



# STUDENTS

2023-2024



# STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM

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## STUDENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TEAM

Henry and Danielle Creech

Larry and Irene Furr

Becca Buslovich

Joe Pomykacz

FBCM will be using **Ministry Safe** and background checks to provide training and safety for all individuals that will be working or volunteering with our students. All volunteers will need to go through this training prior to serving with our students.



# SUNDAY MORNING

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10 9:00 AM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATION**  
Suite B

**HIGH SCHOOL LOCATION**  
RAY Center Worship Space

**FOR**  
6 - 8 grade students

**FOR**  
9 - 12 grade students

**LEAD TEACHER**  
Larry & Irene Furr

**LEAD TEACHER**  
Thomas Hill

## TEACHING MATERIAL

All students will be studying the same material for Sunday morning small groups. This material will derive from each teacher's preparation using the Bible and approved curriculums, commentaries, and books provided by the NextGen and Family Discipleship Pastor. More importantly, all teaching will be centrally focused on accurately studying and applying God's Word to student's lives.

For the 2023-2024 year, students will partake in three studies. Please refer to the Sunday morning teaching schedule for a complete listing of scheduled lessons.

September 10	<b>Belonging</b> Love Your Church
September 17	<b>Welcoming</b> Love Your Church
September 24	<b>Gathering</b> Love Your Church
October 1	<b>Caring</b> Love Your Church
October 8	<b>Serving</b> Love Your Church
October 15	<b>Honoring</b> Love Your Church
October 22	<b>Witnessing</b> Love Your Church
October 29	<b>Sending</b> Love Your Church
November 5	<b>Superior to Angels</b> Hebrews 1:1-14
November 12	<b>The Founder of Salvation</b> Hebrews 2:1-18
November 19	<b>Jesus and Moses</b> Hebrews 3:1-19
November 26	<b>Entering His Rest</b> Hebrews 4:1-16
December 3	<b>Jesus: The High Priest</b> Hebrews 5:1-14

# SUNDAY MORNINC

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<b>December 10</b>	<b>Rejection and Apostasy</b> Hebrews 6:1-20
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Melchizedek</b> Hebrews 7:1-28
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Old Covenant vs. New Covenant</b> Hebrews 8:1-13
<b>January 14</b>	<b>The Blood of Christ</b> Hebrews 9:1-28
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Once for All</b> Hebrews 10:1-39
<b>January 28</b>	<b>A Cloud of Witnesses</b> Hebrews 11:1-40
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Endure for Discipline</b> Hebrews 12:1-29
<b>February 11</b>	<b>Christian Living</b> Hebrews 13:1-25
<b>February 18</b>	<b>Dreams and Slavery</b> Genesis 37:1-36
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Judah and Tamar's Abomination</b> Genesis 38:1-30
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Wrongfully Accused</b> Genesis 39:1-23
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Two Dreams, Two Outcomes</b> Genesis 40:1-23
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Dreams and Power</b> Genesis 41:1-56

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<b>March 24</b>	<b>Family Trip to Egypt: Part 1</b> <b>Genesis 42:1-38</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Family Trip to Egypt: Part 2</b> <b>Genesis 43:1-34</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Joseph's Test</b> <b>Genesis 44:1-34</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>The Big Reveal</b> <b>Genesis 45:1-28</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Moving to Egypt</b> <b>Genesis 46:1-34</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Jacob and Pharaoh</b> <b>Genesis 47:1-31</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Ephraim and Manasseh</b> <b>Genesis 48:1-22</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Jacob's Blessing</b> <b>Genesis 49:1-33</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>God's Purposes</b> <b>Genesis 50:1-26</b>

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# SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUPS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10 | 6:00 – 7:15 PM

Small groups meeting in homes and on campus.

