




Welcome

Youth Parents and Guardians!



**Reminder: This slideshow
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this meeting is being
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BIG EXCITING PERSONAL NEWS!!

(No, I'm not pregnant!)

- ▶ Ellen has started the process towards being ordained as a Deacon!
- ▶ What does that mean?
 - ▶ **Ellen is NOT moving**—in fact, Ellen will be in youth ministry or youth-adjacent ministry for the rest of her life (YAY!)
 - ▶ Ellen already has her required degree (Master of Divinity) but needs two more required courses, which she will be taking online this Fall
 - ▶ Smaller load of programming for this Fall
 - ▶ Your patience and grace is appreciated!

**Pulaski Heights Youth
Ministry**

**Youth
8th-12th**

5th-12th

**Midyouth
5th-7th**

8th-12th leadership team goals this year:

- Bridging the gap between Youth and Midyouth
- Encouraging more interactions between different schools
- Encouraging mentorship and more interactions between grade-levels



Contact and Communication

- Feel free to text or call Ellen's cell: 469-865-3691
 - Students are welcome to text or call so long as they have your permission
 - Students will be in "groupme" platform and group texts with their small group leaders. Just like in-person safe sanctuary, these always have at least two adults in them at all times.
- Email is Ellen's primary form of information communication
 - For the fall, we'll be using a once a month email—If we like that, we'll keep it, if we need more communication we'll go back to a once a week.
 - You'll still get weekly email updates on occasion for special events. (Christmas parties, bonfire, etc.)

Sign up for youth text updates:





How to change your big youth text content!

- ▶ We have 3 separate channels of texts, **Midyouth, Youth, and Important Updates**. You might have signed up for all or some of them and want to change!
- ▶ When you text the number back, it sends me your text in an email.
- ▶ This evening at about 7 PM We'll be sending out a text to everyone on every list asking if they would like to:
 - ▶ Opt out of all texts
 - ▶ Change which channels they receive
- ▶ At any time, you can text the text back and tell us to change or stop your texts.



New Connectional Initiative:

- District Events: LAUNCH and UNITE
- District Committee on Youth Ministry Leaders and Conference Committee on Youth Ministry Leaders
- Combined events and crossover events with FUMC Little Rock Youth Ministry
- REFUGE: November 4-6, 8th & 9th grade only
- VERITAS: March 3-5, 9th-12th only

Calendar Sync



PDF Calendar





Important Calendar dates:

- **September 9-11:** SOTO retreat for 8th-12th
- **September 14: 5:30-7:30PM** - All youth (5th-12th) mental health & first aid
- **October 1:** Summer trips announced, sign ups open
- **February 2: 5:00-7:00PM** - Wonderfully Made follow up for 10th grade
- **March 1:** Full Summer Calendar comes out
- **October 14-16:** 10th Grade College Ministry Visit
- **12th Grade Senior Small Group or "Senior Club" dates**



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7:00PM-8:30PM Wednesday

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Theological dialogue
Big questions
Tight knit community

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8:00AM-12:00PM Sunday

Service/Mission
Worship
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New this year: Service Model Sunday School

- Sunday School has had a tough go of it for multiple decades.
- The traditional Sunday school model for teenagers, is not shown to give our children enough Christian education to show any extra results of Christian formation.
 - Surveys of Christian adults: Low percentages cite Sunday School as a major factor in choosing to be a Christian adult
 - Quantitative data about trends of Sunday school around the US.
- So, what does work?
 - 5 Relationships with Christian adults that **are not your parents or grandparents**
 - Weekly Worship with all ages
 - Service in areas of the local church that help them make meaning out of religious experience.



The Model:

- ▶ Students will be invited to select and join a service team. We're still collecting teams, but potential areas of service are:
 - ▶ Children's Sunday School
 - ▶ Ushers/Greeters
 - ▶ Church music
 - ▶ Hospitality (doughnuts, greeters, and visitor team)
 - ▶ Sound in both worship venues
 - ▶ Broadcast ministry
- ▶ Intentional Mentoring and Training
- ▶ One semester commitment (50% minimum attendance)
- ▶ Sunday School Hour will be community time.
- ▶ Intergenerational Sunday School Classes will be available.



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Something
New for
Every Grade!

8th Grade: Everything is new, first year to go to youth group

9th Grade: First year to go to VERITAS

10th Grade: College Ministry Visit Trip

11th Grade: Year to care for the seniors and TBD

12th Grade: Senior Small Group or "Senior Club"



8th Grade:

- Welcome to youth group!
 - Sr. High intentional mentoring and culture work
- Prepare for a different youth group culture than Midyouth
- Your new small group leaders include Jr. Counselors—way cool!
- REFUGE (Nov 4-6)



9th Grade:

- ▶ This year ONLY are going to be given the opportunity to go to REFUGE.
- ▶ First year to go to VERITAS March 3-5
 - ▶ 50% attendance at youth group and/or Bible Study required



10th Grade:

- ▶ College trip: October 14-16
 - ▶ Hendrix, UCA, Arkansas State
 - ▶ Staying in hotels
 - ▶ One parent or guardian is encouraged to go with student
 - ▶ Visiting college ministries
- ▶ Wonderfully Made 2.0: February 2, 5:00-7:00PM



11th Grade:

- ▶ Still working on something special for them, stay tuned!
- ▶ 11th grade parents working together on Senior Sunday:
 - ▶ Brunch distribution
 - ▶ Set up
 - ▶ Decorations

Seniors! 12th grade:

- ▶ Senior Small Group/Senior Club:
 - ▶ Once a month during Sunday Night Youth time, meeting at someone's home
 - ▶ 50% College Discussion
 - ▶ 50% Life Skill
 - ▶ Use the QR Code to sign up!
- ▶ Senior Sunday is May 7
- ▶ Senior Sunday Pictures and Brunch RSVPs are DUE no later than April 7.



Youth Food Fund

- [CLICK HERE TO GIVE TO THE YOUTH FOOD FUND](#)
- Pulaski Heights Youth Ministry by the Numbers:
 - 345 Hamburgers
 - 625 Hotdogs
 - 375 pizzas
 - 37 one-on-one coffees and meetings with students and volunteers
 - 765 Sandwiches
 - 600+ catered meals (Wednesday Night, leadership team, and more!)
- Full meals at every special event (Sign up On Next slide)
- Snack or snack supper at "regular" Sunday Night



Sign Up for Special Event Food!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACA92CA6FBC16-youth3>



Sign Up to bring Snack or Snack Supper to Youth Group

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACA92CA6FBC16-regular>



Back to school bash!

- NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH!
- 5:00-7:00PM
- All 5th-12th at Urban Air on Bowman!
- Pizza, snacks, and drinks provided.
- Bring \$10 per student and make sure you have a waiver signed with Urban Air (Click link below, or scan code!)
- <https://www.urbanair.com/sign-trampoline-park-waiver/>





Q and A