



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bartlett Chapel ❖ May 2024

Pastor, How Should I Vote?

In case you haven't noticed (you must've been living in a cave), we have elections coming up this month. Occasionally, I hear someone telling others how a Christian should engage in the election process. Unfortunately, it usually ends up being a pitch for a particular party or candidate.

Why is that unfortunate? Because we're supposed to be Jesus people ... and Jesus wasn't Republican, Democrat, or Libertarian. He taught us to live a life of principles ... HIS principles. Those principles should certainly impact our voting decisions, but I see candidates with all sorts of letters behind their name who all fall on a spectrum of principles. NONE of them perfectly align with Jesus principles (just like none of US perfectly align with Jesus principles).

A Christian should first be informed about the various candidates. We're told to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Church folks of yesteryear used to tell people, "don't question, just believe." But that's not what Jesus commanded. He included "all your mind" in how we're to love God.

That means we can't check our brains at the door when we come to worship, or Sunday School, or Bible Study, or anything else. So, the first thing we should know as we approach election time is that we should expect to do some research about the people asking for our votes.

Figuring out where a candidate really stands is difficult because their commercials seem to all be filled with exaggerations and half-truths. So, we should look deeper.

Paul called the Berean believers the most "noble-minded" people he spoke to [Acts 17:11]. Why? Because they received his teaching eagerly ... and then they went home and verified it with Scripture. I would encourage you to do the same with my preaching and teaching. Don't just take my word for it. I won't intentionally mislead you, but I make mistakes like everyone else. Receiving my teaching eagerly is only half the process. Go make sure I'm not full of it!

Same thing with politicians. They all talk a good game. If they have any political record ... how do they vote? Does their talk line up with their action/votes? If not, you may have found some indication of their principles. If so, does it line up with your understanding of Jesus principles?

No one said the righteous way was easy. In fact, Jesus said it would be hard. But he also told us that loving God also involves using our minds. Where can someone get information about all the candidates? I'm new to the area, so I'm looking for that, too. You can find every candidate for statewide office divided by party (because May is a Primary) at <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/files/Primary-Candidate-List-2.9.24-PM.pdf>. If you don't know a candidate, check out their website. If they already hold an office, check out their record.

I wouldn't dare tell you how to vote. My ability to convince is better spent convincing you that there are no names on the ballot who can save. There's only one name by which we can be saved ... and Jesus isn't on the ballot. He can and should influence our approach to voting. But every candidate should be put in perspective of that truth. They'll never rise to His level, so the energy with which I support or oppose them should never be equal or greater than the energy I spend telling others about His saving grace!

Godspeed in your electoral decision-making, and in determining trust levels you permit any candidate.

Pastor Chris



Sunday Morning Worship

Worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00am is both in-person as well as online. We look forward to being in worship with you, no matter how you choose to participate!

If you choose to attend worship in-person, we offer valet parking at the main entrance. If you wish to have your car parked by someone, please pull up to the canopy at the main entrance, so that one of the valet parking attendants may assist you.

If you choose to attend worship online, you may access the worship service in one of the following ways:

- Facebook – facebook.com/bartlettchapel
- the church website – bartlettchapel.com
- YouTube – search for Bartlett Chapel Live

On Facebook, the worship video remains available until the Friday following the Sunday of the worship service.

The word "Worship" is written in a large, elegant, dark blue cursive font. The letters are connected and flow together, with a prominent 'W' and 'h'.

Share Your Talents

Would you like to share your talents in worship? Do you play a musical instrument, sing, read poetry or other writings or can you offer other artistic expression? There are so many ways to participate in worship, so if you would like to serve in this way, please let us know. Laurie Christie is our coordinator for “specials”. You can contact her in one of the following ways: by phone at 317-989-2818, through email at lptrchris@aol.com, or talk with her before or after worship. Come and be part of our service!