Dates: September 10 – December 10 | January 21 – May 12

## BOYS

Leader: Joe Pomykacz | Henry Creech  
Group: High School Boys  
Location: Joe's House

Leader: Thomas Hill | TBD  
Group: Middle School Boys  
Location: The Den

## GIRLS

Leader: Sarah Buchanan | Shannon Chowning  
Rebecca Stalls  
Group: High School Girls  
Location: TBD

Leader: Danielle Creech | Sharon Ridge  
Group: Middle School Girls  
Location: Danielle's House



# WEDNESDAY GATHERING

RAY CENTER WORSHIP SPACE  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6 | 6:00 - 7:45 PM

An interactive gathering time for middle and high school students that includes Bible teaching, activities, and games.

## PRIMARY LEADERS

Thomas Hill  
Henry and Danielle Creech  
Larry and Irene Furr  
Becca Buslovich  
Joe Pomykacz

## TEACHING MATERIAL

For the 2023-2024 school year, students will study the gospel according to Mark. This study is a continuation of the spring 2023 study with students on Wednesday gatherings and will conclude in the spring of 2024. The purpose of this study is for students to know, believe, and trust that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have life in his name.

## SCHEDULE

**5:30 PM** Dinner in the Fellowship Hall with family, friends, and church family  
**6:00 PM** Welcome - Upcoming activities and events  
**6:05 PM** Scripture Ephesis  
**6:10 PM** Game  
**6:25 PM** Missions and Prayer Emphasis  
**6:35 PM** Teaching  
**7:00 PM** Supervised Gym Time

<b>September 6</b>	<b>Hometown Rejection</b> <b>Mark 6:1-6</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>The Twelve Sent</b> <b>Mark 6:7-13</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>The Head of John the Baptist</b> <b>Mark 6:14-29</b>
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Five Loaves and Two Fish</b> <b>Mark 6:30-44</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Walking on Water</b> <b>Mark 6:45-56</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Wash Your Hands</b> <b>Mark 7:1-13</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Outside vs. Inside</b> <b>Mark 7:14-23</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Demons and Dogs</b> <b>Mark 7:24-30</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Ephphatha</b> <b>Mark 7:31-37</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Crowds and Compassion</b> <b>Mark 8:1-10</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Beware of the Leaven</b> <b>Mark 8:11-26</b>
<b>November 29</b>	<b>You are the Christ!</b> <b>Mark 8:27-36</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Christmas Celebration</b> <b>Luke 2:1-21</b>

# **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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<b>January 10</b>	<b>The Transfiguration</b> <b>Mark 9:1-13</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Help My Unbelief</b> <b>Mark 9:14-29</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>First and Last</b> <b>Mark 9:30-41</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>Be Salty</b> <b>Mark 9:42-50</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>Family Matters</b> <b>Mark 10:1-16</b>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Entering the Kingdom of God</b> <b>Mark 10:17-31</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Slave of All</b> <b>Mark 10:32-52</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>The Crowds</b> <b>Mark 11:1-11</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>Fig Trees and Cleaning House</b> <b>Mark 11:12-26</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Jesus' Authority Challenged</b> <b>Mark 11:27-33</b>
<b>March 20</b>	<b>The Rejected Stone</b> <b>Mark 12:1-12</b>
<b>March 27</b>	<b>Questions, Questions, Questions</b> <b>Mark 12:13-44</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Stay Awake</b> <b>Mark 13:1-37</b>

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<b>April 17</b>	<b>Body and Blood</b> <b>Mark 14:1-25</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>The Hour Has Come</b> <b>Mark 14:26-72</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>Crucify Him</b> <b>Mark 15:1-15</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>The King of the Jews</b> <b>Mark 15:16-32</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabachthani</b> <b>Mark 15:33-47</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>He Has Risen: Go and Tell</b> <b>Mark 16:1-8</b>

# **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

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# ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS 2023-2024

