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## Keep up with Chris

**Text Chris:** The best way to get in touch with Chris is to text him. Chris’s cell number is **502-396-6942**.

**Email Chris:** Email also works well and Chris checks his often: **chris@fbcgso.org**.

**Chris on social media:** If you’d like to, you can follow Chris on social media. And, as you would expect, social media activity for Chris does not necessarily reflect the thoughts and opinions of FBC Greensboro as a whole.

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# Letter from Chris

To Youth, Parents, and Guardians,

In this guide, you will find the youth ministry calendar for the entire 2019-2020 school year, basic event details, weekly schedules, and other information to make the most out of your year in the Youth Ministry.

I often say that I have the best job in the world and that is not an exaggeration. I love getting to spend time learning and growing and laughing and exploring the world and faith with your youth. As I move fully into my second year in Greensboro, I am very excited about all the possibilities that lie before us. We have a great class of incoming 6th graders that will be welcomed on our second ever 6th Grade Retreat, and we have a great class of seniors that we will honor with a month of festivities at the end of the spring. We are also welcoming in several new youth leaders, as well. It is going to be a great year!

As always, our goal for Youth Ministry is to connect the passions of our youth with God's passions already at work in the world. The best way to do this is to equip our students with the skills and experience they need to develop their own tools for encountering questions in the world. We will guide them and journey alongside them, we will offer them leadership opportunities, and we will challenge them to grow, but ultimately we want them to make their faith their own. That said, spiritual formation begins and ends at home, so we will also do our best to equip the adults in the lives of our students with the skills they need to foster that kind of environment.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. I have loved getting to know your youth and I would like to get to know and support you, as well. My contact info is on the first page of this guide.



# Youth Communications

We want communication to become a strength of the youth ministry, and we want to make it simple.

## EMAIL

Generally speaking, unless something is planned at the absolute last minute, ALL of our upcoming information will be in the weekly FBC Youth emails. That's the first place to look for things. Emails will have things in the near future, dates to watch for down the road, and details on deadlines and costs for our bigger events.

### **Sign up for our email list!**

Email Ashley at [ashley@fbcgso.org](mailto:ashley@fbcgso.org) to be added.

## TEXT

Text messaging is a useful way to communicate, especially directly to the youth themselves. Texts will primarily be used for event reminders. We promise not to blow up your phones with texts all the time, if you promise to read the ones we do send out.

### **Sign up to receive text reminders!**

Middle School Youth—text @ms-youth to the number 81010

High School Youth—text @hs-youth to the number 81010

Parents/Guardians—text @fbcgsoyth to the number 81010

Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to receive the texts for the Middle School/High School lists, as well, but they are geared towards the youth. The Parent/Guardian list is used infrequently, but is helpful to communicate directly to the adults.

# FBC Youth Weekly Schedule

## SUNDAY MORNING

- 9:00-9:20** Gathering Time  
*Ping Pong, Carpetball, Foosball and sometimes donuts!*
- 9:20-10:20** Sunday School
- 10:30-11:40** Worship in the Sanctuary

## SUNDAY NIGHT

### Resumes Sunday, September 8

- 5:00-6:00** Youth Choir
- 6:00-7:00** Discipleship

## YOUTH CHOIR WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SUNDAYS

- September 8
- October 13
- November 24
- December 1
- February 2
- March 8
- May 31

## YOUTH HANDBELLS SCHEDULE:

- Rehearsals: November 3,10,17 and 24
- Worship Leadership: December 1

## MIDWEEK @FBC (WEDNESDAY NIGHTS)

### Resumes Wednesday, September 4

- 5:30-6:15** Churchwide Fellowship Meal
- 6:15-7:15** Youth Group

# 2019-2020 School Year Schedule

## AUGUST

- 24 6th Grade Retreat**  
*The second year of a new tradition to welcome in the rising 6th grade class! 9am-1pm, \$10*
- 25 Back to School Sunday, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule**  
*Everyone moves up to their new grade levels and we offer a blessing of the backpacks in worship. The Youth Ministry also partners with the Children's Ministry on the new theme of the year. Join us in worship to get your new button and prayer card and to learn more about this year's theme!*

## SEPTEMBER

- 1** Normal Sunday Morning Schedule
- 4 Wednesday Night Youth Group Begins**  
*Join us at 6:15 in the High School room for a night of games and friendship. Friends are always welcome! Dinner in the Fellowship Hall begins at 5:30, or you're welcome to come a little early to the youth rooms and to bring your own dinner.*
- 8 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, Sunday Night Activities Begin**  
*Meet in the Choir Room at 5:00 for Youth Choir and then come down to the youth rooms at 6:00 for Discipleship. Sunday Night Discipleship is a chance to dig deeper and ask the bigger questions.*
- 11** Youth Group
- 14 Youth Leadership Team Retreat**  
*This half-day retreat is for members of the 2019-2020 Youth Leadership Team. It will be from 9am-3pm and help equip our newest team of leaders for a great year in youth ministry. YLT members will be selected based on an application process starting in August.*
- 15** Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 18** Youth Group
- 22** Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 25** Youth Group

27-29 **Middle School Retreat**

*If you are in 6th-8th grade, we want you to join us for Middle School Retreat! We will be going back to Camp Weaver for a great weekend of fun and discipleship. Be on the lookout for more details coming very soon!*

29 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, Youth Choir  
**(No Discipleship because of MS Retreat)**

**OCTOBER**

2 Youth Group

6 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

9 Youth Group

13 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

16 Youth Group

19 **Fall Fest**

*Come help at game and food stations to make this a memorable event for the kids of FBC and the community! Wear a costume and bring a friend! More details to come.*

