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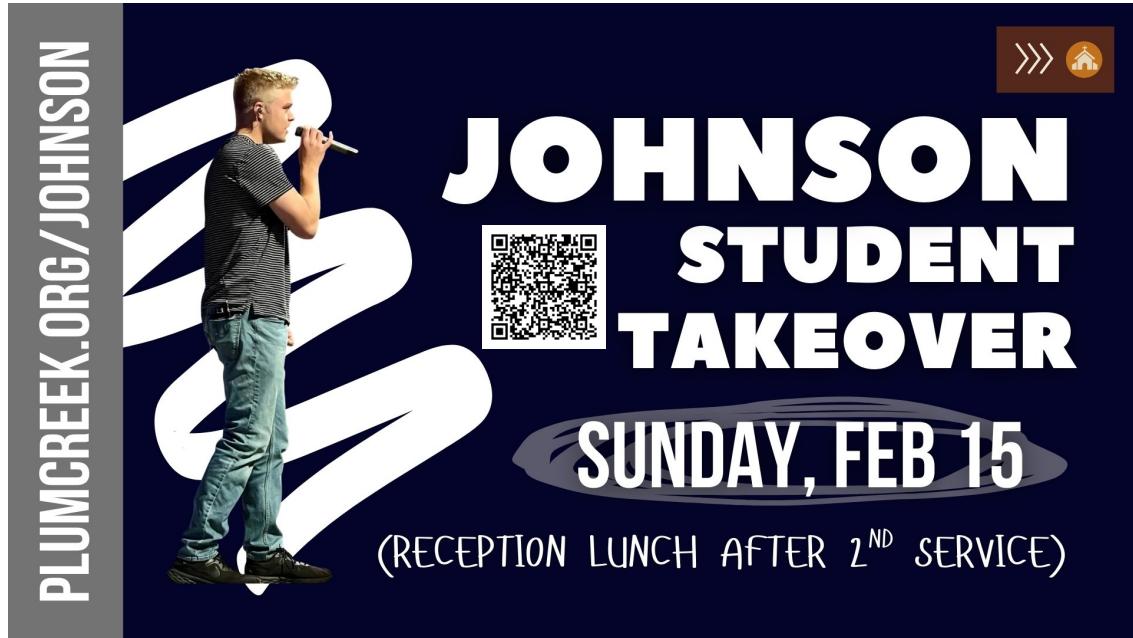
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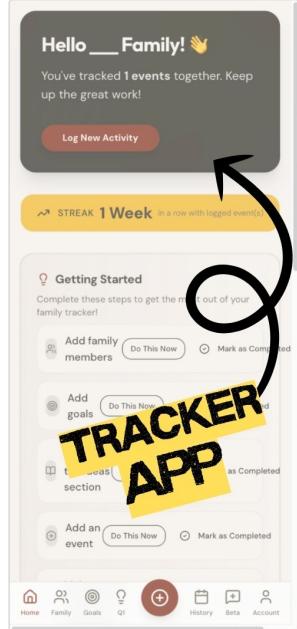
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Join us on Sunday, February 15th as Johnson University students lead our Sunday morning worship and teaching. After 2nd service we'll host a free Skyline lunch & reception in the LifeCenter. Everyone is welcome, but we especially encourage middle school and high school students and their families. Please sign up by February 8th!



SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/JOHNSON

Plum Creek's theme for 2026 is "The Way of Jesus." This year we will be offering several resources to help with intentional growth through the life stages of a follower of Jesus. To get started, scan the QR code in this image or go to "plumcreek.org/wayofjesus". There you'll find tools and ideas for ways that ANYONE can take their next step on the path of discipleship. You'll also notice that the graphics for every event this year include a code with two icons at the top-right corner. These icons are meant to be used in conjunction with your event tracking tools, whether you're using the PDF / printed version or the tracker app online.



ONE IMPORTANT NOTE: We like to think of these tracking tools as "mirrors" that help us see potential for growth, rather than "measuring sticks" that help us compare with others or try to earn favor with God.

Plum Creek will be taking two short-term mission trips in 2026. Check out the details and join us!