## 2023

### AUGUST

30 Block Party for Matthews

### SEPTEMBER

1 - 4 Matthews Alive Drink Tent

27 Outreach Night

### OCTOBER

25 Outreach Night

### NOVEMBER

9 - 12 Fall Retreat

15 Friendsgiving

### DECEMBER

6 Christmas Celebration

13 Caroling

16 OCC & Light the Knights

## 2024

### JANUARY

12 - 15 Winter Retreat

31 Outreach Night

### FEBRUARY

TBD Winter Jam

28 Outreach Night

### MARCH

27 Outreach Night

### APRIL

12 - 14 MAD Weekend

### MAY

19 NextGen Sunday

22 Outreach Night

### JUNE

10 - 13 VBS Volunteering

17-21 Student Life Camp

26 Student Gathering

### JULY

4 TBD

10 Deep Creek Tubing

17 Here 2 Serve

24 Paintball

27 New Bedford, MA



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# FALL RETREAT

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COLOSSIANS  
BIBLE STUDY

CARSON SPRINGS, TENNESSEE  
BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER

# WINTER RETREAT

RIDGECREST, NC | JANUARY 12 - 15

Lodging:  
Ridgecrest Conference Center

Skiing | Snowboarding  
Cataloochee Ski Area



MAKE A DISCIPLE WEEKEND



# MAD WEEK END

MAD Weekend is a three day gathering of middle and high school students to intentionally study the scriptures for the purpose of making discipleship a priority in one's life and to seek obedience towards Jesus Christ's commands.

Luke 14:25-33

April 12 - 14, 2024

Friday - Sunday



# STUDENT LIFE

MYRTLE BEACH, SC | JUNE 17 - 21

Camp Pastor: Shane Pruitt

Worship Leader: North Point Worship

Worship Location: Myrtle Beach Convention Center

Lodging: TBD

## ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS NEARBY

- Broadway at the Beach
- Family Kingdom
- Myrtle Beach Family Golf
- Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park
- Market Commons
- The Funplex
- Myrtle Beach Pelicans
- And so much more!



**Shane Pruitt**



**North Point Worship**



# NEW BEDFORD, MA

## Mission Trip

# GRACE HARBOR CHURCH

**JULY 27 - AUGUST 3**

New Bedford in the summer is a great place to spend time serving the city by making disciples.

This mission trip is for middle & high school students and families. All students must attend scheduled meetings and complete training requirements to participate on this trip.

## POTENTIAL MISSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Construction
- Remodeling
- Neighborhood beautification
- Projects with local schools
- Neighborhood camps
- Leading Bible studies
- Discipleship

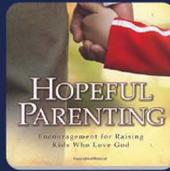
# PARENT-STUDENT RESOURCES

## BOOKS FOR PARENTS



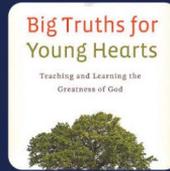
**Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens**

Paul David Tripp



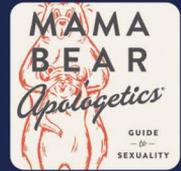
**Hopeful Parenting: Encouragement for Raising Kids Who Love God**

David Jeremiah



**Big Truths for Young Hearts: Teaching and Learning the Greatness of God**

Bruce Ware



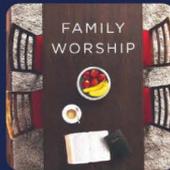
**Mama Bear Apologetics Guide to Sexuality**

Hillary Ferrer



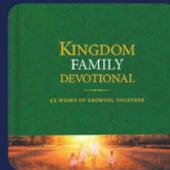
**Launching Your Kids for Life**

Bob & Cheryl Record



**Family Worship**

Donald Whitney



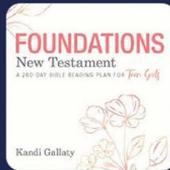
**Kingdom Family Devotional**

Tony Evans and Jonathan Evans



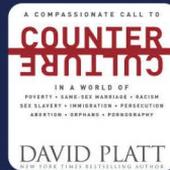
**No More Excuses: A 90-Day Devotional for Teen Guys**

Tony Evans



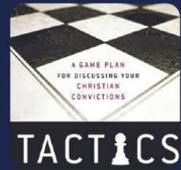
**Foundations: New Testament Teen Girls' Devotional**

