2024-2025 Youth Ministry Scope & Sequence

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# THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

One Priority in teaching

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

MATTHEW 22:37-39



### **Eight Core Insights**

Design of God's Creation What I see around me reveals a Creator who cares about me.

### **Identity based on God's Image** I am created in the image of God and have unique potential and worth.

# Connection because of God's Love

I live in pursuit of an infinite God who desires an eternal relationship with me. Faith in God's Son I believe in Jesus and will continue to trust Him.

### Transformation by the power of God's Spirit God's Spirit is transforming my

unique and imperfect life into the character of Jesus.

Truth according to God's Message God's Word is sufficient and powerful to trust, believe, and rely on.

### Compassion that reflects God's Character

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

### Community in the context of God's Family God desires for all believers

to be engaged and involved in a local church.



## VISION: A HIGHLY RELATIONAL GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

STRATEGY: INFLUENCE LEADERS AND PARENTS TO CREATE COMMUNITY AROUND A TIMELESS MESSAGE THAT MOBILIZES THE NEXT GENERATION TO LOVE GOD AND SERVE OTHERS

"The best thing we can do for a kid's faith is to learn how to love their parents well...no one has more potential to influence a kid than a parent." -Reggie Joiner

How we will partner with parents

- 1. Provide parenting resources on different topics. (Email, blog posts, books, etc.).
- 2. Host an open house event at the beginning of the church year.
- 3. Communicate frequently with parents.





### 2024-2025 THEMES

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JANUARY: THE MIND OF A DISCIPLE



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MARCH: HONEST TO GOD



APRIL: EASTER



MAY: WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?



JUNE:CLOSER- GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST





JULY: THE EARYL CHURCH: ACTS



AUGUST: FAITH GOES TO SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER: FRIENDS

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OCTOBER:THE BEATITUDES



NOVEMBER: JOY- FIGHTING FOR JOY



DECEMBER: THE KING IS COMING



### 2024-2025 THEMES

### JANUARY



MEMORY VERSE: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Phil 2:5

### WEEK ONE: Paul's Prayer for the Church (Philippians 1:1-11) Bottom Line: We can have confidence and hope in the Gospel. WEEK TWO: Joy in Adversity (Philippians 1:12-26) Bottom Line: Our joy should be based on Christ not circumstances. situations and trials? Philippians WEEK THREE: Unity and Humility will help us to live in single-(Philippians 2:1-11) Bottom Line: We are called to be of one mind following the example: faithful to God's task for them of Jesus' humility.

WEEK FOUR: Shining as Lights (Philippians 2:12-18) Bottom Line: We are to live as blameless children of God in a crooked generation.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

How can we live as disciples of Christ in ever changing minded oneness close to Christ, rejoice in Him, and to stay as witnesses to His Gospel.

### **FEBRUARY**



**MEMORY VERSE:** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Phil 2:5

WEEK ONE: Pressing Toward the Goal Philippians 3:12-16) Bottom Line: Our goal should be to Know Christ. WEEK TWO: Rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4-7) Bottom Line: God can give peace that surpasses understanding WEEK THREE: Contentment in All Circumstances(Philippians 4:10-13) Bottom Line: We can find contentment in Christ.

WEEK FOUR: Final Exhortations and Thanks (Philippians 4:14-23) Bottom Line: Our worship and gifts to God are like a pleasing and sweet-smelling sacrifice.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION:

How can we live as disciples of Christ in ever changing situations and trials? Philippians will help us to live in singleminded oneness close to Christ, rejoice in Him, and to stay faithful to God's task for them as witnesses to His Gospel.

### MARCH



**MEMORY VERSE:** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

WEEK ONE: Hannah's Prayer (1 Samuel 1:1-20; 2:1-10) Bottom Line: God offers peace, comfort and rest to our troubled hearts. WEEK TWO: Hezekiah King of Judah (2 Kings 18:13-37; 19:1-19, 29-37) Bottom Line: We can be honest to God about our fears WEEK THREE: Jesus and the Pharisees (Mark 3:22-30) Bottom Line: When we come to the Lord and honestly admit where we have failed Him, God is gracious to us.

**WEEK FOUR: Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36-45; 2 Corinthians 12:8-10)

Bottom Line: When we bring God our most desperate prayers, we receive His help, provision, and care, regardless of the situation we are in.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

This four-week series for youth looks at prayers in the Bible that express pain, frustration, doubt, disappointment, and hopelessness. Through them we see that God welcomes honest prayers and longs to hear the deepest cries of our hearts.



