

# Youth Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church – Winter/Spring 2025



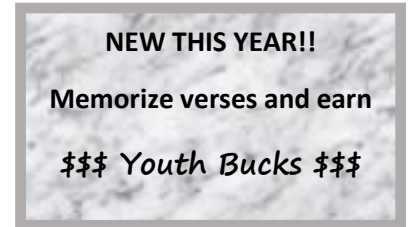
- Helping students know Jesus and experience His church -

(For students in grades six through twelve)



**Youth Group** on **Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM** – All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join Pastor Van for games, Bible teaching, Bible memory, and small group discussions.

Exciting news! Students and leaders have already earned more than **\$400** in *Youth Bucks* – this represents a lot of verses that our leaders and students have put to memory. *Youth Bucks* can be used to help cover the cost of upcoming youth events like winter camp, summer camp, and other special youth events; or *Youth Bucks* can be given away to help support a missionary or another Christian ministry! Youth leaders can even share their *Youth Bucks* with students, so please always let us know if you need scholarship assistance. Over the next few months, we will be memorizing Romans 12:9-21, Isaiah 53:3-7, and Psalm 1.



Join us on Wednesday nights for accountability, encouragement, and learning. This is a great opportunity for you to invite an unchurched friend. It all begins again on Wednesday, January 15.

## Something New: After School Bible Study for Boys and Girls

We would like to offer two weekly Bible Studies, one for the boys and one for girls, beginning the week of Feb 16. *Please contact Drew or Van if you have a preference for the study to be either on Mondays or Fridays after school.*

## Here are some more opportunities for you to grow and serve.

- **Sunday School Classes** begin on Sunday, Jan. 12 from 8:45-9:45 AM. Students are encouraged to attend a class. There are also opportunities for students to serve during the Sunday School hour. Please see Drew Brads for more information.
- **Encouragement Team** meets on the first Saturday of the month from 9 -11 AM. Give up part of your weekend to bless those in our church family who are elderly, shut-ins, or in the hospital or our recent grads who have moved away. This is a great ministry of writing notes, making cards, visits, and prayer. Your whole family is welcome on February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3.
- **Leader Lunch** is for those who are interested in learning more about student ministry and growing in your ability to minister to students. Leader training provides an opportunity for prayer and accountability as we endeavor to effectively disciple every student. *Students who are juniors or seniors, please contact Pastor Van if you are interested in being an EBC student leader.* **Leader Lunch** is hosted at Pastor Van's house (301 S. Valley Rd) from noon to 2 PM on January 26, March 16, and April 27.

## Invite your friends to any of these quality youth ministry events.

*Please contact Pastor Van or another leader if you have questions or need help with transportation.*

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*Drew Brads – drew.brads@ebcxenia.org / 937-936-0094*

## ~ FANTASTIC ONE-TIME, ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENTS ~



**\*We're going on a Walk! – Saturday, January 25** from 10 AM to 1 PM. Meet at Spring Lakes Park in Bellbrook (2191 Ferry Rd) Bring a friend and dress for the weather. You don't want to miss this fantastic wilderness adventure!

\*Guys only are invited to a **Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey game** on **Saturday, February 1**. Meet at EBC at 2 PM. Cost is \$5 plus money for concessions.

**Bible Memory Marathon – Wednesday, February 5** from 5-7:30 PM at EBC. This is an opportunity to memorize lots of verses and earn *Youth Bucks* that can be used for Winter Camp or other special youth events. Dinner included.

**\*Winter Camp at Scioto Hills – February 14-16**. Visit [SciotoHills.com](http://SciotoHills.com) to register. Space is limited, so please register soon. Transportation will be provided. *Youth Bucks* can be used to reimburse you for the cost of camp. Bring a friend and we hope to see you at Winter Camp! Contact Pastor Van for more details.

Girls only are invited to a **Care Package Packing Party** on **Friday, March 7** from 6-9 PM. Janell is inviting the girls over (301 S. Valley Rd.) to help bake (and eat) some delicious snacks and then to assemble care packages for students who are away at college. *Yummmm! The smell of fresh baked cookies*. Bring a friend!

**Roller Skating** for students in grades 6-8 on **Friday, March 21** at *Skateworld of Kettering*. Meet at EBC at 5 PM. Cost is \$5, pizza included.



**Anti-volleyball Tournament and Spanish Night! – April 13 at 4 PM**. EBC will be partnering with other local churches to host the Third Annual ANTI-VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT. Bring a friend and compete for this coveted championship!

**Easter Sunrise Celebration and Breakfast – April 20, 7-8 AM** at EBC. Youth and their families are invited to join us for the reading of the Easter story, music, and donuts!



Volunteer **Work Day** at Scioto Hills on **Saturday, May 3** for high school students only.

**Parent Talk** with Pastor Van – **Sunday, May 18**. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone working with children are invited to a seminar that will give you advice and encouragement to be great, God-honoring parents. Time TBA.

**\*Memorial Day Reflections and Youngs Jersey Dairy – Sunday, May 25 from 5-8 PM**. On this special holiday weekend, we will visit a cemetery to reflect on the significance of Memorial Day followed by a great evening of fun at Youngs with amazing youth leaders. We will also welcome students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall to join us. YEAH!

### Youth Highlights at a Glance

Sun, Jan 12 – Sunday School classes begin

Wed, Jan 15 – Youth Group/Bible Memory begins

Sat, Jan 25 – Going on a Walk

Sun, Jan 26 – Leader Lunch

Sat, Feb 1 – Encouragement Team

Sat, Feb 1 – Hockey Game for Guys only

Wed, Feb 5 – Bible Memory Marathon

Feb 14-16 – Winter Camp at Scioto Hills

Sun, Feb 16 – Bible Studies for boys & girls begin this week

Sat, Mar 1 – Encouragement Team

Fri, Mar 7 – Care Package Packing Party for girls only

Sun, Mar 16 – Leader Lunch

Fri, Mar 21 – Roller Skating for middle school only

Sat, Apr 5 – Encouragement Team

Sun, Apr 13 – *Anti-Volleyball Tournament*

Sun, Apr 20 – Easter Sunrise Celebration and Donuts

Sun, Apr 27 – Leader Lunch

Sat, May 3 – Encouragement Team

Sat, May 3 – Work Day at Scioto Hills, high school only

Sun, May 18 – Parent Talk seminar

Sun, May 25 – *Youngs Jersey Dairy*

**\*A 2025 Medical Consent Form & Liability Waiver** is required for these activities; forms are available at [ebcxenia.org](http://ebcxenia.org) or from Pastor Van.