FALL 2022 STUDENT MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Student Ministry! We are excited for all that God is going to do in and through our students this Fall Semester. Our goal in the student ministry is pretty simple: MAKE DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES. That's all we hope to accomplish! And to accomplish this, our student ministry is more intentional now than it ever has been. For most weeks, we will be splitting our Middle School and High School students up onto different nights: Wednesday Nights for High School and Sunday Nights for Middle School. This way, we can be more focused with how we disciple your students where they are and according to their age. You will find the information of what you can expect on those evenings in the boxes below. We also will have several Wednesday evenings in which both Middle and High School Students will be joined together for times of worship, community, and times of fellowship and games.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - WHAT TO EXPECT

Wednesday nights will now belong to primarily to High School Students (9th-12th grade). On these nights, High School Students will gather in the sanctuary, have a time of hanging out and fellowship, and have an hour to an hour and a half of Jesus-centered teaching led by our Student Pastor, Logan Smith.

Some Wednesday evenings, however, such as our first gathering on September 7th, will have all students gathered together. On these nights, we want to build fellowship and community between both the Middle and High School Students. We'll have games, maybe food, times of worship, and more. See dates on the schedule below to know which nights are for High School Students only and which nights are for all students.

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm Where: Church Sanctuary What to Bring: Bible

SUNDAY NIGHTS - WHAT TO EXPECT

Sunday evenings will now belong to the Middle School Students (6th-8th grade). On these nights, Middle School Students will gather in the sanctuary, have a time of hanging out and fellowship, and have an hour to an hour and a half of Jesus-centered teaching led by our Middle School leader, Dustin Webb.

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm Where: Church Sanctuary What to Bring: Bible

COVID-19

Here at Hope Church, we don't want to impose any more rules than are already imposed each and every day. We simply ask you to be safe, quarantine when/if needed, and use your own discretion as to whether your student will or will not wear a mask while attending.

"LISTEN UP!" SERIES AND SCHEDULE

"How do I hear from God?" "Why doesn't He speak to us the same way it seems He spoke to people in the Bible?" "How do I know it's God talking to me and not just my own voice in my head, or even worse, Satan's voice?" Questions like these are way too common among believers in Christ. Scripture tells us that the sheep know the Shepherd's voice (John 10:3), that God has spoken in many ways and yet still speaks to us now (Hebrews 1:1-2), and yet we still feel as if maybe we are the exception to that rule and that God only speaks to some people and yet not all people. This confusion can be absolutely crippling to a faithful walk with Jesus. Throughout this fall semester, we as a church will be walking through "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby on Sunday mornings. Using Scripture and many points from "Experiencing God," we as a Student Ministry will be addressing this confusion about how we hear from God head on. We believe that God did not save and rescue us so that we could then be left to figure out this life on our own. Rather, we believe that God is actively at work in and around us, that He desperately desires for us to join Him in His work, and that being able to hear from God is crucial to a deeper relationship with God and to abundant life lived in obedience to God. Each week we will look at why God speaks, how He speaks to us, and how we are to respond when we hear the voice of God. Our prayer is that as we go through this series that your students would grow first and foremost in their love for their Lord, and that as they begin to hear His voice clearly, that they would be unleashed in this world for the glory of God and the advancing of His Kingdom! Below, you will find our full Fall 2022 schedule, including the order of our "Listen Up!" series.

FALL 2022 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>		
9/7/22	All Students Game/ Hangout Night	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
9/11/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 1: God Moves Towards Us	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
9/14/22	<u>High School Students:</u> "Listen Up!" Series - Night 1: God Moves Towards Us	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		

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9/18/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 2: The Holy Spirit In Us	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
9/21/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 2: The Holy Spirit In Us	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
9/25/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 3: God Speaks Through Scripture	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
9/28/22	All Students Game/ Hangout Night	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
OCTOBER					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>		
10/3/22 - 10/7/22	Franklin County Fall Break - No Students	N/A	N/A		
10/10/22 - 10/14/22	Anderson County Fall Break - No Students	N/A	N/A		
10/16/22	*TENTATIVE* Church Pumpkin Patch Event	Buckmeadow Farms	5:30pm-7:30pm		
10/19/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 3: God Speaks Through Scripture	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
10/23/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 4: God Speaks Through Prayer	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
10/26/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 4: God Speaks Through Prayer	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
10/30/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 5: God Speaks Through Circumstances	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm		
NOVEMBER					

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>			
11/2/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 5: God Speaks Through Circumstances	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
11/6/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 6: God Speaks Through The Church	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
11/9/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 6: God Speaks Through The Church	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
11/13/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 7: God Speaks For Relationship	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
11/16/22	All Students Game/ Hangout Night	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
11/21/22 - 11/25/22	Anderson and Franklin County Thanksgiving Break - No Students	N/A	N/A			
11/30/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 7: God Speaks For Relationship	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
DECEMBER						
12/4/22	Middle School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 8: God Speaks For Mission	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
12/7/22	High School Students: "Listen Up!" Series - Night 8: God Speaks For Mission	Hope Church Sanctuary	6:00pm-7:30pm			
12/11/22	End of Year Christmas Party	TBD	TBD			

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE SCHEDULE

Due to inclement weather and/or the rising number of COVID cases, it is possible that we have to cancel several dates on the above schedule. If Anderson or Franklin County Schools closes due to inclement weather or rising COVID cases on any of the above dates, go ahead and know that that means that we too will cancel. If we have to cancel, we will create at home study guides based on that evening's topic and will email them out to you as quickly as possible, either the day of the following morning. That way, though we may not be able to discuss them as a group, we can still do our best to equip you to discuss these things together as families.

WHAT TO EXPECT AS PARENTS

We here at Hope Church believe that you as parents are THE PRIMARY DISCIPLE MAKERS OF YOUR HOME. We do not want to usurp your role, but we do want to equip you in your role. Here are some ways we want to do that:

- 1. Each Monday morning, you can expect an email from our Student Pastor, Logan Smith, detailing what the week will entail. You can also expect emails throughout the week with some of our teaching notes, maybe book recommendations that we are using for our teaching series, and just general words of encouragement. We want you to use these resources to discuss with your student(s) the things that they are being taught and are learning.
- 2. We encourage parents to serve on Wednesday and Sunday evenings! This does not mean that you have to teach or lead. It simply means that we want you there. We want you to be present for accountability and for extra hands in case there is any need. We also want you to be present so that your kids see you actively serving and working in ways that are for their growth and discipleship.
- 3. We will be praying for you! If you have specific needs in your family, for your student(s), or for someone close, feel free to let us know! We want to partner with you and be praying for you as you strive to disciple within your circles of work, home, and play.

ABOUT THE STUDENT LEADERS

Logan Smith is the Student Pastor at Hope Community Church. He is married to Kayla Smith, father of Ezra Thomas Smith and Melodie Kate Smith, and currently lives in Lawrenceburg, KY with their dog Porter. Logan has been the student pastor at Hope Church since 2014. He originally served as the Assistant Worship Pastor but has now also taken on the role of Worship Pastor since 2018. Logan is a native of Frankfort, KY. He graduated from Franklin County High School in 2010 and from Campbellsville University with a degree in Pastoral Ministry in 2016. His wife, Kayla, is a native of Lawrenceburg, KY and currently serves as an assistant principal at Anderson County High School. Logan will be leading our High School Students on Wednesday evenings.

Dustin Webb is the Middle School Student Leader at Hope Community Church. He is an Anderson County native and is the son of Michelle and Darin Webb. Dustin is a graduate of Campbellsville University with a degree in Pastoral Ministry and he currently works there in their admissions office. Dustin has brought his own understanding and experience of discipleship to Campbellsville University and has played an integral role in bringing a culture of discipleship to the campus.

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