



**ALLIANCE
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GAC Youth News & Events August 2026

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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) on the church website, app, and in the Youth Room.

Youth Group Campfire Night - August 6 (6:30-8:15pm) (RD - August 13)

On Thursday, August 6, from 6:30-8:15pm, we will have a campfire night at Youth Group with hotdogs and marshmallows. All Youth Group activities for that night will be held outside, so please dress accordingly. This would be a great time to introduce a friend to our group. In the event of bad weather, we will have a normal Youth Group meeting in the church and move the campfire to the following week on the 13th.

Mini Golf & Go-Karts- August 20 (6:30-8:30pm) (RD – August 20)

On Thursday, August 20th 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 \$19 (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). 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 and the event will be moved to the following week on our rain date (August 20). Please sign-up in the Youth Room.

Church Baptism Service & Picnic- August 30 (10:00am)

On Sunday, August 30, 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 still interested in being baptized, please call or email the church office and let Pastor Mark know so that he can walk you through the process.

Youth Group Move-Up Day- September 13 (9:30am)

Beginning on Sunday, September 13th, new 6th 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 6th grade and at least 11 years of age by September 13th.

This year on Sunday, September 13th, 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 Move up orientation as well on Thursday, September 17th 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 our youth ministry packed over 250 shoeboxes! This year we will be looking to do the same.

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 toothbrushes, 20 washcloths, 20 small toys Etc.). 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 placed in the OCC bin in the Youth Room.

Pastor Rigel's Sabbatical

Roughly 8 years ago the Elders at GAC instituted a policy that fulltime employees would be granted a month-long Sabbatical during each 6th year of ministry in an effort to refresh them for ministry. This year pastor Rigel will be taking a Sabbatical beginning July 31 that will run through September 8. During these weeks he will be taking time to rest, focus on his personal spiritual growth, the health of his marriage and taking some extra time to listen to Jesus. The ministry will still run as normal during these weeks. If you have any issues or questions during this time, please contact either Alex Graziani or Janice Calhoun. You can also call the church office to speak to another staff member.

**There will be no Youth Group meetings on
September 3 & 10 (End of Summer break)**