



First United Methodist Church 2019-2020 Youth Events

No C.R.E.W.:

9/1/19, 11/24, 12/22, 12/29, 2/2, 2/23*, 3/15, 4/12, 5/10

September 11- November 20: Wednesday Night Live

Finding Truth is a series that welcomes all youth 6th–12th graders. We will go through a series led by Francis Chan about Where to Find the Answers, Finding our Identity & Purpose, The Source of our Confidence, and how Life Can Change.

Bold is the second series we will tackle during WNL in the fall. We will go through a series led by Joby Martin about BOLD Faith, BOLD Words, BOLD Truth, BOLD Prayer.

September 11, 5pm: Safe Sanctuary Training

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September 25, 6pm: Lions Club Carnival

All families and youth are welcome to join us for the carnival. If you need transportation to and from the church there, be sure to let Randall know before the 25th. Otherwise we will plan on meeting at Orange City Lions Park (1802 S Main Orange TX) at 6:00pm. I know in the past we have been able to get in with a canned food donation on opening night but haven't seen that posted anywhere. If you've heard they are doing that again this year, let me know.

October 6, 2:30-6:30pm: District Youth Gaga Ball Tournament

Join us for a gaga ball tournament, food, worship, friends, fellowship with other youth in our district, and more! Hosted by the Wesley Center on Lamar University in Beaumont. Leave church parking lot at 2:30pm and return at 7:30pm.

Please RSVP by Nov. 29th if you can make this event so we can know how many to plan for transportation.

October 20, 12:30-6:30pm: CM Farms in Dry Creek, LA

Cost: \$14* if paid by October 6

\$15* if paid by October 13

\$17* after October 13

*Not including food or other events under the Extra Fee Fun section

RSVP Here

Things Included in Admission Fee

2 Corn Mazes, BeeLine (100lb weight limit), Spinning Vortex Tunnel, Ride the Animal Barrel Train, Farm Wagon Rides, Jumping Pillow, Animal Barn, 2 Tether Ball Courts, LIVE Cow Milking Demonstrations, Black Mamba Swing, Tire Pyramids, Dirt Mountain Slide, Sand Box with Diggers, Old Bull Wagon slides, Farm Checkers, Tic-Tac-Toe, Farm Wagon Basketball, Corn Hole games, Horseshoe Ring Toss, Rubber Duck Races, Corn Barn, Nerf Gun Wars, Bouncy Ball Corral, Corn Ball, Duck Dynasty, Roping Barrel, Hen House, Tour the old farm house (The Homestead) built in the 1870's and the Learning Barn Museum of Antique Farm Equipment & Tools, Bunnyville, Barnyard Bing-Oh, and lots of photo props.

Extra Fee Fun

Shop & Eat

A concession stand will be available for extra charge that has burgers, hot dogs, nachos, pizza, etc. Next door is a candy shop of gifts, fudge, jarred goods, roasted nuts, t-shirts, and more!

Paintball Shooting Gallery Ride

\$5 per ride includes 100 paintballs to shoot. Over 20 mounted paintball guns!

Water Blaster

\$5 to shoot at old farm equipment! You get a bucket full of water bottles.

Alva Lee Mining Company

Try your hand at gemstone mining. Purchase bags of rough at varying prices.

Pony Rides

\$5 per ride our friendly ponies!

More information can be found at: <http://cmfarmsllc.com/>

October 31, 5-7pm: Shine Your Light on Jesus Fall Festival

We need your help at Shine Your Light October 31 from 5:30-7pm. This will include setting up games and running game stations. This is a great opportunity to interact and make an impact on children's lives in our community and show them Christ's love.

November 17, 5-7pm: Colorado Canyon,

Cost: \$10

We will eat pizza and play a round of miniature golf.

*December 8: 1st Kid's Meal Fundraiser**

Due to Doug retiring, we're unsure what will happen next with 1st Kids. If there is, then we'll plan to have a fundraiser this night, if not, we'll take the night off as it's the next Sunday after Thanksgiving.

December 14, 9am-12pm: Jesus' Love Never Melts Winter VBS

We need your help at Jesus' Love Never Melts. This will include setting up games and running game stations. This is a great opportunity to interact and make an impact on children's lives in our community and show them Christ's love.

December 15, 1:30-7pm: Angels & Elves Shopping Trip

Angel and Elves Christmas Shopping Trip is a time for us to bless our community by buying gifts for less fortunate families in our city. We will get to spend a little bit of time with one of the kids from each family as they help us shop. We will all gather back at the church to play games with the kids, eat with their families, and then take them home to bring the gifts to their families. Meet in the FLC lobby at 1:30pm.

Please register ahead for this event so that our transportation needs are met correctly: <https://forms.gle/JERLogZ1aXVzisDL8> (more event information in link as well).

December 22: Youth Christmas Party

Bring a wrapped white elephant gift \$5 or less; Last name A-L bring a dessert, Last name M-Z bring a drink. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater (for our contest), as we celebrate Jesus' birth and the end of the semester! If you'd like to host this year's party, we're looking for a host.

January 5: C.R.E.W. Resumes with One Word Painting Night

Please wear clothes that can get paint on them that evening.

February 9: Valentine's Bakesale

Bake and bring some of your favorite Valentine's treats to be sold from 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. (before and after services). Parents, please let Randall know what your family is bringing so there isn't overlap.

*February 21-23: Ignite Retreat at Carolina Creek**

Cost: \$135 if registered by Jan. 19 and
\$150 if registered by February 2.

