



First Baptist Church

**YOUTH
PLAYBOOK**

**2017-2018
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

**For Parents and
Youth**



A Word from Tyler

Hello, and welcome to the Student Ministry at First Baptist Church Williamsburg! My name is Tyler Johnson and I would like to introduce myself and introduce the purpose and premise of this playbook.

I am married to the love of my life Alexis. We met in seminary thanks to some nosey friends of ours. We own a black cat named “Bear” who always keeps us entertained and on our toes. We enjoy going on walks (sometimes runs), going to sporting events, and watching Wheel of Fortune. I graduated with my Bachelors degree in music performance from the University of Tennessee, and have a Masters of Divinity from the George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University.

I love student ministry because it allows me to teach and interact with others on a wide spectrum as students learn what it means to have faith, and make it their own before they enter college, the workforce, military etc. I will always ask the practical questions, because if we cannot internalize and work out our faith, then we are building lives on sinking sand.

Throughout the pages of this booklet you will find out about upcoming events and studies for the coming year, but you will also learn about our motto for the year “**Love, Learn, Lead.**” We will first **LOVE** and

one another as Christ loved us, and love our church and community in order to fulfill God's will on Earth as it is in Heaven. We will **LEARN** about God and His amazing love that compels us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community, and learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ in 2017. Finally, we will **LEAD** and be examples for others in our community by the way we live and treat others.

I hope you will take the time and flip through these pages to discover how you or your child can be involved in what God is doing in our church and community.

Fall 2017

Wednesday Nights

“In Pursuit of God’s Way”

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 this fall as we study people in scripture who were in pursuit of God’s way. No two people followed God the same way. We will look at the characteristics of how they followed, and how they were asked to follow. We will then look at ourselves and how we are asked to follow God today.

Group Hike

“Let’s Go to the Falls”

Come with us this fall as we take in the magnitude and glory of God’s creation. We will meet on **October 14th** at 10:00AM at the church and drive to Cumberland Falls. We will read a few of Psalms along the way, especially ones concerning nature and God’s creation. The cost is **Free**, just bring yourself, money for lunch, and hiking appropriate clothing!

Fall Retreat

“Renew”

Get back to the heart of the Christian journey as we cast our vision for our ministry on this fall retreat weekend. On **November 17-19** we will leave on Friday after school, and come back Sunday morning. This will be a great time of growth and discipleship as

we seek to love, learn, and lead. The location is at Cleft Rock Retreat Center, and the **estimated cost is 50 dollars. Limited space for up to 12 students.**

1-100

“Putting the FUN in Fundraiser”

In the month of November, join your fellow church family as they partake in the 1-100 challenge. There will 100 envelopes along the main hallway of the church. Individuals or groups can pull envelopes off of the wall and return them filled with the amount of money the envelope says. If everyone took an envelope, we would raise over 5,000 dollars!

Christmas Party

“Ugly Sweater Christmas”

Breakout your tacky Christmas sweater on **December 9th**. Come ready to play Christmas games, eat Christmas cookies, and take part in a “white elephant” gift exchange. We will also read the Christmas story together. The gift should not exceed **10 dollars** in cost, and the sillier the better!

Spring 2018

Wednesday Nights

“What is the Church?”

We go most every week. We sit in services and learn a lot, but is that all there is to the church? Is the church more than food, fellowship, and learning? The answer to that is YES! We will dive into passages that help us understand the Church as it was experienced by the earliest Christians.

Love Your Neighbor Weekend

“An Intentional Lock-In”

To coincide with the national MLK Day of Service, we will take our yearly lock-in and add an extra component **January 12-14**. We will stay at the church and use the CLC as our mission “home base” as we go out into our community to show the love of Christ during the day, and food and fellowship at night. **The cost will be 30 dollars.**

Dessert Auction

“Fundraising Never Tasted So Sweet”

On **Sunday, February 11th** come help and facilitate our annual dessert auction for youth camp. If you are planning to come to camp, please make an intentional effort to come and help. This is also a great way to get to know your church family better as the desserts go to the highest bidder!

