



THE CONNECTION

July—September 2025

A newsletter connecting our students in 6th—12th grade and their parents with our ministry.

Totally Useless information

- Movie trailers got their name because they were originally shown after the movie.
- Women see more colors than men.
- People used to answer the phone by saying “ahoy” instead of “hello.”
- The number of dimples on a regulation golf ball is 336 dimples.
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue.
- Animals that lay eggs don’t have belly buttons.



WALKING ON THE WAVES

Background Story: Jesus has been teaching and preaching. He just fed 5,000 people with a couple loaves of bread and a few fish. He goes away to pray and the disciples go ahead of Him on a boat to cross the water.

Read Matthew 14:22-33

Big Idea: Jesus is the constant.

Maybe today in your life, you find yourself full of faith like Peter walking on top of the waves. Or maybe you are surrounded by life’s storms and feel like you’re barely keeping your head above the water. The good news is... no matter if you feel like Peter *on* the water or Peter *in* the water, there is one constant in this story that doesn’t change.

In science, the “constant” is the variable or item that remains the same in the experiment. It remains unchangeable no matter what happens around it. What is the constant here? The constant is Jesus. Whether Peter was walking in faith or Peter was sinking in doubt, Jesus was ALWAYS walking towards him. Jesus never left him, moved, or gave up. Jesus continued to reach towards Peter inviting him to Himself.

The longer we live, the more we all realize that life never stays the same. Life includes times of triumphs where it might seem easy to praise God, but also moments of weakness where we might feel like giving up. Even though we feel the rollercoaster of life, thankfully Jesus is not like us.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). He remains unmovable, unshakable and unchangeable in His constant pursuit of you no matter your past or present.

Jesus sees you. Instead of pretending you’re fine while the waves roar around you, call out to Him like Peter, “Lord, save me.” When we do, we will realize that Jesus has never left our side and is right there with His hand extended out towards us ready to draw us close to Himself. And as we see His faithfulness time and time again, we too will worship with a greater faith saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Each month, we'll be having a way to serve, We need to put our faith in action. Watch for them and participate.
James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN

July 20
12:00 – 5:00

Only Chip knows where we will go and what we will do.
Come ready for a fun afternoon. Great opportunity to
bring a friend. Please sign up
Lunch Provided

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE (VBX)

2nd Experience
August 9
Jerome King Playground

GOD'S IDEA OF PURITY

Have you ever wondered what God's idea of purity is?
The truth is it's about mind, body, and spirit. We are going
to be exploring this during a special time, September 6
From 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Letters
will be sent to parents with more details. This will be a
great opportunity to grow in your walk with God.

Flight 93 Memorial
September 28
11:30am—5:30pm

Bring money or use student account for lunch
Invite your friends
There are 12 slots available, after August 1st, parents are
welcome to sign up.

Mystery Meal

August 17 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Order from the menu, but you will have no idea what
you are ordering. You will be selecting food and
eating utensils from a mystery menu. You may eat
soup with a straw, or pasta with a toothpick.

FOR THE PARENTS

We have a lot of events and some of them have costs involved. I know for families of Nitro youth with more than one student, this can add up fast. In an effort to make these events available to as many as possible, we will provide some help. For families with multiple students going to events; the first will be full cost, additional family members are half price. This policy will not apply to mission trips and some other exceptions. Don't let money prevent your student from participating, if paying is a concern, please talk to me.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

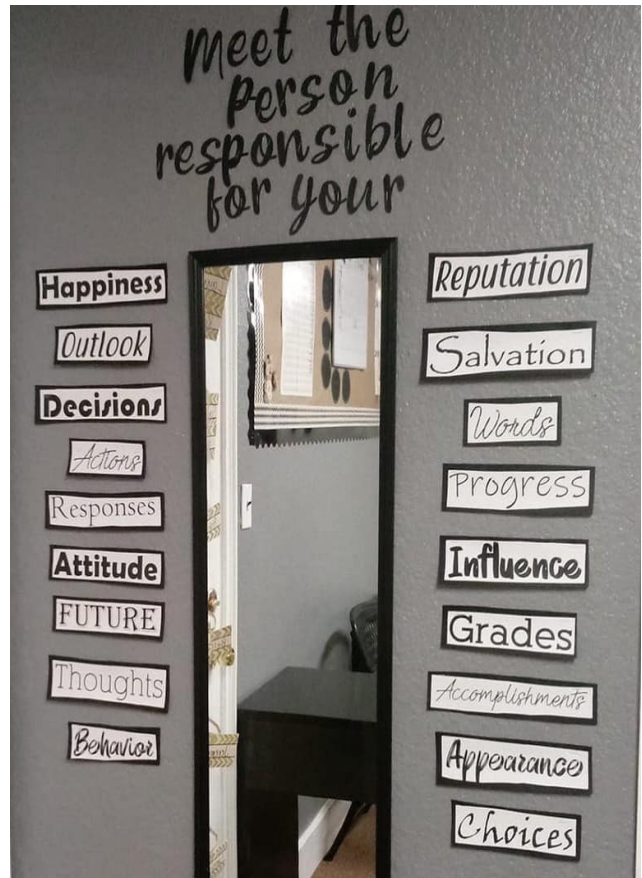
July 8 6:00-8:00pm Work project
August 9 9:00am-3:00pm VBX
September 12 6:00-8:00pm Visiting

HERITAGE HILLS VISIT

AUGUST 3

12:45-3:15PM

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH IF YOU ARE GOING



With a new school year starting, we
want to remind you:
In the event that Greencastle or
Tuscarora School district cancels
school or has an early dismissal due
to weather, Nitro Youth will be
cancelled.

Please use the sign up sheets.

Watch for changes to the calendar

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