GUATEMALA | June 19-27, 2026

The team will be helping get the Puentes Training Center (Tom & Sheila Anderson) ready for a new school year. They will also be working with the church in Jalapa. *Led by David Schneller*

Cost: \$1,600 (\$200 deposit is required by 2/15)

LIBERTY, AFRICA | October 8-19, 2026

The team will be encouraging our mission partners who live in Liberty. We will be prayer walking and hosting a team retreat. *Led by Jared Perkins*

Cost: \$2,500 (\$300 deposit is required by 3/1)

2026 Short-term Trips

Guatemala

June 19 - 26

\$1,600

\$200 due by 2/15



Liberty, Africa

October 8 - 19

\$2,500

\$300 due by 3/1

go to www.plumcreek.org/trips to apply



Each month our Sharing Center Team plans and organizes for the Food Share. Then on the 3rd Saturday of the month, we share groceries with our neighbors. Serving at Food Share is a great way to meet other Plum Creek people and make a Kingdom impact right in our own community! If you'd like to volunteer, just show up on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st @ 8:30 AM** at the Life Center.

SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/SHARE

Grief Share®

A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability – and gain solid support each step of the way. This session will be facilitated by Missy Heringer and will meet on Wednesday nights beginning March 11th, 6:30–8 pm in Room 104 of the LifeCenter.

REGISTER: PLUMCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE



SUPPORT GROUP

If you are struggling with grief from the loss of a loved one, you are invited to join our next session of GriefShare.

Wednesdays, March 11 - June 3
6:30 - 8:00 PM

www.plumcreek.org/griefshare



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CONTACT

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Register at WEEKENDTOREMEMBER.COM or call 1-800-358-6329

There will be no IGNITE and no LifeGroups meeting the week of February 8th



SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 & 11 am

Infant, Toddler, Preschool & Elementary



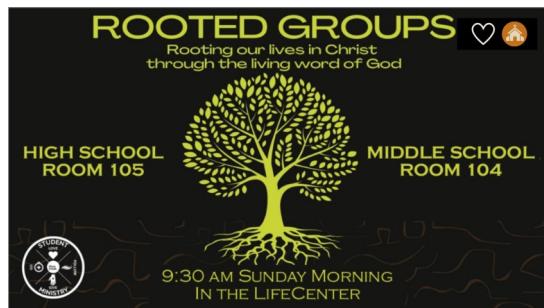
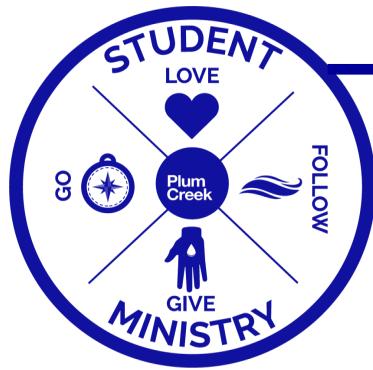
Hey everyone! This March we are headed to SuperStart 2026!! SuperStart takes place March 13 & 14. SuperStart is a two-day interactive program designed specifically for 4th, 5th & 6th grade students. Each weekend engages the growing minds and hearts of preteens to teach them more about themselves and the Bible.

Cost: \$100 (Registration closes February 26th)

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER GO TO:

PLUMCREEK.ORG/SUPERSTART

Register today because space is limited!



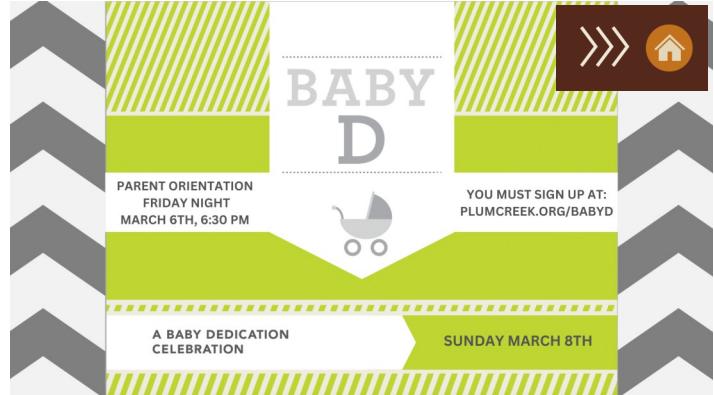
Hey Everyone! This summer we're heading to Lee University in Cleveland, TN for MOVE 2026 from June 22-27! MOVE is a 5-day event for high school students that helps them know Jesus better, deepens their relationships, and sends them home ready to do Kingdom Work.

