



FBC STUDENTS

APRIL '25 NEWSLETTER

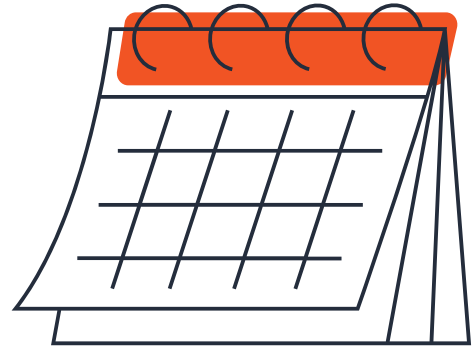
DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 20 - Easter Sunday

May 18: Grad recognition Sunday

June 23-27: Crossroads Camp

July 8-12: Puerto Rico mission trip



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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HS Girls D-Group - Tuesdays, 7:15 am, Emma's house

HS Boys Bible Study - Thursdays, 7:05 am, CFA

MS Girls Bible Study - Sundays, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday school - Sundays, 9 am

Student Night - Sundays, 5:30-7 pm

CROSSROADS

It is hard to believe, but summer will be here before we know it!



With Summer approaching, so is our week at Crossroads Summer Camp! This is always one of the best weeks of the year for our students, and I'd love for your students to come to camp! The week for camp this year is June 23-27, at Anderson University.

To sign up, go to our website (fbcsunterm.org) and click the events tab. Then click Youth Crossroads Summer Camp and click register. Then follow the prompts to sign up. You do not have to pay at registration - I will send out payment information after registration, but register now to claim your spots!

SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

As the spring and school years are moving towards the finish line, I wanted to let you all know which Sunday nights we will have youth Student night for the rest of this semester:

April 6 - Student Night (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

April 13 - Student Night (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

April 20 - NO STUDENT NIGHT (Easter)

April 27 - Student Night (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

May 4 - Student Night (5:30-7:00 p.m.) LAST STUDENT NIGHT FOR SPRING



If you have any questions about our schedule, please let me know!

MAKING DISCIPLES

At our spring retreat this past weekend, we focused on the idea of being disciples of Christ, but also making disciples. Every Christian is called to be a disciple maker, and that includes our students who are followers of Jesus!

On Saturday morning, we made a list of things that the students thought were important aspects of being a disciple, and if they were to disciple someone, important things to teach them. Many of them were character matters, along with Bible reading, prayer, and how to understand and apply Scripture to their own, and someone else's, lives. We concluded with a challenge from 1 Corinthians 11:1 where Paul states, "imitate me, as I imitate Christ." That is an incredibly bold statement by Paul - he is saying that if you copy his life, his spiritual habits, you will have a good picture of what it means to follow Christ well. We challenged the students to think about whether their life was one worth imitating when it comes to their spiritual walk, and whether others would want to imitate them based on how they live for Christ.

On Saturday evening, we made a second list. The topic for that night was treasuring Christ more than the world, and I asked our student groups to make lists of the top things in their lives and culture that would pull them away from a relationship with Jesus. The hope in doing this was for them to notice a few things that, left un-checked, can become idols in their own lives and something they treasure or value more than Christ. We looked at a few passages in 1 John where John writes to believers on tests of assurance to help them determine if they were actually walking with Jesus. In 1 John he gives three different types of tests for us to evaluate our hearts: the moral test (do you obey God's commands?), the doctrinal test (do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?), and the love test (do you love God and other believers?) Again, we challenged our students to examine their hearts and lives and see how they would answer those questions. Then, we ended with the beautiful promises in 1 John about walking with Christ and the freedom, forgiveness, and grace that He offers us again and again.

I want you to know what we discussed with your students so that you can talk to them about what they learned this past weekend, and also so that you can have ongoing conversations with your students about these topics. We want to challenge them to follow Christ, to look for opportunities to proclaim the gospel and be a disciple-maker, and finally to consistently examine their hearts for areas that keep them from walking with Christ well. As Christians, we should all be doing these things on a consistent basis as we seek to glorify Christ with our lives in response to who He is and what He has done for us!

HELPFUL LINKS

Our hope is to consistently resource and equip you as parents to make disciples in your homes. Below are some recent blogs, etc. we have stumbled across that might be helpful to you and encourage you!

Tech-wise Parenting: Pursuing Healthy Limits & Freedoms in Technology:

<https://rootedministry.com/tech-wise-parenting-pursuing-healthy-limits-and-freedoms-in-technology/>

Stressed Kids? Show Them Their Worth in Christ:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/stressed-kids-worth-christ/>

How One Gen “Zer” is Gaining Biblical Literacy the Old-Fashioned Way:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/gen-zer-biblical-literacy/>

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We have a message on the GroupME app called, "FBC Student Parents." If you aren't on this message, please email Kevin or Emma to be added!