

THE YOUTH BEACON

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



Saturdays are full of football, school is in session, and the weeks of summer weather are followed by a week of fall weather...it must be September. We are back, people! Carrie, Grace, and I are excited to return to our youth ministry rhythm for the 2024-2025 school year. We have a few changes to the schedule, especially on Sunday nights. If you look at the calendar, you'll see that Sunday nights follow a slightly different format. We'll have small group dinners ([click here to host!](#)), mission-dedicated nights (sometimes afternoons), lesson-focus nights at church, and retreats sprinkled in.

Some of our Sundays this year are dedicated as "Sabbath Sundays." On these Sundays, we will not have youth ministry programming. We hope that on these nights, you and your family will slow down and embrace the Sabbath. Take the opportunity to enjoy a family dinner, go for a walk together, or maybe adventure out somewhere you've never been before. We will provide materials for your family to discuss that week's theme. This will include a brief overview of the theme, scripture to read and reflect on, and a focus question. We hope for your faith to be strengthened and deepened and your family to become closer to one another through this intentional time together!

Our broad theme for this year is "Growing Pains." Each week, we will unpack what it means to grow (in our faith, our gifts, and our understanding of the world), acknowledging that growth comes with challenges and obstacles. At the same time, our growth journey is full of hope, excitement, and celebration. I look forward to engaging in faithful conversation, fun, and fellowship this year. Peace!

Peace,
John Daniel

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

September 4 -
Youth Parent Meetings

September 8 -
Small Group Dinners

September 11 -
WAF Starts Back

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

School has started 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 AND week with all dates and times!

*SUNDAY

10 - 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 coordinate dates.

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 look different this year! We are implementing a rotation of Sunday Night Small Group Dinners ([click here to host](#)), Sunday Service projects, Sunday Night Youth & Sabbath Sunday. Pay attention to the monthly newsletter AND the weekly email for details!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...

John Daniel, Grace, Carrie, Kara or Colleen
can sign off on service hours!

THURS, 9/5 - Youth Service Night at Neighborhood Meal Ministry (Arthur Center, 4-6pm)

- [Use this Sign Up Genius](#) to let us know if your youth can volunteer or bring needed food items!

SUN, 9/8 - Rally Day (FLC, 9:45am)

- Youth volunteers needed to help with Face Painting, Photo Booth, etc.
- [Use this Sign Up Genius](#) to let us know if your youth can help!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - WAF (FLC, 6:15- 7:15pm)

- Youth volunteers needed to help with children's rec time and programming.
- [Use this Sign Up Genius](#) to let us know if your youth can help!

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UPS FOR '24-'25!**

Scan the QR code below
to sign up for Remind
texts, find registration
forms for upcoming trips
and retreats and follow
us on social media!

Questions? Email us:
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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

[Register here!](#)



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		 7 am - Java & Jesus	12pm & 5:30pm - Parent Information Meeting	4pm - Neighborhood Meal Ministry	3:30pm - MS Girls Bible Study	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10am- RALLY DAY 5pm - Small Group Dinners		 7 am - Java & Jesus	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth		3:30pm - MS Girls Bible Study	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
5pm - Sunday Service Project - College Care Packages		 7 am - Java & Jesus	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth		3:30pm - MS Girls Bible Study	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5pm - MS Youth (FLC) 6pm - HS Youth (FLC)		 7 am - Java & Jesus	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth		Scan the QR code to sign up for all upcoming events!	
29	30					
5pm - MS Youth (FLC) 6pm - HS Youth (FLC)		 OCT	Important October dates: 10/11-10/13 - HS Sabbath Retreat 10/20 - Andy Root, "FaithFULL Youth Parent Session" 10/30 - Trunk or Treat			

