

# THE YOUTH BEACON

Where God's love is sizzlin' and you're called by name



HE IS RISEN! It may seem that Easter has passed, but we've only just now entered into the Easter season. **Really, isn't every Sunday a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?** Each week we gather on Sunday mornings, reflecting the hope that death does not have the final say for God has conquered death, in Christ, that we may have new life. The sermon series during Eastertide is "Surprised By Hope." In these weeks to come we will reflect on the ways our hope in Christ transforms our lives and calls us into the deeper waters of faith.

I hope you'll reflect on a few questions with me: **where have you been surprised by hope in the last year? Where have you experienced transformation in your life (at school, at home, in relationships)? What are the things that are giving you hope in the last chapter of this school year and season of life to come?**

I look forward to exploring these questions, and more, with each of you in the near future! Don't forget this month is Confirmation Sunday (April 21st). We'll have small group dinners April 28th, and summer is quickly approaching so sign up for our different trips and programming ASAP! I am grateful for each of you and the way you share the love, peace, and light of God in our community and world.

Peace,

**John Daniel DeBevoise**

*Associate Pastor of Youth & Campus Ministry*

## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

No Youth Group, April 7th & 21st  
Small Group Dinners, April 28th

Confirmation Sunday, April 21st  
Youth Group, April 14th

MS Girls' Bible Study, Fri. 3:30pm  
Java & Jesus, Tues. 7 am

# Small Group Dinners

Sunday, April 28th, 2024

6-7 PM



Join us on April 28th for youth group in grade-level small groups. Faith, Fun, and Fellowship! RSVP to Carrie Coleman so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone. See your group's host family below. Don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

## Middle School

**6th Grade Boys**

Host: TBA!

**6th Grade Girls**

Host: Wood Family

**7th & 8th Grade Boys**

Host: Evans family

**7th & 8th Grade Girls**

Host: Jones family

## High School

**9th Grade**

Host: TBA!

**10th & 11th Grade**

Host: TBA!

**12th Grade**

Host: DeBevoise family

More details regarding host families and addresses will be emailed later this month.

Interested in hosting? Email Mrs. Carrie!

RSVP to Carrie Coleman ([ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org))



# SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER!

## SUMMER DATES

### SUMMER KICKOFF

JUNE 2ND

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 3RD-6TH

### HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

JUNE 9TH-15TH

### CAROWINDS DAY TRIP

JUNE 26TH

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

JULY 8TH-11TH

### MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 20TH-27TH

## SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

Scan the QR code below to register ASAP for the HS mission trip to Cedarkirk, Middle School Mission Week, and Montreat Youth Conference! More registration links for additional summer activities will be in next month's newsletter.

Questions? Email us: [youth@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:youth@fpcspartanburg.org)

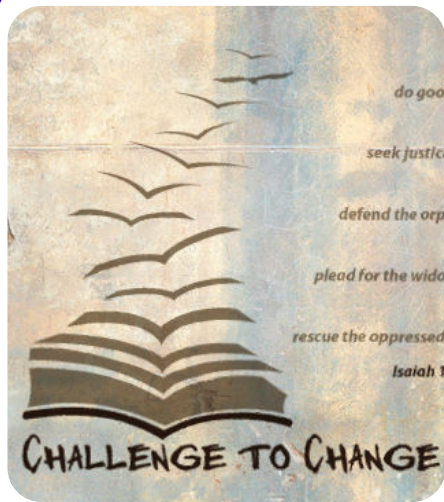


## CEDARKIRK CHALLENGE TO CHANGE



- June 9 - 15
- Open to current 9th - 12th graders
- Total cost - \$600; Registration and \$100 deposit due by March 31

We're excited to be participating in the "Challenge to Change" program at Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center near Tampa, FL this summer! This is a fantastic mission experience through a PC(USA) partner organization that introduces youth and leaders to the faithful ministry at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION WEEK

- July 8 - 10; wrap up pool party on July 11
- Open to current 5th - 8th graders
- Cost - \$25

All FPC Middle Schoolers are invited to join us for several days of local mission work and service! We'll be partnering with local non-profits such as Valkyrie Supply, Ruth's Gleanings and more! On Thursday of that week we'll celebrate our hard work with a pizza/pool party.



## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

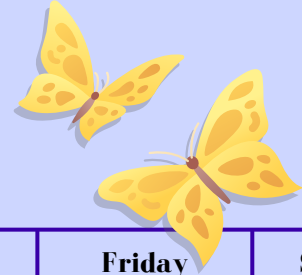


- July 20 - 27
- Open to current 8th - 12th graders
- Total cost - \$700 (Deposit of \$300 due by 3/31)

This yearly conference affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. MYC desires to help youth come to know and believe they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. Youth leave Montreat knowing their faith matters, they are loved as they are and they are part of a community of faith.



# APRIL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Spring Break 					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No Youth Group (end of Spring Break)	No School (Solar Eclipse)	Java & Jesus 7-7:45 AM Eastside (Chick-fil-A) 	WAF		MS Girl's Bible Study 3:30-4:30pm  Confirmation Closing Retreat 6-8pm	Churchwide day of service 9 am - 1 pm 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
YOUTH GROUP MS 5:30 HS 6:30		Java & Jesus 7-7:45 AM Eastside (Chick-fil-A) 	WAF		MS Girl's Bible Study 3:30-4:30pm 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Confirmation Sunday! 		Java & Jesus 7-7:45 AM Eastside & Boiling Springs 	Last WAF of Spring! 		MS Girl's Bible Study 3:30-4:30pm 	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
YOUTH SMALL GROUP DINNERS 6 - 7 PM					Congregational Retreat (Montreat, NC) 	

### Important May dates:

- Senior Tile Painting, May 8th
- Mother's Day, May 12th
- Baccalaureate Sunday, May 19th
- Rising 6th Grade Welcome Party, May 19th

