

Youth Ministry 2016-17

Our regular Middle School and High School Youth Ministry activities will be kicking off soon! On the back of this sheet is a calendar that includes some of our initial gatherings and meetings. With Pastor Travis departing, Tim Canney and Lori Richardson are stepping up to lead Youth Ministry Activities. Alan Richardson and Dawn Simmons will lead MS/HS Sunday School. As a group we are praying for parents and volunteers to step in and help make this a great year for our young people! Below are descriptions of the main youth ministries and what you can expect at each one. Please be praying about ways your family could plug in and help! Emails will go out soon asking for volunteers in several different areas.

Sunday School – A new season will kick off Sunday, Sept. 11th with The Gospel Project. This is a very important environment for Biblical teaching. This year K-12 will all go through the same program. Parents can expect weekly information about what is being studied so that you can continue the discussion at home.

Brand New!!! Parent Sunday School – Starting Sunday, Sept. 11th New Hope will offer a Sunday School related to parenting and marriage. This is your chance to learn, share and encourage each other as we seek to raise kids who love, know and follow Jesus.

Missional Communities – These will take the place of Youth Groups. Missional Communities will be more geared toward life application and service. Students will regularly break into small groups. Leaders will facilitate discussions about how they are applying what they learn in their own lives, what their challenges are and spend time in prayer for each other. Leaders of the small groups will be intentional about building relationships, praying for their students and reaching out to students through the week. Service projects will happen about once a month.

Sunday morning Worship – This is an important time for students to praise God, hear and respond to the word of God, and be in community with their whole church family.

Mission Trips – A spring break mission trip will happen March 10-17th. We are also working on plans for a summer mission trip. These will be opportunities for students to get away from routines, see God at work in the world and discover ways they can be more intentional about mission when they return home.

Special Events – As always we will have many opportunities throughout the year for fun and additional learning. Blitz, Winter Blast, Passion, Winter Jam, Movies, and much more!

One immediate way you can help is to log into your New Hope account and update/verify all information for yourself and your family. This is so important!! Some kids are listed in the wrong grades. Others have incorrect phone numbers and emails. We would like to send text reminders for events to both parents and youth this year. To update your information, go to newhopeadel.org, select the *My New Hope* tab, then select *Update Your Information*. Make sure to **login** first at the top-right hand corner of the form before you start to fill it out. If you need help with this, please contact Heather Schwarzkopf at the church office 515.993.5325.

Youth Ministry Calendar

August 18th – High School Mystery Trip to kick off the year. Get on the bus! Meet at the youth center at 7 pm. Return by 11 pm.

Aug. 28th – HS Parent & Student info meeting immediately following second service. Lunch provided.

Aug 30th – Special Event. One night only! View “The Insanity of God” at Jordan Creek. Movie is PG-13. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 6 pm.

Sept 11th – HS and MS Sunday School begin The Gospel Project. 9-10:15 am. High School will meet at the Youth Center. Middle School will meet in room 2.

Sept 11th – New Parent Sunday School begins. 9-10:15 am in room 1.

Sept 11th – HS Missional Community begins. 5-7pm at Canney’s home, 22043 Old Hwy 6, Adel. Dinner provided.

Sept 14th – Middle School Parent & Student info meeting at the Youth Center from 6-7:30 pm. Dinner provided.

Sept 21st – MS Missional Community begins. Youth Center from 6:30-8 pm. Snack provided.

College Students

If you are a college student and will be in the area during the school year, we would like to hear from you asap! Please contact Tim Canney or Lori Richardson. We will organize this group when we see how many students we have and know what your schedules are like.

Young Adults

If you are done with school and want to connect with other young working adults, please contact Tim or Lori as well. We would love to help you plug into a Life Group or start a Missional Community.

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