



## **GAC Youth News & Events**

### **August 2025**

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### **ALLIANCE YOUTH**

#### **Thursday Night at the Well (6:30pm - 8:15pm) & Youth Sunday School (9:30am - 10:30am)**

On Thursday nights, both Middle School and High School students are invited to join us 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.

On Sunday mornings, both Middle School and High School students meet each week in the Youth Room off of the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for a fantastic lesson and a light breakfast.

Additionally, check out our Youth Group seasonal schedule (Fall/Winter available Aug 22) on the church website, app, and in the Youth Room.

#### **Mini Golf & Go-Karts- August 21 (6:30-8:30pm)**

On Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm, we will be meeting at Statler's Fun Center (386 Frye Farm Road, Greensburg, PA) for Go Karts and Mini Golf. This outing will cost \$18 (paid in cash on the day of the trip) which will include a round of Mini Golf, 2 rides on the Go-Karts, and a scoop of Hershey's ice cream. Students who are over 16 and have their driver's license with them will be able to use the Pro Go-carts (which are faster). There will be a prize awarded for the student with the best mini-golf score. Please note that you will need to be dropped off and picked up at Statler's. Because this event is outdoors, if there is substantial rain we will meet for a normal youth group at the church. Please sign-up in the Youth Sunday School Room or by messaging Pastor Rigel directly (724) 575-2862.

#### **Church Baptism Service & Picnic- August 24**

On Sunday, August 24, we will be having our and Outdoor Baptism service (10am) and Church Picnic (11:30am) on the church property. It will be a great time of fellowship, food & games. If you're interested in being baptized, please let Pastor Rigel know or indicate on your bulletin information card on Sunday morning. All students being baptized will meet with Pastor Rigel to talk through the meaning of baptism and its importance in the life of a believer.

#### **Youth Group Move-Up Day- September 7**

Beginning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, new 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be eligible to move up into the GAC Youth Ministry. To be eligible to move-up, a student will have to be both in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and at least 11 years of age by September 7.

This year on Sunday, September 7, will have a special breakfast at 9:30am in the youth room. At this breakfast, you will have a chance to meet our leaders and other students and hear about what to expect in the youth ministry. After this date, all students who fit the criteria stated above should consider themselves moved-up and can begin participating in our Thursday night youth meetings. If you are unable to attend this move up day on Sunday morning, we will still be doing a special orientation on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at our youth group meeting with tons of pizza!!!

#### **Operation Christmas Child Donations**

Each year we collect various items from the beginning of the school year through November to pack shoeboxes to be sent to needy children throughout the world for our Operation Christmas Child Outreach. Last year we set and exceeded an ambitious goal of 200 shoeboxes on our packing night and packed over 250! It was an ambitious undertaking. This year we will be looking to do the same. This year to ensure that we collect adequate supplies, we will be putting up voluntary donation tags in the youth room to cover specific quantities of items (Ex. 25 notebooks, 20 bars of soap, 20 toothbrushes). As always, we will continue to collect a wide variety of supplies and with these donation tags we will ensure that we are able to send a large number of well-rounded boxes. Please see the bulletin board in the youth room for more details. Any donations can be returned to Rigel directly or placed in the OCC bin in the Youth Room.

#### **Youth Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic Save the Date (June 13-20, 2026)**

We are excited to announce the dates for a fantastic opportunity that we will be offering our teens in the summer of 2026. On Saturday June 13 we will be sending a group to the Dominican Republic for a week to minister in Santo Domingo at our Envision partnership site.

Last May, Brandon Nutter (the IW in charge of Alliance missions in the DR) came to share with our church on a Sunday morning the amazing things that the Lord has been doing in the DR. We will be putting a packet out in early October with the details for the trip including times, cost and eligibility. With this being a long-term partnership our goal is to offer this trip on a rotating basis.

**There will be no Youth Group meetings on August 28 & September 4  
due to our end of Summer break**