

THE YOUTH BEACON

Where God's love is sizzlin' and you're called by name



As I reflect on our time at this year's Montreat Youth Conference, I am drawn to a point made by the Rev. Damon Williams at Friday night's closing worship. In his final sermon with us, Rev. Williams proclaimed, "Church is the precipice of peace." This was a perfect summation of the conference's theme: Planting Peace.

I am continually reminded that the church exists as an environment for young people (and people of all ages) to understand that God, in and through Jesus Christ, is the source of inner peace, and through Christ, we learn how to create peace in the world. We have a responsibility as church leaders to teach our young people these skills and truths and create a faith-filled environment in which they can grow.

The teenage years are not a consistently "peaceful" chapter of life. As we walk alongside our youth during this time, we must lead with patience, grace, trust, and empathy. Ultimately, everything we do should always, in some way, point back to the peace known in Christ, which surpasses all understanding. This is our task as we begin another exciting year of youth ministry at FPC Spartanburg! Like everything in life, we will experience our fair share of storms, but our hope is rooted in the psalmist's words, "Be still, and know that I am God."

What a privilege it is to be called to this work with this group of incredible teens.

Peace,
John Daniel

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

August 11 -

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 25 -

Youth Fall Kick Off

August 28 -

Bingo Night for All Ages

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

School is about to start back - and with that comes the return of our Weekly Programming! Use this page to help you keep up with what goes on during a "normal" week of Youth activities. We will send out a specific calendar of events at the beginning of each month with all dates and times!

*SUNDAY

9:45 - 10:45 am - Sunday School for Middle and High School (2nd floor of the Family Life Center)

5 - 6 pm - Middle School Sunday Night Youth (FLC)

6 - 7 pm - High School Youth (FLC)

TUESDAY

7 am - Java and Jesus Eastside at Chic-fil-A (every week). Rides to school coordinated.

One Tuesday a month JD will come to the CFA in Boiling Springs. He will text those students to let him know when he's coming.

WEDNESDAY

WAF dinner and Youth Small Groups

5 - 6:30 pm - Dinner line open ([RSVP](#) required!)

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Small Groups (2nd floor of FLC).

FRIDAY

3:30 - 4:30 pm - Middle School Girl's Bible Study with Grace at Starbucks (E. Main and Montview St)

*SUNDAY NIGHT ROTATION

Sunday nights will look a little bit different this year! We will be implementing a rotation of Sunday Night Small Group Dinners, Sunday Service projects, Sunday Night Youth and Sabbath Sunday. Pay attention to the monthly calendar in each newsletter for more details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK



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UPS FOR '24-'25!

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forms for upcoming trips
and retreats and follow
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MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE



FALL/WINTER RETREATS

HIGH SCHOOL FALL
SABBATH
OCTOBER 11 - 13

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL
RETREAT W/ PRESBYTERY
NOVEMBER 8 - 10

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER
RETREAT W/ PRESBYTERY
JANUARY 10 - 12

CONFIRMATION OPENING
RETREAT
JANUARY 24 - 25

HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP
FEBRUARY 14 - 16

REGISTRATION LINKS
AVAILABLE SOON!





AUGUST



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 <p>Scan the QR code to sign up for all upcoming events!</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					 <p>Grace's Bday!</p> 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 <p>12 pm - Blessing of the Backpacks</p>	<p>FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!</p>  				<p>MS Girls - Eras Tour Party at Mrs. Carrie's House (5pm)</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>2:30 - 4pm Fall Kick Off Party (FLC)</p>		 <p>7 am - Java & Jesus starts back</p>	<p>5:30 - Family Dinner & Bingo (FLC)</p>			



Important September dates:
9/8 - Rally Day and Sunday Night Youth
9/11 - WAF starts back

