



ALLIANCE YOUTH

GAC Youth News & Events

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Thursday Nights at the Well (6:30pm - 8:15pm) & Youth Sunday School (11:00am - 12:00pm)

Both Middle School and High School students are invited to join us on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:15pm at the church. These meetings are the hub of our youth ministry and are designed to play an important part in the lives of our teens. Both Middle School and High School students also meet each week in the Youth Sunday School Room off of the Fellowship Hall at 11am for a fantastic lesson and some light refreshments.

Youth Sunday School Time Shift to 9:30am Beginning May 5

Beginning on May 5, our Youth Sunday School will be moving from 11am to 9:30am. This is a shift back to the time that we have held our classes pre-covid. We understand that this may change the way that families may interact and engage with our ministry in the context of Sunday morning, but after prayerful consideration we have made the decision to make the shift back. Feel free to contact pastor Rigel with any questions about the shift back to 9:30am.

Youth Worship Night - April 12 (7:00-8:15pm)

Join us on the evening of Friday April 12, in the sanctuary for our Youth Worship night from 7:00-8:15pm. Take a moment to reflect, are you feeling run down and exhausted? Are you discouraged or downhearted? Or maybe you're on top of the world and want to keep the fire going. No matter what you are feeling or where you are in life right now, if you are a teen we are inviting you to join us for this powerful and refreshing Night of Worship. We are eagerly looking forward to see what God does in our hearts when we show up with expectation. We are planning on this being a special night that you won't want to miss!

Breakaway Senior High Retreat - April 19-21

We are excited for our upcoming Breakaway Senior High Retreat at Beulah Beach Camp in Vermilion, Ohio on April 19-21. This trip is a great chance to get away from your normal routine and grow in your relationship with Jesus in a fantastic setting (right on Lake Erie). The cost of the trip is \$120 per person and will cover transportation, food, lodging and retreat activities. Registration has been open since March 14 and will require a \$20 deposit (or credit). Please register soon as the deadline is April 4. A detailed packing list will be distributed to all registered participants closer to the trip.

Senior Trip/Retreat to NY - June 24-26

For the first time we will be offering a Senior trip for our graduating seniors. On this whirlwind trip to the NYC Metro area, participants will have an opportunity to spend a few days together of fun fellowship and reflection which will incorporate elements of both NYC and the beach. The cost of the trip is \$200 per person. An information packet with details is now available in the youth room and on the church website and app.

Alive Music Festival Registration - July 17-21 (Deadline June 9)

Come join us on July 17-21 for a fantastic trip to Alive Music Festival in Mineral City, OH at Atwood Lake Park. The trip will include concerts, speakers, camping, swimming and a lot of fun! The total cost for this year's trip will be \$275. This fee will include festival entrance, all meals at the festival, transportation, camping and a custom-made group t-shirt. Students should plan on bringing pocket money for the trip as well as money for food on the way up.

To register please turn in a deposit of \$50 and put your name on the sign-up list in the youth Sunday School room. The deadline for registration is June 9. Please note that there will be a mandatory info meeting at 8pm on Thursday, June 20 after Youth Group. There will also be a trip prep day on July 16 at the church where students are encouraged to show up for a few hours to help us prepare for the trip. Please look at and review our trip information packet located in the youth section on the church website/app. Don't miss out on this fantastic trip. We hope to see you there!

Mahaffey Camp Volunteer Opportunity - July 22-26 (Applications Due April 18)

Each year, a limited number of students have the opportunity to volunteer with Pastor Rigel at Mahaffey Family Camp in Mahaffey PA (July 22-26). On Monday, July 22, Pastor Rigel will be taking a group of students up to the camp (about an hour away) to help run field games for all the children attending the camp during the week of Family Camp. Information packets containing trip details and applications are now available. Students must be at least 14 years old to participate. Please note that preference may be given to juniors and seniors, especially those who have served in this capacity in the past. Completed applications are due by Thursday, April 18, please do not miss this deadline.

"Parents' & Guardians' Night at the Well" Save the date - Wednesday, May 15 (6:30-8:15pm)

We are excited to announce that we will be putting together a special night just for parents and guardians in mid-May (5/15). At this event you will get a peek at what happens when you drop your teens off on a Thursday night. We wanted you to save the date so that you are sure to get it on the calendar. Whether your teen has been coming to our youth group for years or they just started coming last week this night is for you! On this night you will experience a full program, have some fun, have a chance to win prizes and hear about what we do as a group. We will also be talking about teen culture and some of the unique challenges that parents face in this season.