

Youth Ministry

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PACKET

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COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME TO YOUTH MINISTRY!

The purpose of this packet is to let you know what our youth ministry is all about as well as what we do and when we meet. Whether you have a rising 7th grader or are new to the church or youth ministry, I hope this information will be helpful and answer many of your questions.

In Christ, Drew Kuehl – Youth Pastor

OUR MISSION

The mission of the youth ministry is to come alongside parents and prayerfully help develop students that are fully devoted followers of Christ through genuine relationships, Biblical training, identification and nurturing of spiritual gifts and demonstration of the love of Christ, in order to raise up an empowered, Biblically literate, motivated generation that can lead the church and carry out the great commission.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Commit to Content. The youth ministry is not here to simply entertain teenagers. We are here to help them grow in their relationship with Christ. Yes we will have some fun events but the priority will remain solid Bible teaching and the spreading of the gospel message.
2. Partner with Parents. You as parents are the primary influence in your student's lives. It is clear Biblically that parents are to be their children's spiritual teachers. Our goal as a ministry is to partner with you to assist and encourage you in any way we can. We always have an open invitation for parents at any youth ministry event and would love for you to serve if possible.
3. Set Opportunities to Serve. We haven't truly surrendered our lives to Christ until we are willing to use the gifts and abilities He has given us to serve Him. This year we will continue with our student leader positions, have a local service opportunity each semester as well as short-term mission trips next summer.
4. Worthy Worship. Praise and worship is a key element in this ministry. We want to help teach our students how to worship God and also help them develop their skills if they have musical ability and feel called to serve in this area.
5. Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing. The ultimate goal is to please and glorify God. We seek to keep God preeminent above all things, discover His will in every aspect of the ministry and make sure we're carrying out the great commission.

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YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Ongoing Events:

- **Frontlines:** This is our main Bible study for teens (13-18) on Thursdays from 6-9:30pm and will kick-off again on September 5th. This fall at Frontlines we are diving into a series called "Built to Lead." We will spend the semester working our way through the book of Nehemiah to better understand God's desire for each of us to be leaders. You'll find a study guide to help you and your teens prepare for this series at the back of this packet.

The Thursday night schedule at Frontlines looks like this:

- 6:00 – 7:00pm: Dinner and Fellowship
 - 7:00 – 7:30pm: Announcements and Games
 - 7:30 – 8:00pm: Worship
 - 8:00 – 8:45pm: Bible Lesson
 - 8:45 – 9:30pm: Small Groups (guys and girls groups divided by age)
- **Awana/Crossroads:** Crossroads Youth Choir and Awana, Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30pm. The Sunday evening schedule looks like this:
 - 5:30 – 6:35pm: Crossroads Choir in the choir room led by Pastor Matt
 - 6:35 – 7:00pm: Snack Time and Fellowship
 - 7:00 – 7:30pm: Awana Teaching Time, Jr. High in room 118 and Sr. High in room 115
 - **Sunday School:** There are youth girls and boys Sunday School classes during both the 9:15 and 11am services. The Sunday School teachers and locations are as follows:
 - 9:15 Girls – Melissa, Mariah Bywater, Main Building Room 218
 - 11:00 Girls – Amy Kuehl, Dawn Curry, Jeanah Vernoy, Main Building Room 218
 - 9:15 Boys – David Bussey, James Duncan, Youth Building
 - 11:00 Boys – Drew Kuehl, Youth Building

2019/2020 Special Events:

- Frontlines Fall Festival: October 31st
- Youth Christmas Party: December 13th
- Short Term Mission Trip Application Period: December – January
- Night of the Reapers Outreach event: February 2020
- Dodgeball outreach event: March/April 2020
- Crossroads Choir Trip: March 2020
- FLOW 2020: June 8-13th 2020
- Short-Term Mission Trips: Summer 2020

* Dates subject to change

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STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

There is no check-in for our youth ministry events as there is in the children's ministry. Attendance is taken and tracked at regular youth events. As a parent, you are responsible for where your student is expected to be. We do ask that students remain at events for the entire time of the event (i.e. Frontlines, Awana, Special Events) unless we are notified of special circumstances that require a student to leave or be picked up early. Most youth events take place in the youth building which is the brick building next to the church, behind the pavilion.

HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH

- The Youth Ministry Website: www.communitybiblechurch.us/connect/youth
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/CBCYouthMinistry
- Instagram: [cbc youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/cbcyouth_ministry)

Major events and announcements will be posted on the youth ministry website and Facebook while weekly Frontlines topics and events will be posted on Instagram.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Serve weekly as an adult leader at Frontlines or Awana/Crossroads
- Sign-up to prepare a meal for Frontlines. Information and sign-up are available at www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=LEGR9659
- Volunteer to help at an event
- Pray for our youth ministry and our students

CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions about the youth ministry, if there's anything I can do to help or if you would just like to connect, please feel free to contact me:

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BUILT TO LEAD - SUMMER STUDY GUIDE

This fall at Frontlines we'll be diving into the book of Nehemiah to learn from this amazing leader how God has designed each of us to be leaders, that we are "Built to Lead." To be ready for this fall series that we will start on September 5th, I've prepared this simple study guide for you to go through with your students. This will equip them with context and understanding before we jump into the book together this fall. There are 8 sections in this study guide, I'd suggest you have your student read the corresponding chapters and then find a time to sit down and discuss it using the provided study questions. This can easily be accomplished once a week over 2 months or twice a week for one month. Praying that this is helpful as you and your students enjoy God's amazing word together.

Part 1 – A Divine Burden – Nehemiah Chapters 1-2

Study Questions:

- How is Nehemiah's burden evident in this text? Why do you think he cared about something so far away?
- How might a lack of burden affect a leader's ability to lead?
- What can we learn about Nehemiah's prayer life in these chapters?
- How did Nehemiah transition from prayer to action and what does this tell us about effective leaders?
- What are you divinely burdened for? How can you do something about this burden God has given you?

Part 2 – Tackling a Tough Task – Nehemiah Chapter 3-4

Study Questions:

- Why are the words "built" and "repair" used so many times in chapter 3?
- What is significant about Eliashib the high priest being a part of the work in Nehemiah 3:1?
- Why do you think the outsiders were so quick to criticize?
- How did the criticism discourage the builders? How were they able to overcome this discouragement?
- Why is it important that a leader be able to overcome criticism and discouragement?

Part 3 – Conquering Conflict – Nehemiah Chapter 5

Study Questions:

- Why are the people upset in this chapter? How was this affecting the rebuilding project?
- How did Nehemiah respond to the conflict?
- Why do we as people so often disagree and turn on each other?
- What can we learn from Nehemiah as a leader in this chapter in the way he responded to the conflict and selfishness amongst the people?

Part 4 – Defeating Distractions – Nehemiah Chapters 6-7

Study Questions:

- Why did the opponents of this project focus their attacks on Nehemiah?
- How did these enemies try to sabotage the project?
- How did Nehemiah's convictions allow the wall project to continue and be completed?
- Why are convictions so important for someone in a leadership role?

Part 5 – A Bible Revival – Nehemiah Chapter 8

Study Questions:

- In verse 3 of chapter 8 it says Ezra the priest read the law "with understanding," why is it so important to read God's word with understanding?
- In what way did hearing God's word affect the people?
- Why is consistently spending time in the Bible important for a leader?
- What can you do to spend more time in the word of God?

Part 6 – Fixing our Focus on God – Nehemiah Chapter 9

Study Questions:

- Why is it important that the people confessed their sin?
- How did the people refocus on God in this chapter?
- What parts of God's character did Ezra remind the people of?
- Why is it important as a leader to regularly refocus on who we know God is?
- Are you excited when entering into time of preaching and worship? Why or why not?

Part 7 – Making Commitments to God – Nehemiah Chapter 10

Study Questions:

- What's the difference between confession and obedience?
- Why do you think the people decided to create and sign this document?
- How were the people trying to honor God through these commitments?
- Why is it important for a leader to make and keep commitments to God?
- What promises do you need to make to God?

Part 8 – A Legacy of Leadership – Nehemiah Chapters 11-13

Study Questions:

- How was worshiping God at the center of this newly rebuilt city? Why is that so important?
- Chapter 11 verse 17 says they began "thanksgiving," why is thanking God an important part of our worship?
- When Nehemiah left in chapter 13 verse 6, why were the people so quick to break their commitments to God? How did Nehemiah respond to their behavior?
- Under the leadership of Nehemiah and Ezra, what spiritual disciplines were restored in chapter 13?
- As a leader, why is it important to be prepared to teach the same things over and over?