20 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

23 Youth Group

27 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

30 Youth Group—**Halloween Party**

*During our normal Wednesday night time, we will have Halloween themed snacks, a costume contest, and games! You won't want to miss it! Friends are welcome.*

**NOVEMBER**

3 **All Saints Day**, Normal Sunday Morning and Night Activities

6 Youth Group

8-11 **High School Retreat**

*If you are in 9th-12th grade, we want you to join us for High School Retreat! Without question, High School Retreat is the best thing we do all year. It'll be a great weekend of fun, friends, and discipleship in the mountains of Montreat. More details to come!*

10 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, Youth Choir  
**(No Discipleship because of HS Retreat)**

13 Youth Group

17 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

20 Youth Group

24 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Thanksgiving Lunch**, Sunday Night Activities

27 **No Youth Group** (Thanksgiving Break)

28 **Thanksgiving Day**

**DECEMBER**

1 **Advent**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule,  
**Hanging of the Green**

*The Youth Choir will sing at a special Hanging of the Green service at 5pm to help dedicate the greenery and decorations in the Sanctuary. A snack supper will be provided following the service.*

4 Youth Group

8 **Advent**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Via Soup Lunch**, Sunday Night Activities

*Youth Worship—During our usual Discipleship time from 6-7pm, we will have a special Youth Worship service that is designed to connect with all the senses and invite you to worship in new ways. It will be a fun and relaxing time of focus during the season of Advent.*

11 Youth Group

15 **Advent**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Children's Sunday, Youth Christmas Party**

*Timing and details to come, but we will have our annual Youth Christmas Party in the evening. Bring a white elephant gift to exchange!*

18 **Spontaneous Nativity**

*A great tradition with the whole church coming together after dinner on a Wednesday night. Come be a part of a memorable night!*

22 **Advent**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Sanctuary Choir Cantata, No Sunday Night Activities**

- 24 **Christmas Eve Football Game, Christmas Eve Service**  
*Join us at noon in Lake Daniel Park by the basketball court (at the entrance off Benjamin Parkway) for a fun game of touch football. All ages and abilities are welcome! This game happens rain, snow, or shine.*
- Get cleaned up after football and come to church at 5:00pm for the Christmas Eve service, a special and wonderful night of worship.*
- 25 **Christmas Day, No Youth Group**
- 29 Normal Sunday Morning and **No Sunday Night Activities**

## JANUARY 2020

- 1 **New Year's Day, No Youth Group**
- 5 Normal Sunday Morning and **Sunday Night Activities Resume**
- 8 **Youth Group Resumes**
- 12 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 15 Youth Group
- 17 **Underground Church Night**  
*Come to the Atrium at 9pm and we'll play as many rounds of Underground Church as we can until midnight! Friends are welcome!*
- 19 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 22 Youth Group
- 26 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Family Conversation Event**  
*Chris and Christina are working on a night to engage our families in conversation about a relevant topic. This will be similar to the Angst Movie Screening night from last year, but targeted more specifically to our church and our families. Details to come, but save the date!*
- 29 Youth Group

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 5 Youth Group
- 9 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 12 Youth Group
- 16 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 19 Youth Group
- 23 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, **Youth Trivia Night**  
*A church-wide event sponsored by the Youth Ministry to raise money for our summer Summer Mission Trip and trip to Passport Missions Camp. Youth help work the event, and we invite the rest of the church to sign up as teams. Prize baskets are available for first and second place and all the money goes to support youth missions.*
- 26 **Ash Wednesday**  
*Come to the Sanctuary for a special night of worship as we begin the season of Lent.*

## MARCH

- 1 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 4 Youth Group
- 8 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 11 Youth Group
- 15 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities  
*Youth Worship—During our usual Discipleship time from 6-7pm, we will have a special Youth Worship service that is designed to connect with all the senses and invite you to worship in new ways. It will be a fun and relaxing time of focus during the season of Lent.*
- 18 Youth Group
- 22 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities
- 25 Youth Group
- 27 **Underground Church Night**  
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29 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

## APRIL

1 Youth Group

5 **Palm Sunday**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule,  
**Egg Hunt, No Sunday Night Activities**

*Stay after worship to help hide eggs for the kids in the Children's Ministry to hunt.*

8 **No Youth Group** (Spring Break)

12 **Easter Sunday**, Normal Sunday Morning Schedule,  
**No Sunday Night Activities**

15 Youth Group

19 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

22 Youth Group

26 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

29 Youth Group

## MAY

3 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities,  
**Family Musical**

6 Youth Group

8-9 **Senior Lock-In**

*A special and top-secret Seniors-only event. If you are a graduating senior, you do not want to miss this night. Seriously. Mark your calendars now. Details to come.*

10 Normal Sunday Morning Schedule, Youth Choir  
**(No Discipleship for Mother's Day)**

13 Youth Group

17 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

20 Youth Group

24 Normal Sunday Morning and Sunday Night Activities

27 Youth Group—**Senior Sendoff**

*Be sure to come this Wednesday as we'll be giving our seniors a chance to speak, impart wisdom, and leave a legacy. You won't want to miss it!*

30 **Senior Brunch**

*Seniors and their immediate families (including siblings) are invited to attend the Senior Brunch where we will recognize our graduates and honor them with food, pictures, and more. Details to come.*

31 **Baccalaureate Sunday, Pentecost**,  
Normal Sunday Morning Schedule

*Mark this day on your calendars for a special senior-led worship service.*

# SUMMER 2020 BIG DATES

**June 3 Summer Kick-Off**

**June 21-28 Youth Mission Trip**

*Details and destination to come, but hold these dates!*

**July 6-11 Passport Missions**

**July 13-16 VBS**

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