



## Youth Ministry Updates

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)*

When the school year starts, it's common to get a back-to-school photo taken for the yearbook. Often this is accompanied by a lot of thoughts. How do I want my hair to look? What clothes do I want to wear? Should I show my teeth when I smile? What will my photo say about me?

When we go back to church, what kind of photo does God take of us? The Bible says it isn't what our outer appearance is, but rather what is in our heart. In the scripture reading above from 1 Samuel 16:7, God tells Samuel, who is looking for a new king, that God doesn't measure us by our physical appearances but by what is in our heart. If you go look up that full Bible story, you'll hear a story about a young boy named David, who wasn't much to look at, but it is said, he was a man after God's own heart. As he grew up, he became one of the most famous kings of Israel and left a legacy that was hard to beat.

If you could have a symbolic photo taken of your heart, what might it look like? What is in there that you are excited about? What fears and worries do you hold? What do you want God's help with this year?



## Wednesday Nights At A Glance

See you on Wednesday nights for dinner (5:30-6:30pm) and youth group (6:30-7:30pm) for Middle School and Senior High students. This month, we're going to spend time talking about King David and King Solomon and what it takes to be a great leader.

### Class night schedule for October

Oct 2nd – King David (the early years)

Oct 9th – King David (as a leader)

Oct 16th – NO classes (Fall break)

Oct 23rd – King Solomon

Oct 30th – Halloween Party



Senior High  
Fall Project  
Wednesday  
Nights

NEW LOOM - Upcycling  
Plastic Grocery Bags  
into sleeping mats!

## Senior High Loom Project

All Senior High Students are invited to drop by on Wednesday nights to help launch our new loom project, which involves upcycling plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats. Interested in leading or weaving? Stop by on Wednesdays or contact Pastor Stina to learn more.

## October Halloween Party - October 30

Bring your friends for a not-so-scary Halloween party with our elementary, middle school, and high school Cross Winds friends. We're especially looking for high school students who can help lead activities for the party.





Save the date 2025





High School  
July 13 – 16, 2025

Middle School  
July 20 – 23, 2025