### APRIL



MEMORY VERSE: He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matthew 28:6 WEEK ONE: Jesus Enters Jerusalem(Matthew 21:1-11) Bottom Line: We will see Jesus the humbly, loving King.

WEEK TWO: The Last Supper and Betrayal( John 13:1-30) Bottom Line: Jesus is the perfect example of a servant.

WEEK THREE: The Crucifixion and Resurrection(Luke 23-24) Bottom Line: Jesus is alive! WEEK FOUR: Post-Resurrection & the Ascension (Acts 1) Bottom Line: The fact Jesus is alive changes everything!

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

The fact that Jesus: died, was buried and rose again changes everything! We will look at the events and truths that surround Jesus' resurrection!

MAY



MEMORY VERSE: In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18 WEEK ONE: The Will of God for Our Lives.(John 5:30; Romans 12:2)Bottom Line: Believers can trust that God's will is good. WEEK TWO: Seek God (Psalm 27:8-11; James 1:5-8) Bottom Line: Believers can trust the wisdom found in Scripture. WEEK THREE: Love the Lord. (John 13:33-34: 14:21: 1 Corinthians 13:7-8) Bottom Line: We can trust that. when we've surrendered to His will, God's plan is unfolding in our life.

WEEK FOUR: First Things First. (Psalm 4:1–8; Matthew 6:33) Bottom Line: Decisions made through discerning God's will for our lives will cause us to experience His peace even amidst the chaos.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

This four-week series helps us ask the right questions when we arrive at the crossroads of life's many decisions. We will look at Scripture to find practical wisdom and discernment to help shape our thinking about life-changing decisions.

### JUNE



MEMORY VERSE: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:8 WEEK ONE: Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man(Luke 5:17–26)

Bottom Line: We can approach God in faith.

WEEK TWO: Abiding in Christ

(John 15)

Bottom Line: We can grow closer to God with prayer and His Word. WEEK THREE: Cain & Abel (Genesis 4)

Bottom Line: We must come to God His way.

WEEK FOUR: Walking With the God Who Loves Us. (Micah 6:6–8) Bottom Line: Walking with God flows from His love for us. This lifelong practice will mean removing distractions and getting spiritual exercise.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

Sometimes kids think they have to be grown ups for God to use them, but the Bible is full of stories of kids that God used.



### JULY



MEMORY VERSE: "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42 WEEK ONE: The Gospel works for all (Acts 2:42–47) Bottom Line: The early church was a diverse group of people. WEEK TWO: The Scriptures (Acts 2:42;) Bottom Line: The early church studied the scriptures. WEEK THREE: Life together(Acts 2:42–46) Bottom Line: The early church was a close community of people who lived, ate, and worshipped together.

### WEEK FOUR: Post-Resurrection

& The Ascension (Acts 2:14–41) Bottom Line: The early church was a people who had been changed by the resurrection

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

The early church we find in Acts was young and just starting. Yet even though the church was just being started they were a people that were diverse, marked by truth, relationship, community, and life transformation that led to loving the world around them.

### AUGUST



MEMORY VERSE: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, fa peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." 1 Peter 2:9 WEEK ONE: A witness (Acts 6:8– 15, 7:51–60; 1 Timothy 6:11–12) Bottom Line: When our living testimony honors God first, it points the unsaved to Christ. WEEK TWO: Priorities (Daniel 1:1–21;) Bottom Line: Living unto God should be our priority. WEEK THREE: Hospitality ( Luke 7:36–50) Bottom Line: We are to make room in our lives to love & serve others. WEEK FOUR: Truth & Love (Matthew 10:16–20) Bottom Line: We must lovingly share the truth.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

In this four-week back-to-school series for youth, we consider what it means for students to be Christians and witnesses in their schools and communities.

### SEPTEMBER



### MEMORY VERSE:

"Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17 WEEK ONE: We need friends(Proverbs 18:24; John 15:3)

**Bottom Line**: Friendships are important to our flourishing as human beings.

WEEK TWO: Friends Serve (Philippians 2:3–7)

Bottom Line: Friends look out for each other and not just their own interests. Jesus revealed to us the importance of selfless love for others.

WEEK THREE: Close Friends (Mark 5:37; Matthew 17:1) Bottom Line: While we may be a part of many social groups, it is vital that we have close friends who are a part of our inner circle.

### WEEK FOUR: Conflict

(Proverbs 27:6; Galatians 2:11–13) **Bottom Line**: True friends don't just tell us what we want to hear but will give us hard truth. Even if we fight with friends, we can be reconciled and forgive.

