

GAC Youth News & Events November 2025

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

Random Acts of Raking - November 2 (12:00-3:00pm)

Are you ready to serve? Join us for Random Acts of Raking on Sunday, November 2. Weather providing, after a light lunch, we will be heading out to nearby neighborhoods in Greensburg to serve people by offering to rake their leaves for free. Since this event is weather dependent watch out for text notifications in-case this event is cancelled. Please sign-up in the youth room so that we can plan accordingly. Remember to show up on the day of the event with warm clothes and your own rake.

Operation Christmas Child Donations

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are an amazing way to share the Gospel and bless underprivileged children throughout the world. During this month we are encouraging students to bring in \$10 to cover the shipping for one box and to focus on purchasing toys for the shoeboxes. These toys can be a bigger "wow" item that will serve as the centerpiece of a box or they could be smaller items that can be used to fill multiple boxes. We will be collecting items to fill boxes all the way up through our packing day on the 20th. As always, the quality and quantity of what we have to pack depends on the donations that we receive. Please remember prohibited donations include toy weapons, soap, toothpaste, candy or liquids.

Operations Christmas Child Packing Night - November 20 (6:30-8:30pm)

Don't miss out on our fantastic OCC packing night where we will pack over 200 shoeboxes! On Thursday, November 20th we will spend the evening packing and praying over this year's shoeboxes. At this event there will be a chance to win gift cards and prizes just for helping out. Bring all your final donations by that date because this will be your last chance to do so.

Youth Service Project: Indiana Salvation Army - November 22 (8:00am-4:00pm)

On Saturday, November 22 our group will have the opportunity to spend the day helping the Indiana Salvation Army with a number of important projects. We will be heading out to a staging area to help them set up for an upcoming toy distribution event as well as helping them sort and organize supplies for their food pantry's Thanksgiving distribution. We will also be assisting with various projects around their building. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for those participating in the service project. Students need to sign up ahead of time in the Youth Sunday School room so that we can plan accordingly for transportation. Please bring a water bottle and dress in work clothes on the day of the event. We'll be meeting at the church and cover all food and transportation.

Christmas Caramel Apple Fundraiser - November 16 - December 11

Beginning on Sunday, November 16, students will have a chance to begin raising money by selling Gourmet Caramel Apples for youth group events like Jolt and Breakaway and summer trips like "Alive" and our Mission's Trip to DR. Students will receive a packet on November 16 and will have the following 4 weeks to take orders. On Sunday, November 16 we will also be giving out samples at church in the lobby. We will be meeting as a group to make the caramel apples on Saturday, December 13th. Students who participate in making apples will also get a share of the money from the apples sold at the table in the church Lobby. These apples are fancy and make great Christmas gifts. The money from this fundraiser can be used for retreats, summer trips and youth events. Please note that this is our main fundraiser for the year.

Youth Missions Trip to the Dominican Republic* – (June 13-20-2026)

In the summer of 2026 GAC Youth is offering our teens (*15 and up as of June 2026) a chance to go on a Mission's trip. On Saturday, June 13 we will be sending a group to the Dominican Republic for a week to minister in the capital, Santo Domingo at our Envision partnership site. This trip will involve a variety of ministry experiences for the team to participate in.

Registration will remain open for roughly 6 weeks (Through mid-November). Please see the packet for more details about dates, deposits and what to expect when joining the team.

Our goal is to offer this trip on a rotating basis but just like the LIFE each student may only have one or two chances to go on the trip depending on their eligibility and on which years the trip is offered. This will be the first trip to kick off our DR partnership! Make sure that you sign-up for this amazing experience!

Reminder: There will be no Youth Group on November 27th because of Thanksgiving