



Bethesda's EPIC YOUTH Group!



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Bethesda Youth Group = BYG

You BELONG here! Everyone is WELCOME!
Nobody is perfect! Anything is possible!

In BYG...

- ... We are **REAL!**
- ... We make **MISTAKES!**
- ... We say I'm **SORRY!**
- ... We give second **CHANCES!** (and third, fourth...)
- ... We have **FUN!**
- ... We give **HUGS!**
- ... We **FORGIVE!**
- ... We do **LOUD!**
- ... We are **PATIENT!**
- ... We **LOVE** each other!
- ... We are **EPIC!** Everything's Possible In Christ!

October and November's Birthdays



- Hailey Beam - October 16
- Will Douglas - October 23
- Jackson Rundlett - October 29
- Elise Kendall - October 29
- Issy Semones - November 21

BYG Membership:

- JV Squad - 22 Members
- Varsity Squad - 32 Members
- Total EPIC YOUTH MEMBERS - 54

Remember Friends are Welcome!

You may be the only Jesus some people see!

BYG Calendar (Oct & Nov)

- October 3... Youth Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- October 5... 5th Quarter 9:30-11:30
- October 7... BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Palmers)
- October 10... Youth Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- October 14... Montreat Youth Service 11:15
- October 14... BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Blanks)
- October 17... Youth Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- October 19... 5th Quarter 9:30-11:30
- October 21... Judgment House 4:00-8:30
- October 24... Fall Festival Halloween Celebration
- October 28... Corn Maze 4:00-8:30
- October 31... No Bible Study - Happy Halloween!
- November 4... BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Mayconich)
Daylight Savings Time Ends-
Set Clocks Back@2AM Sunday!
- November 7... Youth Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- November 11... BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Coplin)
- November 14... Youth Bible Study 6:30-7:30
- November 18... BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30
(Beam/ McLeod)
- November 25... NO BYG - Happy Thanksgiving!

Group Texting Etiquette

When a Youth Leader sends out a group text, and you want to respond, please send a private text to that leader unless it is appropriate for the whole group. A "thanks" or "Love you" should be in a private text so not everyone is hearing 20 responses! Thanks. **Emails, too!!!**



CORN MAZE

Let's get LOST in the maze! Come join us on Sunday, October 28th as we travel to McBee for the best corn maze in the South! Meet at Bethesda at 3:30 and we will return at 7:00. Bring money for a fast food supper! Cost is \$5 (Up to age 12) and \$8 (Age 13+). (Please bring exact change!)



20 Acres Honoring First Responders!

**Judgment House –
2018 Judgement House**

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When stress starts to build at home, the Fulbright family decides to take a deep woods camping adventure to escape the troubles plaguing them. Little do they know that their disagreements will pale in comparison to the storm they are about to face. Witness this family struggle physically, emotionally, and spiritually as they try to weather life's raging storms.



Join us for Judgment House 2018 on Sunday, October 21st. We will meet at 3:30, travel to Rock Hill, and return to Bethesda at 8:00. Cost is \$5 – Bring \$ for dinner at Judgment House. We are limited to 30 so the first 30 will get the tickets! Pay John to reserve your spot on this spiritual trip!

**No BYG Meetings on Sunday,
November 25! Happy Thanksgiving!**

Samaritan's Purse Warehouse

Mark your calendar and join us as we volunteer at Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox warehouse on Saturday Dec 8th

Questions and Answers!

These are questions that have been talk to with John, so

Q: My family can't afford all of the Youth Trips, but I want to participate. What can I do to earn money so I can go? I don't want charity.

A: See John as he has money that can help you attend any and all trips with BYG! We have scholarship money available when there is a need! We don't consider this charity as we are a family and this is what families do.

Don't ever let money be the reason you can't participate. (I'll even help with dinner if you need it!) If you feel strongly about working for your trips, come to Wednesday night suppers and help with clean up.

Q: I have ideas of things we should do as a youth group. What do I do to make them happen?

A: See John or Brent. BYG is your group and we love your ideas!

Q: I don't feel like I am as good as the other kids in BYG. They have it all. Sometimes I think of suicide. I know God doesn't want me to do it. How can I stop having these thoughts?

A: I understand when we look at others and think we don't measure up to them, however, God made us all in his image. We all put on masks that look great to outsiders, but we all have personal struggles. Many people can relate and empathize to what you are feeling so you are not alone. Talk to someone if you have serious thoughts of self-harm. You can talk to your parents, John, Brent, Lisa, Kathleen, or Kathryn. Pastor Jim is another resource. Remember, God loves you and so do we.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Bethesda's EPIC Youth have a special Bible Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the youth room. We are studying Faith Commander. (Duck Dynasty teens) We will be meeting October 3,10,17 and November 7 & 14. Come join us!

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Montreat 2019 -

It's time to reserve your spot for Montreat 2019. All youth who are currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend! We will attend Montreat this year from June 2-8. Cost is \$425 but IF YOU PAY a DEPOSIT BY DEC 1, Total cost is \$350. Please pay a deposit of \$100 with a balance of \$250 payable my March 15th. Please pay the deposit and treasure dollars can be applied to the balance. We have space for 24 youth!

Need a scholarship? Let John G. know if you need assistance for Montreat. Plan to pay the deposit and I will find some scholarship money to help with some of the balance..

\$100 deposit due by December 1st in order to get the lower price!

What is Montreat? Montreat is Montreat Youth Conference, a week-long meeting of Presbyterian youth from around the country. It is located in Montreat North Carolina at Montreat College. It is a week packed with a daily keynote speaker, small group studies, recreation, 3 F's – Food, Fun, Fellowship, Nightly worship, and back home meetings. We stay in an incredible log cabin and fix our own meals. (Actually, a legacy of excellent food!) On free afternoon there is hiking to the top of Greybeard Mountain, exploring Black Mountain, and going swimming in a river. It's a mountaintop experience where we learn about Christ's calling for our lives.

See John Gardner for details!

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Parties!

Every year the BYG enjoys a Christmas Progressive Dinner! We signed up for volunteers at our parent meeting but we still have two openings.

The JV Youth will have appetizers somewhere, dinner at the Reames home , and dessert and gift exchange at the Rundlett's. We need someone to volunteer to host the appetizers.

The Varsity Youth will have appetizers at the home of the Blanks, and dessert at the Floyd's house. We need a family to host the main course.

Please look into your heart and see if you can volunteer to provide either appetizers for the JV Squad or the meal for the Varsity Squad.

Let John Gardner know if you would like to volunteer.