



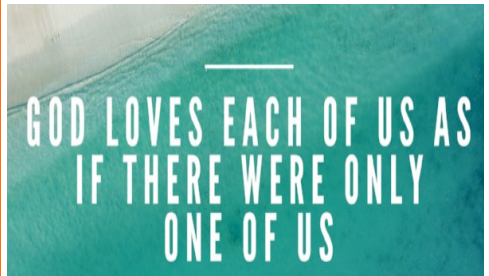
THE CONNECTION

JULY—SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Totally Useless information

- No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter “a” in its word form.
- You are 13.8 percent more likely to die on your birthday.
- Cats can’t taste sweet things because of a genetic defect.
- The chicken and the ostrich are the closest living relatives of the Tyrannosaurus rex.



START IT RIGHT

Before you know it the new school year will be here. It’s a great time to make some changes in your life. In order to do that, start now so it becomes part of who you are and you can honor God with your life.

Romans 16:17-18 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.

Do you know what we could all use in our lives? Less drama! That’s pretty much what we read here. You can probably think of a person, or two, or three, who isn’t happy unless the people around him or her are unhappy. Sometimes it’s like a jealous friendship triangle where they expect you to be his or her best friend which apparently means you can’t have other friends or have plans with anybody else. Sometimes it’s like they are addicted to crisis. Every day there’s a new reason why this person’s world is about to fall apart. And if you’re not willing to drop everything and panic too, then you are just not being supportive and are a terrible friend. Drama is a result of someone being so inwardly focused that self is all that matters. As a Christian, that person needs love and encouragement and prayers to look at life from a different perspective. At the same time, don’t allow that to drive a wedge between you and your other friends. It may be easy to go along with the drama and feed off of it, but I encourage you not to compromise your integrity or Christian values. Sometimes it’s hard to strike the right balance between offering Christian love and protecting yourself and those around you.

What a great way to start the school year, forgive others that you have been unwilling or unable to, renew the relationships. Declare this year to be drama free. Demonstrate the love that Christ showed to you to others. Use your words, thoughts and actions to build others up, not tear them down.

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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.

Youth Mission Trip July 14-18

Some of us are headed to Laurel Mission for a few exciting days of work for Jesus and the community. For those going, we will be leaving at 7:30am on the 14th and returning around 5:00pm on Saturday. Please pray for us.

LITHUANIA MISSION TRIP MEETING July 19 6:30pm

This is an exciting opportunity for those that completed 9th grade by the time of the trip and above. It is an all church trip and we are combining with a couple other UB churches in the area. Trip dates are June 25—July 5, 2027. If you have questions, contact Chip. Plan to attend if you have any interest. This is an information meeting to get details out. If you attend, please bring a parent along.

HERITAGE HILLS VISIT SEPTEMBER 20 12:45-3:15PM

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH IF YOU ARE GOING

ALL CHURCH LAUREL MISSION TRIP OCTOBER 4-8

Another exciting trip. For the students going, there will be some requirements such as permission forms and for me to update medical forms. More information to come.

3RD WEDNESDAY Bible Study

We are diving into the subject of Heaven using a guide by Randy Alcorn. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, we start at 5:15 with a quick meal and go from there to time of discussion. Come and join in.

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 offer 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 there are some other exceptions. Does not apply to those using money from student accounts. Don't let money prevent your student from participating, if paying is a concern, please talk to me.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 9 6-8PM
AUGUST 8 VBX ROUND 2
SEPTEMBER 20 HERITAGE HILLS

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE (VBX)
This year we are doing an all day VBX on Saturday August 8. We will need lots of help. Please sign up if you can help. Watch for a VBX meeting soon.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN
August 9 12:00—5:00
Lunch Included
Simply a fun time.

Pool Partys are being planned
Dates and locations will be announced soon
5:45 to 8:15
Snacks will be available
Please remember modesty in your choice of swimwear

NO YOUTH GROUP
JULY 1, 15

OTHER HAPPENINGS

July 1 America 250 Celebration
Dinner at 5:00 and Celebration at 6:00
July 11, Aug 8, Sept 12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
July 17 5:30pm Church Movie Night
August 21 5:30pm Church Movie Night
September 9 Hope Center Meal
September 18 5:30pm Church Movie

Please use the sign up sheets.

Watch for changes to the calendar

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