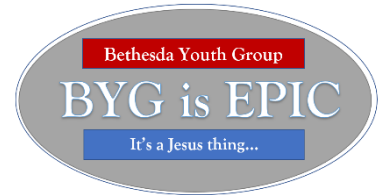




# Bethesda's EPIC YOUTH Group



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\*\*\*\*\* January and February 2021 \*\*\*\*\*

## October & November Birthdays



Josiah Kendall – Jan 6  
Mabry Parrott - Jan 15  
Spencer Blank – Jan 15  
Adaya El-Sherif – Jan 22  
Jonah Lashley – Feb 11  
Carson Mosier – Feb 19

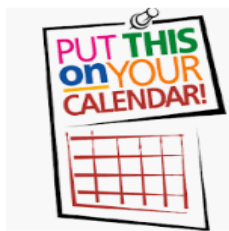
**New Email Addresses:** The church has upgraded technology and thus each staff has a new email. You can find all emails on the church website, but here are the ones for the youth leadership:

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## Calendar at a Glance:

Here is our tentative schedule as we pray we don't get any cases of Covid 19 at Bethesda Youth Group.

- January 3 – BYG Cancelled
- January 10 – BYG Cancelled
- January 17 – NO BYG (MLK Holiday)
- January 24 – BYG 5:30-7:30 (Need meal)
- January 31 – BYG Movie 4:00-7:30 (Need Meal)
- February 7 – Souper Bowl of Caring (Need Hosts)
- February 14 – NO BYG (Valentines Day)
- February 20-21 -Ski Trip
- February 21 – NO BYG
- February 28 – BYG 5:30-7:30

## Souper Bowl of Caring



BYG will sponsor the Souper Bowl of Caring and collect funds to feed the hungry. That will take place during worship. That night for the first ½ of the game, we will have our Super Bowl gatherings. We need a middle school family and a high school family to sponsor these parties. Let John know if you want to host this year. Youth arrive at 6:00, have a light dinner and snacks and watch the first ½ of the game and leave during half time.

## BYG Ski Trip 2021



We will be going to Sugar Mountain again this year for skiing February 20-21. See the attached information for full details.

Deadline to register is January 24<sup>th</sup>. Yeehi!

We need families to volunteer for meals for Spring semester 2021

Jan 24, Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 28, Mar 7, Apr 18, Apr 25, May 2, May 16

Feb 21 Rundlett, Mar 14 Trapp, Mar 21 Batten

## BYG Non-Treat Retreat!



### Beach Week Teen Non-treat Retreat!

When? April 5-9

Where? Cherry Gove Beach, SC

What? A time for study of God's plans for us in a fun, poolside – on the beach retreat.

Cost? \$200 (Although some paid a \$100 deposit for last year's Montreat)

Who will be there? This is a BYG event. Nobody will be there but us!

Who can go? Active BYG Members and Friends of Bethesda

Deadline to Register? March 20, 2021

See John Gardner for any other details.

What are we studying? Living as a Christian in a Worldly Culture

### Bethesda's Covid Response:



Bethesda's Leadership realizes that there is a surge in Covid cases this month. In an abundance of caution, all events other than worship have been cancelled until January 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no BYG meetings, Sunday School, Pioneers, or other gatherings until that date.

### Masks:

Bethesda's staff had a discussion of Covid protocol. A new policy has been implemented. Masks are always required in the buildings. Staff may choose not to wear a mask when alone in personal offices, but will wear one if someone comes in. The church is locked except for the door outside the main office. All visitors must wear a face covering and announce their presence before entering individual offices, and six feet must be maintained when possible.



### BYG Policy:

BYG members must always wear a mask in the building. The only exception is when sitting at the table eating dinner. Masks must be always worn including on the bus while traveling. Hand sanitizer should be used upon entering the building and throughout the time together.

We hope this pandemic will begin to show signs of deletion as the vaccine is implemented. Please be patient.



BYG stickers are available! Let John Gardner know if you would like one.

### Question and Answers:

Are we going to Montreat this year? We are not sure. We are monitoring what Covid is going to be like this summer. We can't go our regular week because school is still in session and we won't have our regular house. So the answer is, "I don't have any idea."

Are we going to Fuge Camp this year? We are also monitoring Covid for Fuge Camp, too. We are registered for Fuge on July 19-23. We are sign up for Liberty University Campus in the Virginia Mountains. Mark your calendar.

Can Friends go on the Ski Trip? Friends who are regular visitors in the youth program are welcome to attend. The rule has been someone who has attended three meetings is eligible.

Can parents attend the ski trip? Families are welcome to attend but must travel separate. See John Gardner for details.