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SAVE THE DATE

First NightLife

August 29, 2021

Youth Area, 5:00-7:00

SLA

December 3-5, 2021

Spiritual Life Advance Retreat

Doe River Gorge, Hampton, TN

Thanksgiving Baskets

November 17 & 21, 2021

Nov 17 - food prep, Nov 21 - basket blitz

Church Street UMC

Advent Missions Night

November 28, 2021

Youth Area, during NightLife

Resurrection

January 21-23, 2022

Pigeon Forge, TN

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School — Sunday mornings

9:45-10:45, Youth Area

NightLife — Sunday evenings

5:00-7:00, Youth Area

Prayer Breakfast — Tuesday mornings

7:15-8:00, Chick-fil-A West Hills

Local Mission Work — every other

Monday or Tuesday afternoon

4:00-5:30, location varies

Youth Band - Wednesday evenings

7:00-8:15, Youth Area

WELCOME, FRIENDS!

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year with Church Street Youth! It is such a joy to invite you back to our programming. I have come to realize what a gift togetherness is — being a part for so long has truly taught me to appreciate the opportunity to gather. In our program, we value community deeply, and we are eager to get back to it this year.

Our youth program is a place for students to grow in their walks with the Lord. This happens when we spend time in worship and fellowship, have meaningful small group discussions, break bread, laugh together, share our burdens, pray, lift one another up, and in so many other ways. I want you to be a part of this with us.

We have a unique opportunity to take our program back to the studs and identify what really matters most. As we rebuild this program, we are asking the questions: How can we honor God? What encourages us to be like Christ? What can we do to become more aware of the Holy Spirit? How can we become an even better community? We are inviting you to join with us and pursue these things together.

Have I mentioned how excited I am for the chance to be together again? I believe this year is going to be our best one yet. I can't wait to share it with you!

Grace and peace,

Jenny

FOCUS VERSE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13

NIGHTLIFE CHALLENGE

NightLife is the cornerstone of CSUMC's youth ministry. This weekly gathering consists of a dinner (\$5), fun & fellowship, large group study, small group discussions, and worship. This is where we really develop our faith and our relationships. There is meaningful community to be found here!

We want everyone to give NightLife a try four weeks in a row at the start of the year. This helps you know get an idea for what it is all about! Normally, we challenge our Confirmation class since they are new to the group, but this year, we are inviting all students in all grades to commit to this challenge!

STUDENT MINISTRY TEAMS

The **Hospitality Team** is the heart of youth ministry. These students serve as the welcome crew on Sunday mornings & evenings, write "miss you" postcards to peers they miss seeing, and provide a touchpoint for visitors. This will also include design jobs like retreat t-shirts, photo displays, etc.

The **Photography Team** will help us envision the legacy of youth ministry. This group will be responsible for photographing all of our retreats and special events, as well as the regular activities of our program.

The **Writing Team** will seek to share the heart of youth ministry. This group will provide blog posts, craft articles for the Messenger, and write captions for our social media platforms.