March Madness

“Join in on the Fun”

Come ready for bracket style competition on **March 10th** that will test brain and brawn and sure to be a lot of fun. We will end the day with a champion-sized meal to celebrate all the participants. The **cost is FREE.**

School's Out Celebration

“Decompress with Grilled Meat”

After the tests are graded and pencils put away, join us for a time of decompression as we celebrate another year of school “in the books.” There will be games and activities that get students and teachers alike ready for summer! **Time and date is TBA**

Summer 2018

Wild Wednesdays

“Summertime Twist to Wednesday Nights”

Join us at our normal Wednesday night time and place, but be ready for whatever happens next. Whether it is impromptu field trips or backyard cookouts and swimming, you will not want to miss a summer of formation and fellowship.

Real Life 101

“Real Skills for the Real World”

Do you know how to change a tire? Or maybe know how to turn the water off in your house in case of an emergency? What about keeping a calendar, and being financially responsible? At FBC, we are not only committed to the spiritual lives of our students, but their ability to thrive in all aspects of their life. Join us on **select Sundays** in the summer as we prepare for living away from home.

Camp 2018

“Mostly TBD”

Details and arrangements are still in the works for youth camp summer 2018. While all of this is subject to change, pencil **July** as a probable date and a **cost of around 300 dollars, but most of this will be covered by fundraising.**

Impromptu Summer

“Be Ready for Anything”

There are a lot of fun things involved with summer vacation, so there might be times we gather to go watch a summer blockbuster, or road trip for ice cream etc. There will be some notice, but if you're in town, you're invited. **Cost will be the price of wherever we go.**

Statement on Fundraisers

Money should in no way inhibit or exclude a student from going to a camp, retreat, or any other planned event with an associated cost. If you want to go to an event, we will find a way for you to get there. Camps and retreats can be expensive, and we as a church will do our best to defray the cost of those events by fundraising.

To be eligible for discounts, you must make an intentional effort to be at or an active part of a fundraiser. From time to time there may be scholarships available for events with cost, but the best way for a student to receive event discounts is by being an active part of the ministry, and helping in fundraisers or other church events.

Levels of Support

So how can you, the parent, guardian, or church member be involved with the student ministry at First Baptist? Below are some of the ways where you can support the ministry as we seek to **love, learn, and lead.**

Student Encourager

As a student encourager, your task will be to intentionally and carefully pray for students by name, and for the student ministry at First Baptist. During the welcome time of morning worship, identify and say hello to the students, and say hello to them at sporting and community events. Knowing a student by name

and recognizing them goes farther in their life than you can ever know.

Wednesday Night/Event Chaperone

As a chaperone, you will be placed on a rotation to be present at our Wednesday night youth gatherings. You will also be placed on a list as a “first-call” when we have outside events. This does not mean you have to say yes at everything. It just means we will call you first for your availability. A chaperone will be expected to act as an encourager, and be able to undergo a background check.

Sponsor a Wednesday Night

We provide a pizza supper every Wednesday night, and the cost of those meals can sometimes cut a deep hole in the budget. If you decide to sponsor a Wednesday night, you will be responsible for providing pizza (6 Pizzas for **30 dollars**). You will be recognized at the start of the lesson, and will be invited to stay for the lesson.

Camp/Event Scholarship Donor

You have the opportunity to impact the life of a student in our church by providing a scholarship for them to attend camps, retreats, and other events where they will grow spiritually and as well-rounded individuals. Your gift may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. If a student receives a named scholarship, the donor will be given a handwritten note from the student with their thanks and gratitude.

This is not an exhaustive list of ways you can support the student ministry at First Baptist. If there is something you would like to offer, please feel free to reach out to Tyler or the church office.