

Youth Ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church – Summer 2020

~ Helping students to know Jesus and His church ~

(For students entering 6th grade through our graduating seniors unless otherwise noted)

COVID-19 Response – The State of Ohio has given no specific mandates or recommendations for churches to follow; however, in light of the current guidelines for business and schools we will be taking reasonable precautions to make youth events safe. Please contact me or any of the other wonderful youth leaders when making decisions as to whether your children should participate or not. Many of the activities and Youth Group meetings are planned to happen outdoors. Some small group studies will continue to use Zoom. When we must gather indoors, we will do our best to make sure that the environment is clean and that distancing protocols are achievable. I believe it is very important for students to be learning, serving, and playing. I hope that much of what we have planned for this summer will be a wonderful blessing for you and your children. — Pastor Van

Youth Group will happen periodically on Sunday nights during the summer. Games, Bible study, prayer, and worship. Invite a friend!

- **June 14** – 6-8:00 PM at the Holloways' (301 S. Valley Rd) Please join with us for worship, prayer, farmball™, and ice cream sundaes.
- **June 28** – 5-8:30 PM at Xenia Bike Hub. Bring your bicycle. We will ride to the park in Spring Valley for a picnic and youth group and then ride back to the Xenia Bike Hub.
- **July 12** – Boys-only Youth Group meeting at the Brads' home (570 N. West St.).
Girls, do you have nothin' to do? It's up to you to get your leaders together and create some wonderful memories of your own.
- **July 26** – Girls-only Youth Group meeting at a location to be announced.
Guys, do you have nothin' to do? It's up to you to get some of your friends and leaders together for some summer fun.
- **August 9** – Kick-off to a new school year. Perhaps a mega kickball tournament would be appropriate or maybe the first annual Southwest Ohio Anti-Volleyball™ Championships! Details to be announced.

Serve Day on Saturday, June 27 (9 AM - 2 PM) Join with youth from other Xenia churches in showing the love of Christ through service at Camp Jabez. We will be working in and around the horse barns, clearing trails, and other projects around the camp. Meet at Emmanuel Baptist at 8:30 AM for donuts & worship. Bring a lunch. Students and adult volunteers please let Pastor Van know by Tuesday, June 23 that you are coming. (vanholloway@gmail.com)

Pray for **Scioto Hills Camp** and **Joni and Friends Ministries** as they also must adjust their ministry plans to best serve people.

Three Amazing Summer Small Groups – These will help you to stay connected with your friends and with the Lord this summer. These are all great opportunities for you to invite a friend.

- **High School girls** – Sarah Mays and Hillary Holloway are leading a Bible study through Psalms on Wednesday evenings through June and July. Contact Sarah or Hillary for more details.
- **All boys entering grade 6 through high school** – Drew Brads, Preston Surls, and Ryan Freed are leading a boys' study through the Bible on Wednesday evenings through June and July. Join them for a great study and prayer. Contact any of the leaders for more information.
- **Girls entering grade six through nine.** Summer fun is being planned for you, too. Tara Geelhood will be sending you a special invitation to a couple of wonderful summer events. Invite a friend.

Here's some more opportunities to grow and serve alongside the church family.

Detention Center Ministry –Students age 16 and older are invited to participate in **Friday Nite Alive**, a ministry to the youth at the Greene County Juvenile Detention Center. Please pray for this ministry and consider serving at FNA as we share the gospel and our lives with boys and girls who are incarcerated. Because we are no longer able to do this ministry in person, we will be creating video lessons. Please see Pastor Van for more details on how you could participate in the production of these videos.

Visitation/Letter writing – on the first Saturday of each month from 9 – 11 AM at EBC. Take time to bless others by calling and writing letters to those in our church family who are elderly, shut-ins, or in the hospital. This is a great ministry of prayer and encouragement. Your whole family is invited (June 6, July 4, and August 1). Hopefully very soon we will be able to make in-person visits once again.

With God's Grace Food Pantry – on the fourth Thursday of each month (June 25 and July 23). A great opportunity for service and prayer. Help distribute groceries to those in need.

Dinner and Youth Leader Training – This is for those who are interested in learning more about student ministry. Students who are juniors or seniors please see Pastor Van if you are interested in being a student leader. Meetings this summer will be on Saturdays from 4:00-6:30 PM at the Holloways' (301 S. Valley Rd) --June 13, July 18, and August 8. Weather permitting, we will be meeting outdoors.

Summer Youth Highlights at a Glance

Saturday, June 6 – Visitation (phone calls and letter writing)

Wednesday, June 10 – High School Girls and Boys Bible studies (through June and July)

Saturday, June 13 – Dinner and Youth Leader Training at Pastor Van's house

Sunday, June 14 – Youth Group at Pastor Van's house

Thursday, June 15 – Food Pantry

Saturday, June 27 – Serve Day at Camp Jabez

Sunday, June 28 – Youth Group, bike ride to Spring Valley

Saturday, July 4 - Visitation (phone calls and letter writing)

Sunday, July 12 – Youth Group for boys only at the Brads' house

Saturday, July 18 – Dinner and Youth Leader Training at Pastor Van's house

Thursday, June 15 – Food Pantry

Sunday, July 26 – Youth Group for girls only, location TBA

Saturday, Aug 1 - Visitation (phone calls and letter writing)

Saturday, Aug 8 – Dinner and Youth Leader Training at Pastor Van's house

Sunday, Aug 9 – Youth Group TBA