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Children

Our nursery is staffed during worship and is available for children, newborn to 3 years old. Children’s church, for children preschool age through 2nd grade, dismisses during worship immediately after the children’s message. This opportunity is for the children to gather for their own time to worship God through story, song, and creative activities.

Following worship and fellowship time, Sunday School classes for children and youth meet downstairs. Children 4 years old through 5th grade learn more about the Bible in “Trackers of Faith”. Youth in 6th through 12th grade gather to study and discuss the Bible.

Sunday Morning Opportunities for Adults

All are welcome to attend one of our adult Sunday School classes, which meet on Sunday mornings following worship and fellowship time. There are two classes to choose from:

The “Christian Builders” class is discussing the study *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado. The study is about the people and places that shaped Jesus’s life. On May 12th, we will begin a video series on Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

The “Open for Discussion” class is discussing the books of 1 & 2 Peter, using a study guide by Max Lucado. This class meets in Rooms 11 & 12 (library).

We also have two gathering spaces, one in the room next to the church office and one in the room next to the nursery.

Church Building to be Voting Site

Bartlett Chapel will serve as a voting site for the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, May 7th. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Ladies Service Group

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in our monthly hands-on service opportunity on Thursday, May 2nd from 10:00am to noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy some fellowship time afterward.

Euchre Night

Mark your calendars for Euchre Night! We will gather at the church on Friday, May 3rd in Fellowship Hall from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Cards will be provided.

Seniors on the Go

All are invited to the May meeting of Bartlett Chapel Seniors. Mark Morgan, Danville Town Manager, will be presenting the program on Tuesday, May 14th in Fellowship Hall. Mark will be sharing current and future plans for the Town of Danville. The entrée for the noon luncheon will be Baked Potato Bar. You can indicate your plans to attend on the sign-up sheet at the kiosk or by calling the church office.

Women's Bible Study Group

The Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Rooms 11 & 12 (library). We are studying *Seven Letters to Seven Churches*. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Bartlett Women in Ministry

Bartlett Women in Ministry will meet on Saturday, May 11th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to participate!

Serving Family Promise

A meal is being prepared for about 20 residents at Family Promise on Thursday, May 30th. Food will be gathered together at the church by 5:15pm that day, then delivered to the Family Promise home by 6:00pm. If you would like to help with part of the meal, talk with Joanna Sell by calling 317-745-5947. This is an ongoing ministry that we would like to be able to do monthly. If you cannot help this month, but would like to help another month, let Joanna know. Thank you for your interest.

Men's Service Group

All men of the church are welcome to participate in fellowship and service to the church as part of the Men's Service Group! We meet the first and third Monday of every month, beginning at 8:30am in Rooms 11 & 12 (library). In May, we will meet on Monday the 6th and Monday the 20th. If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Jim Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Ladies Exercise Group

The ladies exercise group is always welcoming new members! We meet in Fellowship Hall every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 10:00am. If you are interested in joining, please contact Joanna Sell at jjsell28@gmail.com.

Barnabas Ministry

Many thanks to those of you who have served our college students as encouragers! Continue to pray for your student as they finish out the final semester of this school year. For many students, the end of the semester is before mid-May!

– Ruth Franklin

Rooted Youth (Jr High/Sr High)

All junior high/middle school and senior high/high school youth, join us and invite a friend or two! If you have questions, please contact Pastor Julie Macy at pastorjulie@bartlettchapel.com.

Saturday, 5/4 – Lock-In overnight at the church beginning at 8:30pm

Sunday, 5/19 – Meet at the church, 6pm to 8pm (simple meal provided)

Friday, 5/24 – After Party at the church, 8:30pm to 11:30pm (snacks provided)

Church Camp

Registration for summer church camp is open! If you have a child or grandchild who will be starting kindergarten through eighth grade in fall 2024, they are invited to participate in camp during the week of June 16th at Camp Rivervale in Mitchell, Indiana. If you have questions, please contact Kim Vandagriff at kidministrybartlett@gmail.com.