Ignite is our retreat for 7-12th graders where our prayer is that something is sparked in your student's faith. We'll have worship, workshops, small groups, and activities centered around the theme of commencement in ministry.

*March 7: Orange Community Trash Off**

Community Trash Off includes picking up trash in Adams Bayou, the Sabine River and the streets in Orange, Pinehurst, and West Orange.

Since inception of Community Trash Off, thousands of individuals have worked tirelessly to collect nearly 200,000 pounds of trash over 20+ years. This one annual event brings the community together with a common cause to make Orange and surrounding municipalities beautiful.

April 5: The Great Surprise (Easter VBS), Egg Drop, & Egg Hunt

3:00—The Great Surprise—Easter Family activities in the Family Life Center

4:00—Egg Drop—Youth will drop the eggs from the 2nd floor of Family Life Center for the competition

4:30ish—Easter Egg Hunt—Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 5th grade (Youth Hide Eggs)

We should be done by 5:00pm. This will replace our regular 5-7pm meeting of C.R.E.W.

*April 17-19: Leadership Retreat in Galveston, TX**

Cost: \$40

A retreat to learn more about yourself and how to lead better with who you are. For 6-12th grade students and adult leaders. More information to come.

Website: <https://www.txumcyoung.space/lead-retreat>

April 19: District Youth Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a scavenger hunt, food, worship, friends, fellowship with other youth in our district, and more! Hosted by the Wesley Center on Lamar University in Beaumont. Time TBA

Please RSVP by April 12th if you can make this event so we can know how many to plan for transportation.

May 3: Graduate Breakfast

We will honor our seniors graduating that morning. If your teen is graduating, I need a baby and graduation picture of them from you. I can scan them to return to you OR you can bring me copies. I also need lyrics from their favorite Christian song and their favorite Bible verse as well. Also PLEASE RSVP to me by March 29th to ensure an accurate count for the meal. All graduates and their family members are invited.

*May 3: 1st Kid's Fundraiser Meal**

We will be serving Root Beer Pulled Pork Sandwiches for our 1st Kid's meal fundraiser. I could use help by families willing to help slow cook the meat and shred it that day in their crock pots (please contact me if you can help as I need several people who have crock pots).

For those with youth helping, show up in the FLC around 4:30 so we can help prepare and set out drinks, salads, etc. We will then work together as a group to clean up after the meal.

Easy Recipe for those willing to help make the sandwiches:

Step 1:

Place roast in a 4- or 5-qt. slow cooker. Add root beer; cook, covered, on low until meat is tender, 8-10 hours.

Step 2:

Remove roast; cool slightly. Discard cooking juices. Shred pork with two forks; return to slow cooker. Stir in barbecue sauce. Cook, covered, until heated through, about 30 minutes.

I will provide ingredients.

*June 15-27: Texas Youth Academy**

The Texas Youth Academy is a two week summer experience for selected high school students who are currently in 10th-12th grades to live in an intentional Christian community on a college campus in Texas. They participate in an intensive encounter with Christian life that will leave them confident that God is shaping their future in radical and exciting ways.

Days are patterned by worship, Scripture, study, small groups, service projects, art, and Communion. They will learn about the Christian faith from adult mentors and faculty members from various seminaries. They will practice this faith with other youth from across the state. They will be challenged in new ways to follow Jesus on the journey to Christian living. Texas Youth Academy is unique in its profound confidence of teenagers' capacities for theological leadership, and a commitment to giving these young people concrete opportunities to put this into practice. Each opportunity cultivates adolescents' ability to wrestle with thorny theological subjects, giving them confidence in their faith agency. they also encounter a myriad of ways in which others live their lives for God.

View student's experiences here: <https://www.texasyouthacademy.com/videos>

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June 17: Car Wash Fundraiser

Knock down your camp price by joining us Sunday morning prepared to wash cars (swimsuits recommended). We will wash both services as well as during the Sunday School hour. If you

own a spray attachment that will go on the end of a hose and don't mind us borrowing it that Sunday, please bring a few, Thanks!

June: UM Army (High School Students)*

A typical U. M. ARMY mission is 60 – 120 people comprised of youth groups from several different churches. Work teams (4 or more youth and one adult) are assigned on the first day, mixing people from different churches. This intentional mixing of participants is done in order to form one group, one community.

Everybody works at U. M. ARMY. Adults are not just chaperones; they are equal participants and work along with the youth in the home repair projects and the daily chores.

June 26-29: Camp Eagle

Cost: Deposit of \$150 is due by Feb 16th (\$295 total due before fundraisers)

Next year's speaker will be leading Camp Eagle through the Pentateuch or Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. We will also have an awesome opportunity to trust God and take leaps of faith on once in a lifetime obstacles while we are there.

You can check out the promo video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xmLeauSLJs

*July: Big House**

At BIG HOUSE, the students and adults come together on Thursday, meet their teams and begin planning work on their selected site. It could be a home they are painting, or a church they are cleaning and repairing, or perhaps it's working in a church food pantry. The work sites are varied and endless. In the evenings everyone will relax after a wonderful dinner at the evening activities. You might be swimming or playing messy games regardless, there is fun to be had by everyone. This experience wraps on Sunday morning with worship at the host church. BIG HOUSE is a very busy and spiritually fulfilling 4 days for these junior high students. Please plan to join us in service to others this summer!

*July: Big Stuf**

Big Stuf is a camp with quality Biblical teaching, passionate worship, and a beautiful place to be with God. Their mission and vision is to inspire students to live life with Jesus by creating experiences that will make a difference in the lives of students.

For more information visit <http://bigstuf.com>

Promo video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbIHqFlrbKw>