

THE YOUTH BEACON

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



Friends,

There's no escaping the disorientation of the last week. When everything is thrown into a flux, when chaos seems to reign, I have witnessed time and time again God's presence in the good work of the people. I am grateful for the hard work of so many in our community, for the ways you have shown up for your neighbors. The pictures above and below are a testament to the faithful mission of being Christ's hands and feet in the world.

As we move into October we will be working to get back into rhythm. Please have patience and grace in this navigation of ever-shifting schedules. We appreciate all of you and look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in and through us in this season of life.

Peace,
John Daniel



THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

POSTPONED
October 6
Confirmand Parent Meeting

October 11 - 13 -
HS Sabbath Retreat
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October 20 -
Youth Car Wash
Fundraiser

October 30 -
Trunk or Treat

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...

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

Throughout the month of October we will be collecting supplies for **Converse Valkyrie Supply**, the basic needs hub that offers supplemental support for Converse students. While we committed a few months ago to sponsor a drive for them this month, our support is needed now more than ever as their space on campus was flooded during Helene. Starting next week, we will have donation boxes set up in the FLC lobby as well as the Tower Room. Please help us support our neighbors across the street who were hit hard! A list of most needed items can be **found here** (*scroll down to see list*) or by shopping their **Amazon Wish List!**

THURS, 10/3 - Youth Service Night at Neighborhood Meal Ministry (Arthur Center, 4-6pm). Let JD or Carrie know if your Youth can help serve!

SUN, 10/20 - Youth Fundraiser - CAR WASH (FLC Parking Lot)

- Time will be announced ASAP!
- All money raise will go toward Youth mission trips and retreats!
- **Email** or text Mrs. Carrie if you can help!

SAT, 10/26 - Winter Warmth (Gym)

- 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Youth volunteers needed to help box up extra coats
- **Email** or text Mrs. Carrie if you 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!

USE LINKTREE TO FIND ALL OUR SIGNUPS 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: youth@fpcspartanburg.org



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 for trips here!

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DR MISSION TRIP '25

June 28 - July 5, 2025

We are so excited to confirm that we have secured a spot with **Solid Rock International** for a Youth mission trip next summer! Read on for all the details we know at this point and to begin to make your plans to join us for what is sure to be an impactful week of service.



"I had so much fun connecting with the people of the DR and seeing all the ways I could help them. I encourage everyone to go experience this blessing we get to be a part of."

Mary English Hammett.
11th grade

- We'll be traveling to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and will stay in the Solid Rock guest house. Flight details will be communicated at a later date.
- Only **FPC member** current high schoolers are eligible to participate.
- We will open registration in 2 phases:
 - **NOV 1** - Registration opens to current 11th and 12th graders
 - **DEC 1** - If there are still spots available, registration opens to current 9th and 10th graders
- A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due upon the time of registration. Total cost will be \$900 per person. This includes travel/transportation, lodging, food, supplies, etc.
- More information coming soon! Email your questions to us at youth@fpcspartanburg.org

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 each 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 Sunday Night 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 Group

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

6:30 - 7:15 pm - Small Group (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!



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
11 am - ONE church service Youth Sabbath Sunday		7 am - Java & Jesus Eastside	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth		HS Sabbath Retreat	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
HS Sabbath Retreat		7 am - Java & Jesus Eastside	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth		3:30pm - MS Girls Bible Study	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
5pm - MS Youth (FLC) 6pm - HS Youth (FLC)		7 am - Java & Jesus Eastside	5pm - WAF 6:30pm - Youth			
27	28	29	30	31		
Kirkin' O the Tartans 6 pm - Shelter Service; No Youth			WAF Trunk Or Treat!	 <p>Scan the QR code to sign up for all upcoming events!</p>		



Important November dates:

- 11/1** - DR registration opens for 11th/12th grades
- 11/8 - 11/10** - MS Fall Retreat
- 11/24** - Youth Thanksgiving Feast