Vacation Bible School

VBS is Sunday, June 9th through Thursday, June 13th! This year's theme is "SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God". We are looking for servants as well as supplies as we make this a fun and exciting experience for the kids.

If you would like to help as a servant, you can sign up in one of three ways:

- at bartlettchapel.com/vbs
- at the sign-up kiosk at church
- by scanning the QR code on the VBS poster at church

If you would like to donate some of the supplies needed, visit the VBS Hub at church, which is located near the Welcome Center. At the VBS Hub, take a fish (or two) of the items needed which you would like to donate. Please contact Kim Vandagriff at kidministrybartlett@gmail.com with questions.

Emmaus Community

The Women's and Men's Emmaus Walks will be held at the Indiana Conference and Training Center in Fortville in October. The Women's Walk will be October 3rd to 6th. The Men's Walk will be October 10th to 13th. If you would like more information about the Emmaus Community, please contact John Magnabosco at john_magnabosco@live.com.

Mission News

Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Nineteen youth and adults are going on the Youth Mission Trip to Strong Missions in Costa Rica. Strong Missions is committed to helping those in need and empowering local communities to create sustainable change through Jesus Christ. This mission centers around alleviating immediate needs while also working to enable individuals and families to live more healthy and productive lives. We are looking for 19 church members who would be willing to write encouraging cards with Bible verses and encouraging words of worship. All you need to do is write six of these cards to one individual who will be assigned to you so each participant will be able to be encouraged by our love and support each day they are on the mission trip. If you would like to participate, contact Susie Truax by emailing her at truaxsh@gmail.com or by calling 317-892-4130.

Kroger Community Rewards

Please don't forget to register Bartlett Chapel through your Kroger shopping card as your community rewards recipient. Just log into your account on Kroger.com, click on Community Rewards, and select Bartlett Chapel as the organization to receive Community Rewards from your purchases. Our organization number is SF744. For the first quarter of this year, Bartlett Chapel received \$75.36. If you have any questions, contact Susie Truax.

Cookie Donations

I am coordinating cookie donations for Project Homeless for Dave Griffith. They are currently distributing 16 to 18 dozen cookies per week! That's A LOT of cookies!! I am looking for donations weekly. They can be left in the kitchen and marked for Project Homeless. I will bag them up and freeze them, so they are ready to go as needed. Any questions, I can be reached at 317-650-5752. Thank you for your generosity!

– Melissa Wilson



Bartlett Chapel's Fall Women's Retreat SEASIDE ESCAPE, WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Would you like a day to slow down,
connect with other ladies and have
a meaningful time with God?*

**Join us Saturday, September 14th
8:30am - 4:30pm**

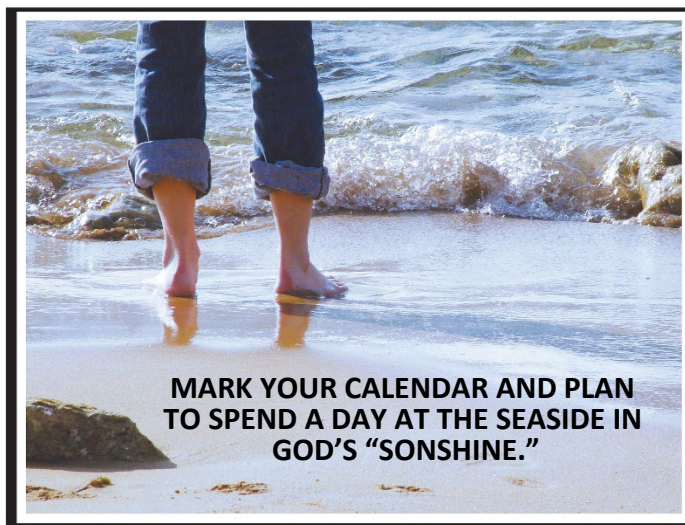
All ages are invited (teens and older)

\$10 per person

Online and in person registration
will begin Sunday, June 23rd.

Invite a friend!

A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.





