

# THE YOUTH BEACON

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



*Dear Seniors,*

*We know you are probably wrestling with a flurry of emotions as you finish writing one chapter of your life and turn to the next. The end of your senior year is at once the climax and culmination of hard work, and at the same time the launching pad into an unknown future. In this moment it seems prudent to reflect upon Moses' words to Joshua in Deuteronomy:*

*"God is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you. Don't be intimidated. Don't worry." (Deut. 31:8 The Message)*

*Whatever is next for you, whether it is near or far, know that you have the communion of saints of First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg praying for you every step of the way. Know that when you experience joy, we celebrate alongside you and when you experience sadness, we grieve with you. No matter what the world says about your place of belonging, here, you always have a seat, specifically set for you, at the table.*

*We have watched you grow and mature, in faith and in love. To say we are proud of the people that you are, and are becoming, would be an understatement. Your journey of faith that began at your baptism, was marked again by your own confirmation, now reaches a new intersection. It is our prayer that the coming months and years are full of new adventures, new people to shepherd you into new areas of growth and understanding, and new encounters with God that transform your faith.*

*Thank you for your leadership, laughter, compassion, friendship, and love. Your imagination and resilience make our ministry meaningful. You have truly left your mark, not only on this congregation, but on each of our lives. Thank you class of 2024! We love you!*

*Peace be with you,*

*John Daniel, Carrie, & Grace*

## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

5/8 - Senior Tile Painting  
(5:30 pm; Game Room)

5/19 - Baccalaureate Sunday  
(11am, Sanctuary; Reception  
to follow)

5/20 - FINAL Day to Register  
for Montreat Youth Conference

# WELCOME RISING 6TH GRADERS!



## WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!

All current 6th graders are invited to join us at Charlotte Clementson's house on Sunday, 5/19 (4-5:30 pm) to swim and hang out with JD (our Youth Pastor) and Grace (our Associate Director of Youth Ministry). Please RSVP to Mrs. Carrie if you plan to attend!  
[ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org)

## GET PLUGGED IN

### NEWSLETTERS & EMAILS

Our newsletter goes out on the first of each month. You can also find it on our website ([fpcspartanburgyouth.org](http://fpcspartanburgyouth.org)) and our social media platforms (see below!) Additionally, each Monday during the school year we'll send an email listing that week's programming. Email Mrs. Carrie ([ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org](mailto:ccoleman@fpcspartanburg.org)) to add your name to our distribution list!

### SOCIAL MEDIA



Insta: [@fpcsyouthandcampus](https://www.instagram.com/fpcsyouthandcampus)



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### REMIND APP

Subscribe for reminders and updates!

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**High School:** [@kd467](https://www.remind.com/join/kd467) to 81010

# JULY WILL BE HERE SOON!



## SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL:

### LOCAL 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.



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)



## HIGH SCHOOL:

### 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.



## SUMMER DATES

**RIISING 6TH GRADE POOL PARTY**  
MAY 19

**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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Congregational Retreat (Montreat, NC) 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 <b>JD preaching (9 am)!</b> No Youth		 <b>LAST Java &amp; Jesus</b> 7-7:45 AM Eastside (Chick-fil-A)	<b>Senior Tile Painting</b> 5:30 PM Game Room (FLC) 			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>HAPPY Mother's DAY</b> No Youth						Public School Graduation Day  
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 <b>Baccalaureate Sunday (11am)</b>  Rising 6th Grade Pool Party (4pm)	<b>EXAM WEEK!</b>				SDS Graduation Day  	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			<b>SUMMER</b>			

**Important June dates:**  
 June 2 - Summer Kick Off  
 June 3-6 - VBS  
 June 9-14 - HS Mission Trip to Cedarkirk

