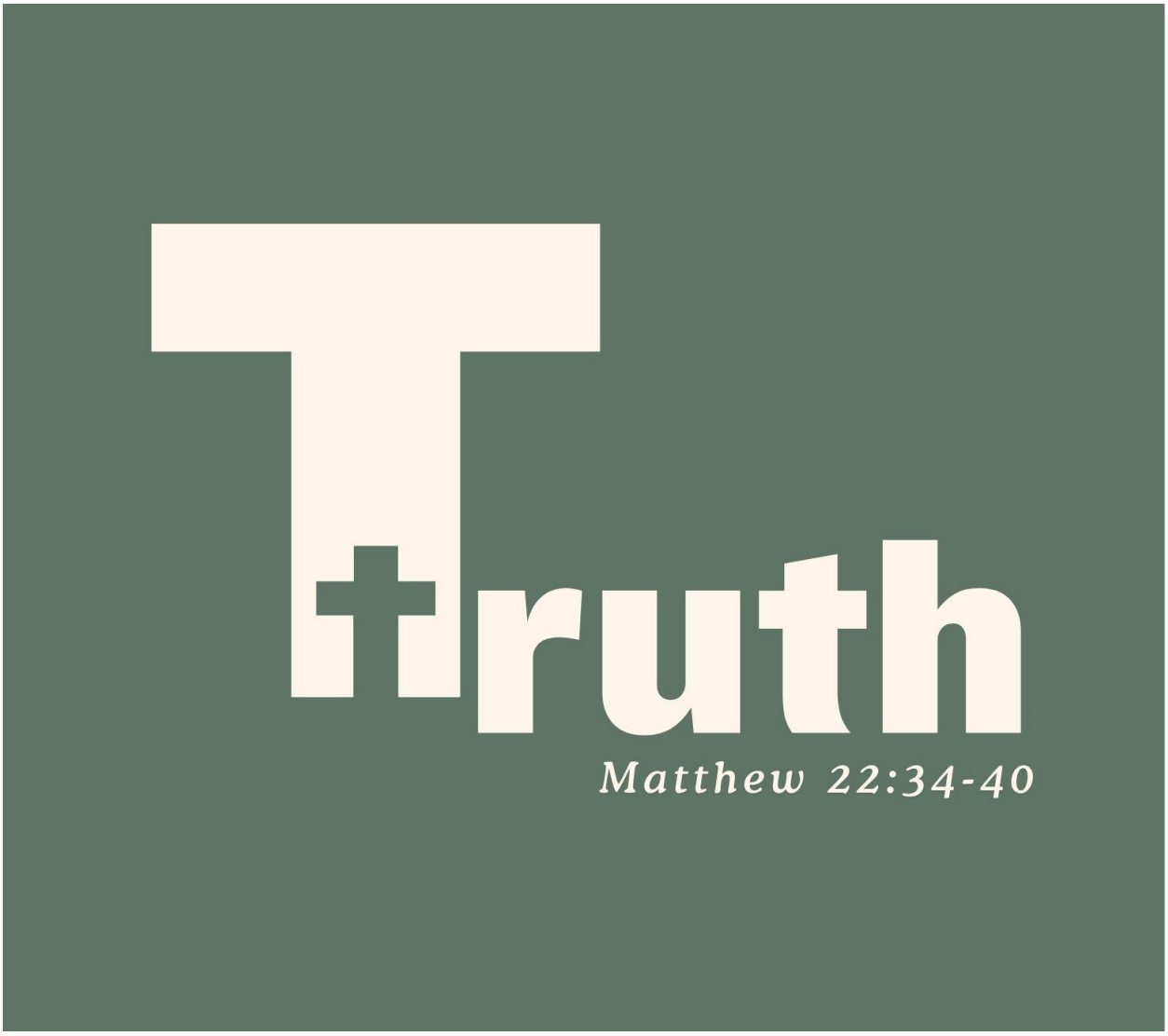


Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC) 2027

Austin College

Sherman, TX

January 29-31, 2027

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register Here

Registration Deadline – January 20, 2027

When is SHYC?
The conference begins at 8 pm on Friday, January 29. We will end around 12 pm following worship on Sunday, January 31.

What is SHYC?
Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC) is a weekend conference for youth in 9th to 12th grade. SHYC is hosted by Grace Presbytery at Austin College in Sherman, TX. During the weekend, there will be worship and Bible study, small group fun, a talent show, and a mission project. You can also take a tour of Austin College and learn more about their Westminster Scholarship that provides full tuition scholarships to members of Presbyterian churches.

Who will be leading the weekend?



Rev. Sarah Crowther-Dixon will be our keynote speaker for SHYC 2027. Sarah serves as the Campus Minister and Executive Director of UKirk TCU.

Sarah grew up in Grace Presbytery at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound. She served as a Young Adult Volunteer in Denver and then earned her M.Div. from Austin Seminary.