Prayer Requests

Prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for three weeks after the initial request, unless specified otherwise. Prayer requests may be submitted on the prayer cards in the sanctuary pews, by contacting the church office, or by contacting JoAnn Murray (jamurray45@gmail.com), who serves as the prayer chain coordinator.

May Birthdays

5 th	Rilie Palmer
6 th	Paul Morton
14 th	Kathy Selch Cathy Stenger
17 th	Mike Money
19 th	Austin Campbell
21 st	Cameron Johnson
24 th	JoAnn Murray
26 th	Larry Stuffle
28 th	Jack Hensley Avery Simpson

May Anniversaries

8 th	David & Jani Weir
19 th	Bill & Carol Clark
21 st	Mark & Kim Price
22 nd	Jim & Julie Delp
26 th	Gil & Susi Thibodeaux

Ray Patterson – ongoing treatment for cancer

Mike McFarling – undergoing treatment for cancer

Paul & Ginny Morton’s daughter,
Stephanie Reinbold – stage 4 metastatic breast cancer

Connie Dugan – recovering from knee replacement surgery

Jill Williams – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Lyle Clark – recovering from medical issue

Terry Decker – struggling with death of her dog

Cindy Earl – dealing with health issues which may include cancer

Fred & Mary Ann Burr’s daughter-in-law,
Keri – unspoken prayer request

Jim & JoAnn Murray’s daughter-in-law, Robin Murray – undergoing evaluation after abnormal EKG

The family of Viola Macy, Kevin Macy’s mother

The family of Carole Unger, Jim Sell’s sister

Thank You

To our Bartlett Family,

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are the things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of good friends. May His peace be with you, His love never ends.



- The family of Viola Macy

Worship Servants in May

Nursery

Sunday the 5 th	Earlene Niemeyer
Sunday the 12 th	Susie Kiefer
Sunday the 19 th	Tiffany Kiefer
Sunday the 26 th	Lisa Smith

Outside Greeters

Sunday the 5 th	Jerry Weakly Fred Burr
Sunday the 12 th	*opening available*
Sunday the 19 th	*opening available*
Sunday the 26 th	*opening available*

Welcome Center

Sunday the 5 th	Jeani Weakly Mary Ann Burr
Sunday the 12 th	Joanna Sell
Sunday the 19 th	Brian Arnot
Sunday the 26 th	Glenda Wallace

Valet Parking

Sunday the 5 th	Elliot Kolsto
Sunday the 12 th	Mike Creech
Sunday the 19 th	Rob Franklin
Sunday the 26 th	Keith Knight

Acolytes

Sunday the 5 th	Calleigh & Keira
Sunday the 12 th	Makayla & Zane
Sunday the 19 th	Maicee & Matthew
Sunday the 26 th	Katelyn & Rowan

Refreshments for Fellowship Time

Sunday the 5 th	Roxanne Coleman Jennifer Partin
Sunday the 12 th	Bob & Earlene Niemeyer Lyle Clark
Sunday the 19 th	Jim & JoAnn Murray Bob Curry
Sunday the 26 th	Tom & Glenda Wallace

Children's Church Teams

Sunday the 5 th	Jean Money Katelyn Arnot
Sunday the 12 th	Jean Money Christyn Arnot
Sunday the 19 th	Kim Vandagriff Wil Vandagriff
Sunday the 26 th	Kim Vandagriff Wil Vandagriff

Children's Sunday School Teams

Sunday the 5 th	Kim Vandagriff Wil Vandagriff
Sunday the 12 th	Susi Thibodeaux Cassie Knight
Sunday the 19 th	Susi Thibodeaux Cassie Knight
Sunday the 26 th	Mitzi Griffith Todd Griffith

If you have questions about this schedule, please contact the church office. Your time and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!

Church Meetings & Events This Month

**Times/dates subject to change. Please refer to the online calendar (bartlettchapel.com/events-calendar) for the most up-to-date schedule.

