



GAC Youth News & Events

September 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 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 Sept. 3 & 10 (end of summer break).**

Youth Group Move-Up Day- September 13

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!!!

Ignition – Sunday, September 20 (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 \$10.00 (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 23

On the morning of Wednesday, September 23, 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 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.

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"

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