Kandi Gallaty



**Counter Culture**

David Platt



**Tactics**

Greg Koukl

## BOOKS FOR TEENAGERS



**10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity**

Rebecca McLaughlin



**Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will**

Kevin DeYoung



**Outdated: Find Love That Lasts When Dating Has Changed**

Jonathan Pokluda

# PARENT-STUDENT RESOURCES

## WEBSITES

### Family Life

<https://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting/>  
Articles and podcasts on marriage and family life

### Focus on the Family's Plugged In

<https://www.pluggedin.com>  
Providing reviews on entertainment, including movies, television, games, books, and YouTube channels

### Center for Youth and Parent Understanding (CPYU)

<https://cpyu.org>  
Helping parents understand and reach into youth culture

### Splink: D6 Free Family Conversation Starters

<https://d6family.com/splink/>  
A free weekly email guiding parents to find teachable moments

### Dare 2Share

<https://www.dare2share.org/resources/free-teen-resources/>  
Resources for teenagers to know and share the gospel



# STUDENT MINISTRY EXPECTATIONS OF CONDUCT

**Romans 12:1: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship."**

Recognizing that we are ambassadors of Christ, this church, your parents, and yourself, we expect all, including regular attendees, and guests to conduct themselves in a way that will have a positive, God honoring impact on others.

Considering that our actions and words provide either a good or bad example, and what you say and do impacts others; it is our desire that each young person participating in FBCM student activities of any sort abide by the following Expectations of Conduct.

- Keep a positive attitude.
- Show respect for everyone and their property with whom you come in contact, by your actions and your words. This includes members of your group as well as those outside of it.
- Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls; no standing, walking, or running on furniture or chairs; clean up after yourself.)
- No obscene language, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. (See your NextGen Pastor/Leader if you need to take/use prescription or over the counter medication during student events.)
- Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. This includes "hanging on" someone, excessive hugging, hand-holding, kissing, sharing a seat, or other "romantic" behavior.
- For the safety and well-being of all, every meeting and event has physical boundaries. Stay within those boundaries. Some events have additional guidelines, rules, and expectations that must be followed.

***Our leadership will not permit language or behavior that is disrespectful or rude to other student ministry members or to those in authority over the group. This includes church staff, volunteers, parents, peers, and those individuals involved in the operation of whichever location/event we are attending.***



# DRESS GUIDELINES

We desire and expect volunteers and students' attire to be appropriate. Our goal is to be holy and pleasing to God; with that in mind, we have the following guidelines in place:

- All shirts should adequately cover the torso. Nothing too revealing, such as: muscle shirts, deep plunging necklines, bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, camisoles, see through clothing, tube tops, halter tops, or off the shoulder tops.
- No undergarments are to be visible, including bra straps or bralettes at anytime.
- Tank tops are permitted as long as the straps are at least two inches wide.
- Pants for boys and girls must fit at the waist with no visible undergarments.
- No high slits on dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts, and garments that are shorter than the wearer's fingertips with the arm and hand fully extended.
- No clothing with offensive or obscene pictures and/or words. No inappropriate graphics (i.e., words, drawings, pictures, autographs, symbols) is allowed on clothes or bodies.
- No leggings or yoga pants (unless covered by appropriate clothing down to 6 inches above the knee)
- On trips where bathing suits will be worn, the following is allowed: for girls, a modest one piece, tankini (where the top and bottom touch, no belly showing), or a two piece with a dark colored shirt over it. Boys, swim trunks. No Speedos or short Chubbies (coincides with the shorts guideline).

Clothing should not be disruptive or bring unnecessary attention to the wearer, cause a distraction, or deemed inappropriate as determined by the NextGen Pastor and/or adult leader(s). Should you dress in an inappropriate manner, you will be asked to put on different clothing or your parents will be called to bring you new clothing.

# CHURCH CENTER

## SETTING UP CHURCH CENTER

Church Center allows you to manage your profile information, donations, events you register for, pay for activities, and see the groups you attend.

## CHURCH CENTER WEB AND APP

<https://www.fbcmatthews.org/churchcenter>

Church Center is always enabled on the web and is also available as a mobile app that you can download for free.

The Church Center app has the same functionality as the web version, plus access to Check-Ins. The app can be downloaded for free to an iOS or Android device.