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### SERIES DESCRIPTION

This four-week series explores the place of friendship in our lives. In the Bible, we see the importance of friends for human flourishing, the selfless attitude our friendships should have, the importance of having close friends, and the importance of truth telling and reconciliation in our friendships.



OCTOBER Beatitudes	WEEK ONE: Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:3) Bottom Line: We must realize how little we have and how much God has.	WEEK FOUR: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness (Matthew 5:6) Bottom Line: We should pursue righteousness.
MEMORY VERSE: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:29	WEEK TWO: Those who Mourn (Matthew 5:4) Bottom Line:There is comfort and healing through genuine repentance and sorrow for sin. WEEK THREE: The Meek (Matthew 5:5) Bottom Line: We should have a gentle and humble attitude towards God and others.	SERIES DESCRIPTION A timeless set of teachings from Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount. In this four-week series, we will dive deep into the heart of what it means to live a truly blessed life, as outlined by our Lord.
NOVEMBER MEMORY VERSE: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life:In thy presence is fulness of joy;At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Pslam 16:11	<ul> <li>WEEK ONE: Joy is a Gift Galatians 5:22–26; Philippians 4:4;</li> <li>Bottom Line: If we are to live as God intends, we need to see that joy is a gift.</li> <li>WEEK TWO: Joy When God Moves(2 Samuel 6:16–23; Isaiah 55:12.)</li> <li>Bottom Line: We are to praise God for who He is.</li> <li>WEEK THREE: Joy as a Response Psalm 20:1–9 1 Corinthians 13:6 Bottom Line: We can find joy in every season if we are willing to allow God.</li> </ul>	WEEK FOUR: Joy in Unity Philippians 1:27–2:4 Bottom Line: There is joy in following Jesus together. SERIES DESCRIPTION The heart of this four-week series is to focus on the power of joy in the life of the believer. It will focus on seeing joy as a gift, having joy when God moves, finding joy when God feels distant, and the way joy changes the hearts of believers working together.
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### DECEMBER



### MEMORY VERSE:

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. Luke 1:31, WEEK ONE: Jesus is promised (Genesis 3:15) Bottom Line: Jesus was promised as the Savior.

WEEK TWO: God speaks to Mary (Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25) Bottom Line: Jesus' birth is miraculous.

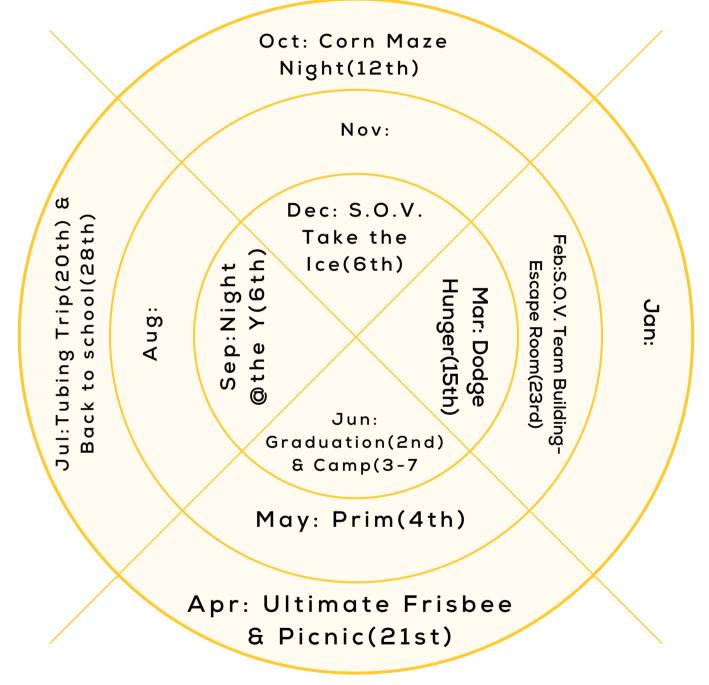
WEEK THREE: John the Baptist preached Jesus (Luke 1:39–56) Bottom Line: John the Baptist was called to make a way for the coming Messiah, Jesus; he began doing this even before He was born. WEEK FOUR: Jesus is Born (Luke 2:1–21) Bottom Line: The promised Messiah has been born as the prophets foretold. God has become incarnate.

### SERIES DESCRIPTION

The birth of Jesus is one of the most anticipated and talked about things in the Bible! We are going to look at the stories and truths around His birth!

# 2024-2025 Youth Events

### FALL



SUMMER

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# Generation Summer Camp

\$225 per camper

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