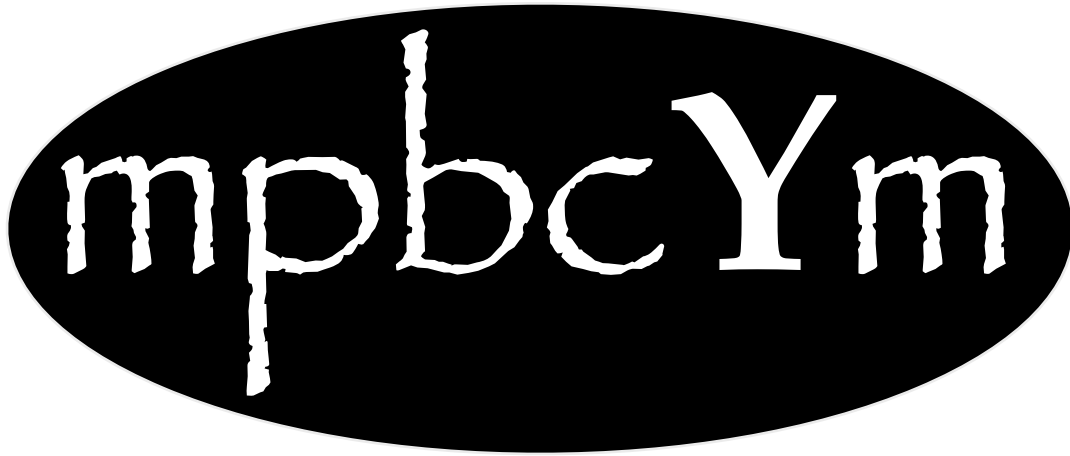


A guide to the



MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Myers Park Baptist Church Youth Ministry seeks to be an inclusive community shaped, called, and challenged by the way of Jesus Christ to seek justice and discern our identity as children of the living God.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

9:30 **ARK** [a Sunday school for youth]

11:00 Worship

5:00 Youth Choir

6:05 **Youth Fellowship**

8:00 Parent Pickup

WEDNESDAY:

5:45 Dinner

ARK [a Sunday school for youth]

ARK is our youth sunday school program. We meet weekly each sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the Youth Hall.

We begin with donuts and OJ before our large group assembly for fellowship, music, and announcements, and then we break up into sunday school classes by grade for bible study.

We use an ecumenical hodge-podge of Sunday school curriculum. The small group nature of these classes give youth the opportunity to form relationships with other youth their own age, and develop relationships with adult sunday school teachers.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

The discipleship program of Myers Park is offered to students who have completed the 7th grade. This program is designed as an introduction to Christianity in order to prepare youth for baptism on Palm Sunday if they so choose.

This class meets during sunday school throughout the school year, but is not limited just to that sunday morning. Participants will also meet at other times for fellowship and discussion.

Perhaps the most significant part of this class is the mentor relationships that form. Each youth will ask a church member to act as a mentor for them as they go through this process. Mentors and 8th graders meet regularly to get to know each other and talk about Christian faith and identity.

YOUTH CHOIR

Music is an important part of life at Myers Park Baptist Church. Youth play a vital role in the music ministry here at Myers Park Baptist Church.

Youth Choir meets from 5-6 PM in Berry Hall with Jonathan Crutchfield and Fran Morrison. Youth Choir is open to all youth grades 6th through 12th grade.

The youth choir rehearses each week to prepare for leading in worship on Sunday mornings several times throughout the school year, and in order to prepare for youth choir trips in the fall, spring, and summer.

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth Fellowship happens every Sunday night during the school year from 6:05 to 8 PM in the Youth Hall. We begin each week with a fellowship supper hosted by youth parents from 6:15-6:45 PM in the Youth Hall Kitchen.

This weekly activity is a mixed bag of programming. Youth fellowship is an eclectic array of games, music, discussion, spirituality, and social justice. Unlike Sunday morning, Fellowship is a chance for youth to build relationships with youth outside of their own grade.

Wednesday Night

Dinner
Heaton Hall
5:45-:6:30 PM
\$7

the Dispatch

The Dispatch is the weekly e-newsletter of the Myers Park Baptist Church Youth Ministry. This newsletter gives announcements and dates for upcoming events. The Dispatch also includes the schedule for the upcoming week. To receive this email each Wednesday contact Rick Goodin (rgoodin@mpbconline.org). This is an easy way to know what's happening.