Cost: \$500 Registration opens February 1st!

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER:
PLUMCREEK.ORG/MOVE26

A \$200 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot.

Register today because space is limited!



Baby D is a way for us to help equip you to disciple your child for Jesus Christ. It has been a couple of years since the last time we had a Baby D, so if your child is no longer a baby, but you would like to have them dedicated, please sign up for Baby D. **Register at plumcreek.org/babyd before March 1st.** When you sign up, you will receive an email with links to two videos you must watch before our Parent Orientation Dinner on Friday, March 6th at 6:30 pm. At the dinner, we will have a time of teaching, but we will also enjoy a nice catered meal. Then on that Sunday, March 8th, after attending the Orientation Dinner, we will celebrate you and your child during the main service. You will not be acknowledged on Sunday morning if you didn't attend the Orientation Dinner. If you have any questions, please contact me at jimmy@plumcreek.org.

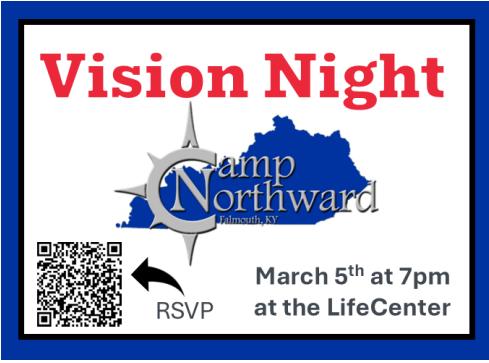


THE KINGDOM AND THE EMPIRE

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

New Series Begins 02.22.26

You are invited to come learn what God is doing at Camp Northward. This evening will include a time of worship and testimonies. Camp Director, Nathan Derico, will share an update and vision for the camp, as well as information about the 10,000 Reasons, Expanding the Vision campaign. There will be an opportunity to make a pledge or gift. Please scan the QR code and let us know if you will be attending.



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE
On-Site @ 9:30 & 11 AM | Online @ 11 AM (Facebook/YouTube)
Bible Studies @ 9:30 AM
Middle/High School IGNITE @ 5:30 PM

WWW.PLUMCREEK.ORG

God's people have always lived in the tension between two kingdoms – the eternal kingdom of God and the fading empires of this world. The book of Daniel gives us a bold vision of what it means to live faithfully in exile: to resist compromise, to stand with courage, and to trust God even when the empire seems to have all the power. This series calls us not just to survive in Babylon, but to shine.

Worship ON-SITE @ 9:30 & 11 AM



Or ONLINE @ 11 AM



Forward to Freedom CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of our Plum Creek congregation, the Forward to Freedom

Campaign is going very well. Donations to Forward to Freedom go directly to reducing our debt. Since the beginning of the campaign at the end of 2024, Plum Creek has collected \$742,688 for debt reduction. That represents 74% of our original goal and almost 50% of what was pledged! By the end of January, our mortgage will be under \$700,000. We are so excited about what God is doing through the generosity of his people. We are turning our mortgage into ministry!



The next scheduled brunch is **SUNDAY, MARCH 1st @ 11 AM** (during 2nd service) Have questions about Plum Creek? Want to know how you can get involved? Want to make this place a little smaller? Join us for this one-session conversation in a relaxed environment where we address who we are and what we're about here at Plum Creek. We also take time to answer specific questions you might have. For questions contact doug@plumcreek.org (A free meal is provided)

SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/DISCOVER

DECISIONS

LORALEI WARNICK (Baptism 01.11.26)
12814 Walnut Creek Drive . Alexandria KY 41001

LUKE & SUSAN HART (Membership Covenants 01.11.26)
2626 Ten Mile Road . Melbourne KY 41059