Sarah lives in Fort Worth with her husband Jake and two cats, Oliver and Edgar. She loves building community with laughter and tacos!

Who are the Youth and Young Adult Leaders?



Our **SHYC Planning Team** of youth and adults are planning a fun weekend full of activities and time to relax. Look for these youth to lead you in energizers, games, and singing.



Director David Slyter and Co-Assistant Directors Lilly Pappas and Emma Rigler can't wait to welcome you to SHYC 2026!



ACtivators

Members of Austin College's college ministry will lead small groups. Other college ministry leaders will also be joining us as small group leaders!

What does SHYC cost?

Registration is **$75** for each youth and adult sponsor for all activities and lunch on Saturday. This fee is due to the presbytery.

Lodging and other meals are additional costs that you will need to pay directly to the vendor.

Where will we stay?

Each group is responsible for their own housing arrangements. Some choose to stay in a hotel and others stay in short-term rentals like a VRBO.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes! Youth may apply for a Prairie Valley Legacy Fund (PVLF) scholarship up to 50% of the $75 registration cost. Online scholarship application

Deadline to apply for scholarship is January 10. Upon approval of scholarships, you will receive a coupon code to use at registration to pay the lower rate.

DO WE NEED ADULT SPONSORS?

Yes! Each church is asked to send 1 sponsor for each 10 youth attending. If your church is sending both female and male youth, please send at least 1 male and 1 female sponsor, even if you are bringing fewer than 10 youth.

I AM HAVING A HARD TIME FINDING SPONSORS. CAN OUR YOUTH STILL ATTEND?

We want all youth to participate! We prefer youth to attend with adults from their home church to foster relationships that will endure past SHYC, but it is not always possible. If your church cannot send the requested sponsors, please contact Jen Bluestein (jen@gracepresbytery.org) to discuss partnering with another church to sponsor your youth.

REGISTRATION – FOLLOW THESE STEPS!

1. Collect registration information (name, grade, t-shirt size, special needs and dietary restrictions) and payments from youth and adult sponsors.

2. Register your youth and adult sponsors at this registration link **by January 20!** https://gracepresbytery.regfox.com/shyc-2027

3. Pay fees with a credit card at registration. Or if paying by check, please use the coupon code check, indicate on your check that payment is for SHYC, and mail a check for the amount due to:

   Grace Presbytery
   Attn: Kat Studley
   6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 100
   Irving, TX 75039

4. Email parents and adult sponsors the links to fill out Grace Presbytery form. Youth parents and adult sponsors who completed this form to attend Waves of Grace are not required to complete a second form.

   Grace Presbytery Children and Youth Parent Consent Form and Emergency Form
   https://form.jotform.com/252737066670159

   Grace Presbytery will receive electronic copies of the completed forms. **Tell parents to put in your email as church leader so you will receive an emailed copy of the Consent and Emergency Form for your records!**

5. If you have not submitted a copy of your church's Approved Adult List this year or you are adding a newly background-checked adult sponsor, please submit the Approved Adult List online form by January 20.

The presbytery's registration deadline is January 20. Set your registration deadline for parents several days earlier so you will have time to follow up with parents who have not yet completed your sign-up process. No cancellations will be refunded after January 20, but you may substitute participants up to the event day.

SHYC 2026
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan 29

7:30-8:30	Registration
8:00-8:30	Games & Activities
8:30-9:30	Welcome & Keynote
9:30-10:30	Small Group
10:30-11:00	Closing & Depart for Hotels

Saturday, Jan 30

9:00-10:30	Morning Keynote
10:30-11:45	Morning Small Group
11:45-1:00	Lunch on Campus
1:15-3:00	Community Activities & Choir Rehearsal
3:00-4:15	Small Group Mission Project
4:15-7:00	Dinner on Your Own
7:00-8:30	Evening Keynote
8:30-9:20	Evening Small Group
9:30-10:00	Vespers
10:00-11:00	Connection Unplugged Talent Show
11:00	Depart for Hotels

Sunday, Nov 3

9:00-10:15	Small Group
10:15-12:00	Worship
12:00	Depart

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
Contact Jen Bluestein at jen@gracepresbytery.org or 214-393-5616.

SHYC 2027

Tentative Schedule

GRACE PRESBYTERY

Acknowledgment of Child Abuse Prevention and Leadership Screening Program
2026

CHURCH: _____

CITY: _____

The undersigned representatives of the above-named church hereby acknowledge that this church maintains its own written child protection policy.

All individuals listed on this form are currently members of this congregation and have been screened including a security background check conducted in accordance with church and/or presbytery guidelines. These individuals have been authorized to work with the children and youth of this church.

Date _____

Signature_____ Signature_____

Printed Name_____ Printed Name___ _____

Capacity with Church _____ Capacity with Church_____

Background Checks have been conducted through (Name of Organization):

_____

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____