Events

Beach Camp

This may be the biggest event of the year for the Myers Park Baptist Youth Ministry although this is the first year we have done this. This is an **ALL YOUTH** 6 day retreat. Beach Camp is June 27-July 2 in Gulf Shores, AL. We will be joined that week by South Main Baptist Church from Houston, TX.

We rented condos on the gulf of mexico where we will run our own camp for the week.

Beach Camp will feature different activities and events each night. Youth can expect to participate in meaningful and experiential worship, challenging bible study, deepen relationships with other youth, and enjoy time on the beach sands.

Kanuga

January 22-24 is our annual ALL YOUTH RETREAT to Kanuga Conference Center outside Hendersonville, NC.

This mid-winter retreat offers high school and middle school youth an opportunity to retreat together for the weekend.

We leave from the church on Friday evening and return early Sunday afternoon. The weekend offers time for fellowship, worship, personal reflection, bible study, hiking, and much more.

Fall Retreats

High School Retreat:

Each fall the high school youth at Myers Park Baptist retreat to the Valle Crucis Conference Center near Boone, NC. This retreat is a great way of getting to know other youth close to the same age. Youth will participate in discussion on the weekends theme, personal reflection, and fellowship.

Middle School Retreat:

The middle school fall retreat will be located at Tree Tops this year. Tree Tops is a retreat center 40 minutes south of the church. This is a great chance for youth to get to know others near the same age.

Hiking Trip

This hiking trip is a novice level hiking weekend for 10 high school youth. We will usually spend one night in a cabin and one night out 'roughing it' near Black Mountain, NC.

The high school hiking trip is a combined effort of Myers Park Baptist Church and Knollwood Baptist in Winston-Salem, NC. Youth will hike, cook, help with setting up camp, and participate in discussion on the weekend's theme.

Summer Schedule

Summer in the City

Six Wednesdays during the summer youth will have the opportunity to participate in service projects in association with local Charlotte ministries and non-profits. This is a great chance for our church to reach out to our community and be involved in projects to work for justice in our city.

In the past we have worked with the Urban Ministry Center, Samaritan House, Second Harvest Food Bank, Thompson Youth Homes, and Southminster Retirement Community.

Ultimate Frisbee

Each week during the summer we will gather to run around and play the high energy game of ultimate frisbee. We play on the fields at Freedom Park for an hour and a half.

Coffee Talk

One night a week during the summer all youth are invited to meet at a local coffee shop for mochas, lattes, and conversations. We usually pick a topic each week and discuss it for one hour. Topics vary from current events to theological debates to biblical issues.

Girls/Guys Bible Study

During the summer when we do not have sunday school at church we continue our religious education through weekly bible studies for guys and girls. These are usually held in homes. They are laid back times to discuss bible stories and check-in with each other.

Ministry Teams

Youth Council

This group is formerly known as the “Youth Advisory Board”. Youth Council gives youth a chance to have a hand in the planning and direction of the Myers Park Baptist Youth Ministry. We will meet every other month at an appointed time. At this point, all youth interested in being a part of this group are invited to attend the meetings.

Youth Ministry Team

The youth ministry team is a group of adults who meet regularly throughout the year to reflect on life and ministry with the Myers Park Baptist Youth. These adults are parents and youth chaperones interested in forming bonds and openness to build energy toward the ministry of youth at Myers Park Baptist. This is an open and honest group committed to sharing life and ministry together.

Volunteer Opportunities

Fellowship Supper Host
Sunday School Teacher
Sunday School Superintendent
Beach Camp Chaperone
Kanuga Chaperone
Summer in the City Chaperone
Fall Retreat Chaperone
BYC Chaperone
Youth Fellowship
Youth Ministry Team
Discipleship Mentor
Youth Choir Sponsor
Girls/Guys Bible Study Teacher

The youth ministry of Myers Park Baptist depends on volunteers throughout the year so that Sunday school, fellowship, and all youth events can happen.

We are always in need of adults excited about forming relationships with and ministering to the youth of Myers Park Baptist Church.

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