




# ***Youth Format***

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Sunday nights Youth Group  
from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

MS and HS will meet together for  
worship and message and then  
the two groups split for small  
group time

Monthly dinner on the 1st  
Sunday night of each month

One Big Event (OBE) most months,  
a fun gathering for all youth



# *£26 Youth Special Events*

## September:

7th - Homecoming Sunday 10am  
14th - Youth Launch

## October:

12<sup>th</sup> - Youth Laser Tag Event  
19th - Fall Car Wash

## November:

15th - Gleaning Mission Event  
23rd - Youthsgiving Lock In

## December:

6th - Christmas in One,  
Tree Lighting 6pm-10pm  
21<sup>st</sup> - Alumni Night

## January:

25th - Confirmation Begins  
18th - Family Cookout 5pm

## February:

7th - Theme Park and  
Sleepover  
15th - Themed Youth Event

## March:

8th - Youth Sunday 10am  
8th - Youth Bake Sale  
13th - 16th Spring Break Trip  
29th - Easter in One

## April:

11th - All Youth Progressive  
Dinner and Lock In 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> - Spring Car Wash

## May:

10<sup>th</sup> - EOY Paint War

## June:

1st-4th VBS Prep Week  
8th-12th VBS  
22nd-27th Summer Trip

# Mission Opportunities

## Gleaning with SoSA Nov 15th

Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. It is a practice described in the Hebrew Bible that became a legally enforced entitlement of the poor in a number of Christian kingdoms. We are hoping that we will be gleaning corn, but will find out closer to the date. Lunch will be provided.

## Family Promise - Cooking Dinner for Families

During the Christmas break we will be helping the Mission committee as they work with Family Promise. The youth as a group will be cooking dinner for the families. More information to follow later in September.

## VBS Set Up Week June 1st - 4th

Help with decorating, building of sets, sorting of classroom supplies, etc. If your youth is here during lunch, we will provide lunch for them. You can come and go anytime between the hours 9am-3pm.

## VBS Week June 8th - 12th

As we get more information from the Mission Committee, we will add more mission activities to the calendar!





# Confirmation

 **Open to all high school students who would like to participate. Invitations will go out in December.**

**Begins January 25th - March 1st (6 weeks)**

 **Students who choose to participate in confirmation will need to attend before youth group on those Sunday nights.**

 **Confirmation ceremony will be March 8th during the Youth Sunday service.**





# Youth Trips

## Spring Break Trip

- ~ All youth trip
- ~ Branford, Fl
- ~ March 13th - 17th
- Cost \$100



## Summer Trip

- ~ All youth trip
- ~ Tennessee  
Sevierville/Gatlinburg  
area
- ~ June 23rd - 27th
- Cost \$400



# ***Fundraising Opportunities***

**Bake Sale**

**Car Washes**

**Flocking**

**Take Out Dinners**

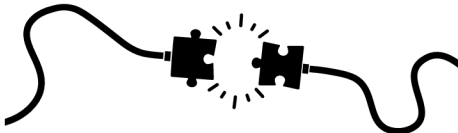
**All proceeds can be used towards trips and activities.**

## ***Scholarships***

**To be eligible for a scholarship, youth must actively participate in our fundraising activities. Fundraisers not only help cover trip costs but also give us the opportunity to work together as a church family.**

**If you are faithfully participating in the fundraising efforts but still need additional help with the cost of a trip, scholarships are available. Please submit your request as early as possible so we can plan accordingly.**

**Scholarship awards are paired with a service requirement: for every \$100 received, the youth will be asked to complete one hour of service to the church. This is a wonderful way to give back to the community that supports you!**

***Stay***  ***In!***



## **Remind**

Text @e26yg to 81010

## **Email**

Make sure you're signed up to receive emails. Let Vanessa know if you would like to be added.

## **Social Media**

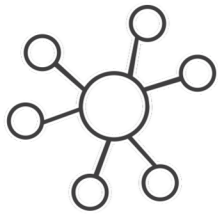
Instagram - e26youth

Facebook - Maitland Pres

## **Church Website**

[www.maitlandpres.org/youth](http://www.maitlandpres.org/youth)





# HOW TO WIDEN YOUR FAMILY CIRCLE

Sometimes it takes another voice to say the same things you are saying to your kid(s) about the most important things in life—just in a different way. That’s what we call “widening the circle.”

Pursuing strategic relationships for your kids takes a little bit of intentionality, but it can be as easy as 1-2-3: acknowledging who’s already there, inviting other people in, and encouraging them along the way. Let’s get started!

## ACKNOWLEDGE WHO’S ALREADY THERE

Think through family members, babysitters, teachers, coaches, instructors, friends’ parents, Small Group Leaders, employers. Who are the people who already have influence in your child’s life?

Ask yourself this question: If my child won’t/can’t talk with me about something (it happens), which adult in their lives would they go to that represents our same family values? If you have middle or high schoolers, ask them who they would go to.)

Write their names here. (If you don’t have a name for every blank, it’s okay.)

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## INVITE OTHERS INTO YOUR CIRCLE

Think about additional people to add to your support system. Inviting someone to be in your circle is as simple as inviting them to be part of your family’s life. Start with a list of people you admire or want to get to know better. Then be bold and make the first move. Here are a couple of ways to get started:

- Have a family game night and invite a few people you want to get to know.
- Volunteer in your child’s classroom and build rapport with their teachers.
- Invite a college student or your child’s Small Group Leader to dinner.
- Volunteer to help with your child’s sports team.
- Ask a trusted babysitter to attend your child’s game, concert, or play.
- Ask someone with a skill your child wants to learn to teach them something about it.
- FaceTime out-of-town grandparents once a week.

Who are you going to invite? Write their names here.

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## ENCOURAGE THOSE IN YOUR CIRCLE

Now it’s time to appreciate and invest in the people in your circle.

- Saying ‘I’m truly thankful for you’ goes a long way. So does a Starbucks gift card or making their favorite baked good!
- Encourage them with words like: “How can I pray for you?” “How can I make this relationship easier for you?” “Is there anything I can do to support you better?”
- Invite them into your home for coffee or dinner and build a family relationship.

What’s one thing you can do to support or encourage each person in your child’s circle?