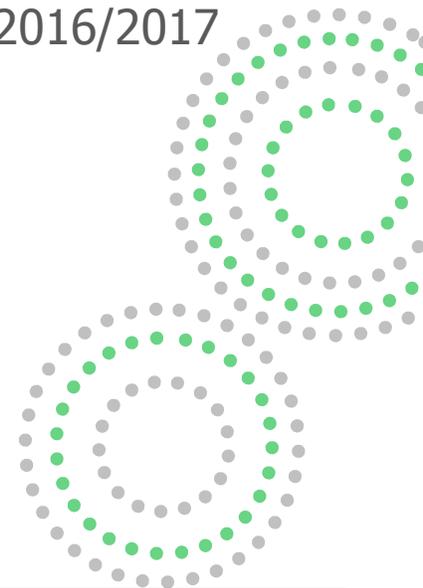


Winter 2016/2017



Calendar of events

12.14

Student Ministry
Christmas Party

12.24

Christmas Eve Service

1.2-1.4

College Ministry
Passion Conference

1.14-1.16

Winter Retreat

1.18

Jamaica Mission Trip
Meeting

2.17-2.18

Girls Retreat

Making Jesus a Priority:

...words from Pastor Mark

Life is busy and distracting to say the least. Now, add in the holiday season on top of whatever you are already involved in with school, home, sports, academics, performing arts, social life and sleeping. If you can balance all that and keep your sanity you are doing better than I. I would dare to say we all feel the weight of life's schedule hanging over our heads and then add on November and December. We tend to put a large emphasis on that which is right in front of us and sometimes move things of eternal nature to the back burner. I believe we are all guilty of this. My Dad used to say "Out of sight, out of mind" —that was his general excuse when he forgot to do something. For a moment I would like to apply that to our daily life with Jesus, sometimes it is an out of sight, out of mind relationship. When we begin to over-schedule our lives and put everything ahead of God, He becomes more and more out of sight. From school and sports schedules to time with friends and family, we tend to prioritize whatever is in front of our face. This is when we all begin to feel the stress of life coming down on us. 2 Corinthians¹⁸ says: "as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." I don't know what is going on in your life or what is written on your calendar but I challenge you to write those plans in pencil and schedule Jesus in with permanent ink. Maybe that means saying no to a sporting event, time with friends or anything else that is taking away from your relationship with God. Let us make much of Jesus because he has done so much for us. Cut out more time for corporate worship with your faith family, join a small group, spend more time in personal study of the scriptures but most of all let us prioritize Jesus.

Jesus taught that your highest priority must be your relationship with Him. If anything detracts you from that relationship, that activity is not from God. God will not ask you to do something that hinders your relationship with Christ.

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Henry Blackaby



Winter Retreat:

January 14-16

We are heading back to Seneca Lake Camp in January this time for Winter Retreat! Our Speaker will be Tim Binns. Worship will be lead by HeartSong and our favorite Recreation Director Logan Murphy will be there too!

Winter Retreat is a great opportunity to build relationships with fellow believers in our student ministry.

Oh... and if it snows, the hills are AMAZING for some sledding. Cost is \$65; registration forms are in the ARC and must be turned in by 1/8.

Jamaica Meeting:

On January 18th at 6:30pm we will be having an informational meeting and discussing financial due dates for the 2017 Jamaica mission trip.

We are excited for this opportunity to go serve the people of Jamaica. A student must have completed the 8th grade before going to Jamaica. The trip is planned for July 22-28, 2017.

Fall Re-cap:

5th Quarters:

The 5th Quarters started with a boom and continued to grow all season long. We introduced a re-vamped menu and new registration process this fall. In order to receive a "bracelet" for food, students had to fill out a registration form.

Through this new registration process, we were able to get contact info for over 600 students living in the Dublin area. Out of those registered, around 130 said they do not attend church but would be interested in learning about Jesus. This created our target audience for outreach to these students especially. Another fruit from the event was connecting with the Young Life team leader at Coffman High School. They want to partner with our student ministry to effectively minister to the Coffman students. In the end we averaged 530 students a week, not including our workers. The registration process and revamped menus were a huge success! Please be in prayer as reach out specifically to those 130 students and as we continue to evaluate this ministry.

dNOW Affinity:

Our in house discipleship weekend happened November 18-20. This year our theme was Affinity, with the vision of drawing closer to God and to our brothers and sisters in the student ministry. We had a great group of leaders come to invest in the hearts of our students. Worship was lead by Heartsong from Cedarville University Patrick Stalnaker, Student Pastor at FBC Kettering, was our speaker and Logan Murphy from Elevate Recreation handled all the recreation for the weekend. Through music, scripture and fun you could see God growing each and every one of our students. My charge to all of us, whether it be students, parents or teachers is to keep encouraging these students who were impacted by the weekend to go out and glorify God and expand His impact to all the nations.

Super Summer: *June 2017*

Yes, we are thinking of Super Summer already! To have the opportunity to attend Super Summer 2017, there will be an application and interview process that students must complete. I know this may seem a little weird but as anyone who has attended can tell you, Super Summer is different, and this process will help students prepare their soul, heart and mind before attending Super Summer.

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worship service @ the arc

sundays @6pm

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