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GAC Youth News & Events September 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 MS and HS students are invited to join us from 6:30-8:15pm at the church for youth group. These meetings are the hub of our youth ministry and are designed to play an important part in the lives of our teens. Please see info below about this year's move-up plans and youth ministry eligibility.

On Sunday mornings, both MS and HS 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) on the church website, app, and in the Youth Room. **Note: There will be NO Youth Group meeting on September 4 (end of summer break)**

Youth Group Move-Up Day & Breakfast - Sunday, September 7 (9:30am)

Beginning on Sunday, September 8th, 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 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 11th at our youth group meeting. Show up hungry because we will have tons of pizza!!!

LIFE Service & Thank You Meal – Sunday, September 14 (9:00am-1:30pm) (Services at 9:30am & 11:00am)

We are excited that on September 14th, in both services 9:30am & 11am we will have a chance to share our experience at LIFE 2025 with the congregation. A student worship team will be leading worship and a number of students will be sharing about their experience at LIFE. As a way of saying thank you we will be serving fresh squeezed lemonade in between the services and Tacos after the second service. We will need a ton of teen volunteers so please look for the sign up in the youth room and plan to be there. Even if you didn't go to LIFE, we would love your help. There will be no Sunday school on the 14th.

Ignition – Sunday, September 21 (4:45-9:30pm)

Ignition is a youth event that seeks to kick off the school year with a night of worship, prayer and encouragement. At Ignition students will experience awesome speakers, inspiring worship, and a time of corporate prayer. This year's Ignition will be held at Cornerstone Ministries in Murrysville (Export), PA. Tickets are only \$5.00 (paid in cash on the day of the event). Please sign up in the youth room so that we can plan for transportation. We will meet in our church parking lot at 4:45pm and will return between 9:30-9:45pm. There will be refreshments for sale at the event so feel free to bring some spending money (\$5 - \$10).

SY@TP (See You at the Pole) - Wednesday, September 25

On the morning of Wednesday, September 24, thousands of Christian students from all around the nation will meet at the flag pole in front of their school before classes begin for 30-45 minutes of prayer for their schools and local communities. We encourage our students to participate in this great nationwide event. The times and locations vary from school to school, but it generally takes place about 45 minutes before school begins. For more information, check out www.syatp.com.

Operation Christmas Child Donations

Each year we collect various items through November to pack shoeboxes 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 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 bars of soap, 20 toothbrushes). These donation tags (located on the bulletin board in the youth room) we will ensure that we are able to send a large number of well-rounded boxes. 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 the capital, Santo Domingo at our Envision partnership site. This trip will involve a variety of ministry experiences for the team to participate in. We will be putting a packet out on Sunday October 12 with the details for the trip including times, cost and eligibility. Registration will remain open for 6 weeks. Our goal is to offer this trip on a rotating basis.

Staying in the Loop

Do you feel like you miss what's going on from time to time? Here are 3 ways that you can stay informed.

- 1- Grab a paper copy or download our monthly youth handout from the youth section on the church website.
- 2- Check out the Fall/Winter event schedule which covers September-December (Also found on the church website).
- 3- Download the Greensburg Alliance Church App and enable "Youth" push notifications & utilize our youth texting service by emailing your name and cell number to gacyouth@gmail.com. You'll receive an "opt in" text. Reply "Yes"