

Dear Parents:

UNITE is an amazing opportunity for 7th-12th grade students to spend a weekend growing closer to God and one another. UNITE is a community-wide event where students spend the weekend in host homes with their small groups, their small group leaders, and a host home family from our church. We will have three community-wide worship sessions at New Vision, with four small group sessions in our host homes. Expect lots of fun, laughter, fellowship, missions, games, and memories. This year UNITE will be on January 28th -30th. There are 12 youth groups involved in UNITE this year!!!

When: January 28th – 30th

Who: 7th-12th grade students and their small group leaders

Where: All large group worship and teaching times will be at New Vision Baptist Church in Murfreesboro. **Lodging and small group times will be in host homes of families of Fellowship Bible Church.**

Cost: \$65 (covers UNITE t-shirt, workbook, food, transportation, and activities).

Please register on REALM under the events tab. *If you need help registering please contact benji@fbcrc.org*****

Host Homes

Students and small group leaders will need a place to stay arriving Friday night and staying through Sunday morning. (avg. group size is 8-12 including the small group). Students can sleep on floors and can bring air mattress and sleeping if needed. A small group leader or leaders will also stay in your house with the students. The leaders will facilitate the small group time.

We will need approximately 12 Host Homes! If interested in serving as a host home, please contact Benji.

Financial Scholarship

We are sensitive to the financial needs of everyone. Full and partial scholarships are available!!!

Transportation:

Students will be transported through vehicles by small group leaders and parents from host homes. No students will be allowed to drive unless given special permission from parents and approved by Benji.

WHAT IS THE TOPIC THIS WEEKEND?

Theme: *POSSIBLE: Creating the Future While Rediscovering the Past*(Matthew 22:34-40)

Teacher: Jeff Wallace (Director of the Lift Tour and Youth Pastor Summit)

Description of theme: We are emerging from the long dark winter that was COVID-19 like someone stepping from a dimly lit room into a bright sun-shiny day. Standing in the rubble of what the pandemic left behind is a bit strange, a bit like the first day of school for the kid that just moved from out of town. For many it can be a place of fear, anxiety, uncertainty, burnout and the list can just go on and on. **But for the redeemed it's a place where love makes a God-**

blessed future POSSIBLE. At UNITE 2022, we are discovering all the possibilities of what could be for the glory of God ... that is, for those are willing to rediscover a truth from the past: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Which Host Home?

Students will be assigned Host Homes with the other students and adult leaders who are a part of their small group. We will let you know which family is hosting your student. (Background checks will be performed on all adult members of a Host Home)

What activities can students look forward to throughout the weekend?

Incredible teaching and worship with 12 other youth groups; connecting with friends, leaders, and host families; fun games/activities at each large group event; mission activity on Saturday afternoon and much more!

UNITE Schedule(Tentative)

Friday

- 5:30 p.m. Students Check-In @ Host Home
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner @ Host Home
- **7:45 p.m. Session # 1 @ New Vision Baptist**
- 10:00 p.m. Small Group #1 @ Host Home
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Rise and Shine
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Quiet Time
- 9:00 a.m. Small Group #2 @ Host Home
- **10:30 a.m. Session # 2 @New Vision Baptist**
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch in Atrium @ New Vision Baptist
- 12:30 p.m. Break Out Session @ New Vision Baptist
- 1:45 p.m. Free Time(mission projects for each group TBD)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner @ Fellowship Bible Church
- **7:30 p.m. Session # 3 @ New Vision Baptist**
- 10:00 p.m. Small group # 3 @ Host Home
- 11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast @ Host Home
- **9:00 or 11:00am Worship @ Fellowship**
- 10:30 a.m. Parents Pickup Students and Luggage at this time.

This is going to be an incredible weekend!!! Please let us know if you have any questions.

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