



STUDENTministries

Weekly Up2Date

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Last Sunday:

Junior & Senior High: We introduced our new series called, *He Speaks*. We started as a large group and talked about the things that make a relationship strong. This led into a discussion about communication and how it has to be present in any relationship and our relationship with God is no different. For the last 30 minutes, we met in our LIFE groups, discussed ways God speaks to us, experiences we have or haven't had when it comes to hearing from God, and questions we have about the way God communicates with us. It sparked a lot of discussion among the groups, and we are excited to see how God uses this series. The teens were challenged to read John 10:1-28 everyday throughout the series and memorize John 10:27.

Monday Parent Connect Meeting:

We had our first Parent Connect with families from the Children's Ministry. We made our special announcement with its history, what it means, and why. We also had a great discussion on a video that focused on spiritually discipling your kids at home. Parent Connects are designed to help you connect to your teen, resources, other families and the ministry. The next PCM will be April 29 from 7-8:30pm in the HUB. Get this date on your calendar now. For the Youth Ministry section, we shared the importance of parents staying connected with our series in content and with their teens. If the teens never learn or understand how to hear from God, they run a high risk of walking away from their faith once they outgrow their parents' faith.

This Sunday:

Junior & Senior High: It is football time! We will be watching the big game in the MPR this Sunday, from 6PM through the end of the game. All we ask is that teens bring a snack to share so there is plenty of food to last throughout the game. Last names A-M bring a non-chip side dish, N-Z bring a dessert to share.

Prayer:

Praise: Some really good conversation in our Life Groups Sunday night.

Request: For this new series (*He Speaks*) that God shows up in big, undeniable ways in the teens' lives.

STTA (Something To Think About):

"A man who is intimate with God cannot be intimidated by man." – Leonard Ravenhill

Opportunities:

Food Sign-Ups for Sunday Nights: There are still plenty of spots still available. You can sign-up by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Amber Ratta at 330-351-7331 or email her at amberratta@icloud.com. Snacks are an important part of our Sunday nights, and thanks in advance for partnering with the ministry in this way.

Dates To Be Aware Of:

Feb. 2	Making subs for the LIFE Fundraiser starting at 4pm in room 101 at the church.
Feb. 3	Super Bowl Sunday (You will just need a snack to share. See flyer for details)
Feb. 10	Reality 139 (<i>How He Speaks</i>)
Feb. 15-16	Believe Conference (JH Only)
Feb. 15-17	White Out (SH Only)
Feb. 24	Reality 139 (<i>How to Know It Is Him?</i>)
March 3	Reality 139 (Listening Stations)
March 10	Reality 139 (<i>Am I Listening?</i>)
March 17	Life Group Night Out Weekend
March 24	Reality 139
March 31	Reality 139
April 6	Possible Renew the City
April 14	Reality 139
April 21	Easter Sunday No Realty 139
April 28	Reality 139
April 29	Next Parent Connect Meeting
July 7-14	Life Conference for our current 8-12th graders

January Resources (Last week for the following):

Teens, Wicca, and Alternate Spiritualities - "Knowing that all human beings are created to worship is knowledge that serves us well as parents and youth workers. We can be assured that even when our kids worship things other than the one true God who they've been designed to worship, their worship *of something* reveals that their hearts are ultimately hungry for heaven. Yes, their worship is misdirected. But that also means that we have a great opportunity to point them to the One they are hungering for!" In this article, Walt Mueller looks at four key reasons why teens might turn somewhere other than Christ to direct their worship. Although it might seem discouraging at first glance, make sure to read till the end. Mueller ends with an encouraging word for all of us. The full article can be found [HERE](#).

Monthly Music Video: "Every new sunrise is one step closer. It's a sign in the sky that the fight's not over. So face the world, it's now or never." The new year can bring so much motivation. It feels like a clean slate, a new chapter. This song called *This Could Change Everything*, by Francesca Battistelli, is a great song to kick off your new year! Check out the full song on our [Facebook](#) page. (*The purpose of WMMVs is to expose teens and parents to some artists they may not be familiar with, offer a music option that teens would listen to with a positive message, and use as a resource to start discussions at home.*)

January's Parent Page: "You see, culture serves our kids as a map, guiding them through life by giving them advice on what to think and how to act." Check-out this quote as well as articles on lawnmower parenting, the benefits of attending church, and how anxiety is now the #1 healthcare concern on college campuses in January's Parent Page attached to your email.

Additional Ways To Stay Connected

Texting Service Sign-up: To sign up for this service to receive reminders and special announcements, text the keyword to the group(s) that you want to join to 31996. **JH Parent= fwjr parent, JH Teen= fwjr student, SH Parent= fwsr parent, and SH Teen= fwsr student.**

More Forms of Communication: You can follow us on social media by clicking the images on the right.

