

8-Year Rotation of Middle School Classes and High School Studies

City Church of East Nashville

WHAT IS THIS? Below is a four-year rotating schedule for the Middle School and High School of City Church of East Nashville (you will see that it rotates by the fact that it repeats itself every four years). This will allow any student to receive the same content no matter when they come into middle school or high school (even though it won't be in the same order).

WHY THIS CONTENT? The purpose of this schedule is to attempt to introduce our kids “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Rather than giving them truncated versions of Christianity (that only focus on our distinctive beliefs or how we think they should act), we want them to see the breadth of what Christians believe and how they live. That involves teaching them the *what*, *why*, and *how*. In some cases, the teaching is as straightforward as *what* Christians believe—“Christians believe that Jesus is fully God and fully man” or “This passage in John teaches us that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin.” In other cases (Bible, personal worship, apologetics, etc.), we are teaching them *how* to live the Christian life, so that they have the tools they need to learn them on their own. And in the case of most of the ethical classes, we want to teach more than just, “Christians love their neighbor, honor their parents, don't lie, don't steal, don't have sex outside of marriage, etc.” Instead, we want to connect beliefs and practices so that they understand the *why*—the rationale behind Christian ethics that their friends and peers may think are silly.

WHY DO WE DO IT THIS WAY? One key basis for all of the instruction we do for high school and middle school (as well as the rest of our children) is that it is *supplemental* to the primary means of discipleship—gathered worship with the church each Sunday and the discipleship and instruction of their parents at home. Our teaching isn't designed to be exhaustive. Instead, it is designed to work *with* parents as they instruct and disciple their children in the faith. So, I am always hoping to leave the students with more questions after we have class/study, that will lead them to conversation and discussion with you about these things.

We also have other regular meetings and gatherings with middle school and high school, which focus more on fellowship and talking about one another's lives, because we believe that the Christian life is to be lived together, in community. And so, we want to foster that community as much as we can. So, view all of the below content within that context. (See next page for charts)

Typical MS Breaks (9x): Labor Day, Fall Break (2x), Thanksgiving, Christmas/NY, Spring Break (2x), Easter, Memorial Day
43 Weeks Total

KEY: CHURCH HISTORY, BIBLE, PRACTICAL THEOLOGY/CHRISTIAN LIVING, CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Middle School (5 th -8 th Grade)					
	Summer (6-8 weeks)	Fall (10-12 weeks)	Fall/Winter (6-8 weeks)	Winter/Spring (6-8 weeks)	Spring (10-12 weeks)
June 2018 – May 2019	Foundations for Worship	Genesis – Deuteronomy (w/ OT overview)	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer)	Nicene Creed (memorize)
June 2019 – May 2020	Ancient Church (100 – 500 AD)	Acts (w/ NT overview)	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Commandments 5-10: Friendships, Marriage, Family, Sex	Lord's Prayer (memorize)
June 2020 – May 2021	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Joshua – 2 Kings (w/ OT overview)	Medieval Church (500 – 1500 AD)	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer)	Apostles' Creed (memorize)
June 2021 – May 2022	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Mark (w/ NT overview)	Reformation & Post- Reformation Church (1500 – 1750 AD)	Apologetics (with emphasis on evangelism & missions)	10 Commandments: 5-10 Vocation, Money & Possessions
June 2022 – May 2023	Modern Church (1750 AD – Present)	Genesis – Deuteronomy (w/ OT overview)	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer)	Nicene Creed (memorize)
June 2023 – May 2024	Ancient Church (100 – 500 AD)	Acts (w/ NT overview)	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Commandments 5-10: Friendships, Marriage, Family, Sex	Lord's Prayer (memorize)
June 2024 – May 2025	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Joshua – 2 Kings (w/ OT overview)	Medieval Church (500 – 1500 AD)	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer)	Apostles' Creed (memorize)
June 2025 – May 2026	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Mark (w/ NT overview)	Reformation & Post- Reformation Church (1500 – 1750 AD)	Apologetics (with emphasis on evangelism & missions)	10 Commandments: 5-10 Vocation, Money & Possessions

And the rotation continues...

Typical HS Breaks (9x): Labor Day, Fall Break (2x), Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring Break (2x), Easter, Memorial Day
43 Weeks Total

KEY: PRACTICAL THEOLOGY/CHRISTIAN LIVING, BIBLE, CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

High School (9 th -12 th Grade)				
	Summer (8-9 weeks)	Fall (11-12 weeks)	Winter (11-12 weeks)	Spring (11-12 weeks)
June 2018 – May 2019	Romans 8 (w/ West End Community Church)	Genesis	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer - memorizing Lord's Prayer)	God, Creation, & Revelation
June 2019 – May 2020	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	John	10 Commandments: 5-10 Friendships, Marriage, Family & Sex	Man & Sin
June 2020 – May 2021	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Psalms (overview & select)	Apologetics (how do we do it & tackling issues) [w/ a focus on evangelism]	Christ & Salvation
June 2021 – May 2022	10 Commandments: 5-10 Vocation, Money & Possessions	Romans	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Holy Spirit, Church & Last Things
June 2022 – May 2023	World Religions & World Views (how they all answer the big worldview questions) [w/ a focus on missions]	Genesis	Personal Spirituality (Word & Prayer - memorizing Lord's Prayer)	God, Creation, & Revelation
June 2023 – May 2024	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	John	10 Commandments: 5-10 Friendships, Marriage, Family & Sex	Man & Sin
June 2024 – May 2025	Corporate Worship (Fellowship, Word, Sacraments, Prayer, Singing, what is liturgy)	Psalms (overview & select)	Apologetics (how do we do it & tackling issues) [w/ a focus on evangelism]	Christ & Salvation
June 2025 – May 2026	10 Commandments: 5-10 Vocation, Money & Possessions	Romans	What is the Bible and How Do We Study It?	Holy Spirit, Church & Last Things

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