

# youth & family ministry



## PSALM 145

*One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts. (Psalm 145)*

NORTH  RIVER

# WELCOME!

Our ministry is striving to create a loving village where our youth have every chance to experience Jesus.



## DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them** when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

# WHO ARE WE?

## MISSION

To partner with God's Spirit, helping all people grow into fully devoted followers of Jesus. We aim to walk the way of Jesus, together, in His spiritual family.

In the Youth & Family Ministry, we aim to create a space where the adults, in a loving community, are supported and equipped to walk the way of Jesus and raise their children "in the training and instruction of the Lord" together.

**Core Passages:** Deuteronomy 6, Luke 2:41-52, Ephesians 4:14-16, John 15

## THREE PILLARS

### Home is the Headquarters



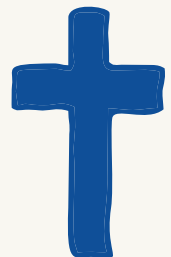
We partner with and support the home as the primary place of spiritual growth.

### Village of Trust



We build a trusted village around our families of best friends, mentors, relatives, grandparents, etc

### Centered on Christ



Our goal is to help our kids and parents grow closer and more confident in Jesus.

# MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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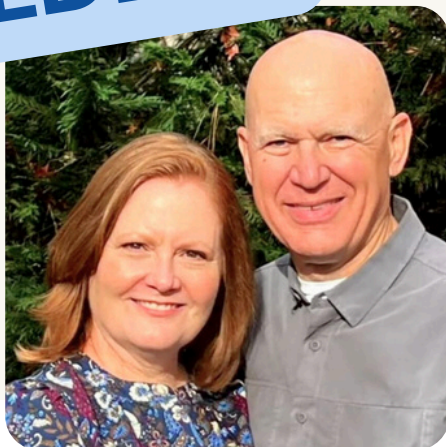
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## ELDERS



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**John & Pam  
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We also have a “**Parent Leadership Team**” of volunteer parents that get together to discuss relevant issues and ways to better serve the families.



# OUR YOUTH LEADERS

We have an amazing group of young professionals, young marrieds, and college students called our “Youth Leaders”. They generously volunteer in the Youth Ministry as mentors and small group leaders.

Here are a few notes about our Youth Leaders

- **Get to know them!** Invite them over for dinner! One dinner at your house connects you with them and your kid(s) more than years of youth events at the building. Together we can serve them as they serve the kids in this ministry.
- They go through a **screening and interview process** to ensure safe, positive, and strong-charactered mentors in the lives of our youth.
- They have **monthly training meetings** to learn how to better serve the families and youth.
- They are **encouraged to pursue mentoring** and hang-out times with the students outside of church events.
- They are required to **communicate clearly with the parents** about mentoring times, Bible studies, rides, and more.
- **Our mentors need mentoring too.** Find out ways you can serve them and pour into them as they pour into your kids.

# what is the relationship between **the Youth Ministry & the Parents?**

Our goal as the Youth & Family Ministry is to come alongside parents to support and partner together in raising our youth.

In the past, an unhealthy expectation was placed on the youth ministry that the youth workers, instead of the parents, should be the *primary* ones teaching youth about Jesus. This model hurt the students' long-term faith and relationship with their family.

**Your home will always be the main space for spiritual growth** and where our students are impacted the most. Our Youth Ministry supports your teachings at home and provides a place where our youth can build relationships and learn about Jesus alongside others.

Our Youth Ministry serves as a resource where parents can get help with mentoring, teaching, relationship building, and spiritual formation for their children. We want to partner closely with families supporting their God-given responsibility to raise their children up in the Lord.

**We are better together and we make a great team!**



# HOW CAN YOU START STRONG?

How you start is so important! Here are some ways you can get involved in the life of the Y&F Ministry.

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## 01 Pray!

Pray for all of our youth and our families - that “the eyes of their heart would be flooded with light...” (Ephesians 1)

## 02 Invite a Youth Leader over for dinner.

One dinner can make you feel connected for years!

## 03 Teach a Middle School Class Rotation.

Come get to know the middle schoolers by serving during one of the four-month rotations in the middle school class. You teach twice a month for only four months but you give a lifetime of faith and memories.

## 04 Host a Fun Event.

What does your child like to do? Host an event at your home or at the park and invite the rest of the middle school or teen ministry.

## 05 Ask the Y&F Staff ways you can serve.

Talk with the Shoffs or Tchirs about ways you can get involved. Volunteer to bring snacks, help with worship, share your story, etc.

## 06 Pursue relationships with other families.

It takes time to build relationships. It might be tough at first but the more opportunities you create, the more likely those seeds grow.





# CALENDAR

## ANNUAL

These are some notable events we have once a year:

- Teen and Middle School Retreats at the Swamp (Fall)
- Summer Camp at the Swamp Camp
- Y&F End of Year Celebration (December)
- Teen Prom (Spring)
- Parenting Workshops



## MONTHLY

This is what a typical month looks like.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Youth Service			All Church MW			
2nd	MS Class			Y&F MW			
3rd	Y&F Service					Fun Event	
4th	MS Class			Y&F MW			





# CALENDAR

## **YOUTH SERVICES**

Our Youth Services are for both our middle and high school students. The goal of this service is to give our youth a place to learn about Jesus in relevant ways to them and to lead and serve in various ways.

## **YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

Our Youth & Family Services are for both our students and their parents. We want kids and their parents to worship, learn, and serve alongside each other. These services are always a little different. Sometimes we have a big discussion, split into groups, have a lesson all together, have a class about parenting, have fun, etc. This is a great opportunity to build our village.

## **MIDWEEKS**

We create as many opportunities as possible for the students to be with each other. While the students are having their own midweek, their meet together as well. For our students, we have a short lesson followed by small groups. Similarly, the parents come together for a discussion and split into groups to pray and connect.

## **CAMP SWAMP**

We have an amazing partnership with [Camp Swamp](#). Take advantage of all the retreats and camps to get away and experience God.



# THANK YOU!

**We can't wait to walk the way of Jesus  
together in His Spiritual family!**

**Please reach out with any questions!**



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