engaged and discover creative ways to invite kids back to church.

- **LifeWay Bible Content Overview – Ryan Tackett (Williamson Baptist Association)** - Overview the *Illumination Station* VBS Bible Content for the 1st – 6th grade age groups.
- **Answers in Genesis Bible Content Overview – Kim Tate & Michelle Gowler (Pleasant Grove Baptist Church)**- Overview the *Emerald Crossing* VBS Bible Content for the 1st – 6th grade age groups.

Breakout Session #3 – 11:10 – 11:55 am

- **Because Every Child's Safety Matters – Crystal Elliston (First Baptist Church of Woodlawn)** – This breakout session highlights essential steps that help create a welcoming environment for every child and family.
- **LifeWay Rotation Overview – Peggy Howard (FBC O'Fallon)** – overview briefly the *Illumination Station* VBS rotations content. Discover also how to maximize your impact during Crafts, Missions, Music, Recreation and Snacks.
- **Answers In Genesis Rotation Overview – Elisabeth Gowler & Shelly Johnson (Pleasant Grove Baptist Church)** - overview briefly the *Emerald Crossing* VBS rotations content. Discover also how to maximize your impact during Crafts, Missions, Music, Recreation and Snacks.