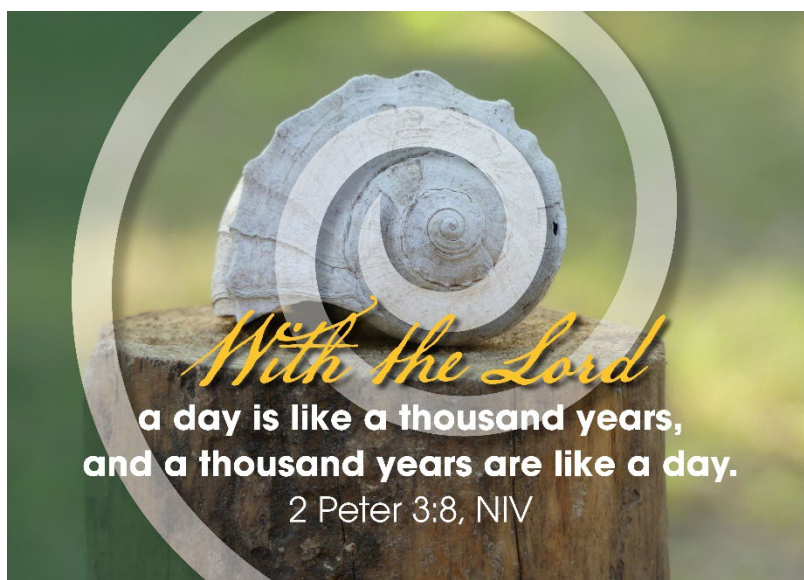
All meetings and events, regardless of attendance size, must be scheduled through the church office.**



Wednesday the 1 st	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 2 nd	10am-noon	Ladies Service Group, Fellowship Hall
Friday the 3 rd	9am-10am 6:30pm-8:30pm	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Euchre Night, Fellowship Hall
Saturday the 4 th	8:30pm through Sunday morning	Rooted Youth Lock-In
Sunday the 5 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 6 th	8:30am 9am-10am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library) Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 7 th	6:30pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 8 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 9 th	5pm-8pm	VBS Work Session, Fellowship Hall
Friday the 10 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Saturday the 11 th	9:30am	Bartlett Women in Ministry, Fellowship Hall
Sunday the 12 th	Mother's Day 9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 13 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 14 th	Noon 6:30pm	Seniors on the Go, Fellowship Hall Board of Trustees, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 15 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 16 th	7:00pm	Preschool Program & Reception, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
Friday the 17 th	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall

Events in May - continued

Sunday the 19 th	9am 10:15am 6pm-8pm	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School Rooted Youth
Monday the 20 th	8:30am 9am-10am	Men's Service Group, Rooms 11-12 (library) Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday the 21 st	7pm	Administrative Council, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Wednesday the 22 nd	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Thursday the 23 rd	5pm-8pm 7pm	VBS Work Session, Fellowship Hall Finance Team, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 24 th	9am-10am 8:30pm-11:30pm	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Rooted Youth After Party
Sunday the 26 th	9am 10:15am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Sunday School
Monday the 27 th	Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday the 29 th	9am-10am 10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study, Rooms 11-12 (library)
Friday the 31 st	9am-10am	Ladies Exercise, Fellowship Hall



Our Military

Please remember our military and their families in your prayers. Our current military service people are:

Coy Anderson	Jonathan Cumbie	Jeremy Sherman
Isabelle Burr	Jeffrey Houser	Ryan Shotts
Zachary Carmichael	Matt Palmer	Shawn Weir
Jessica Cumbie	Tom Palmer	

The Bartlett Chapel church family appreciates you and thanks you for your service.

Our Homebound Members

Connect with these members of our church family by visiting or sending a note or card.

Fred & Marcia Harris
116 Meadowbank Ct
Danville, IN 46122

Mary Jane Hartung
Independence Village of Avon, Apt 104
182 S County Road 550 E
Avon, IN 46123

Marty Himsel
8166 Burnett Blvd
Avon, IN 46123

Dottie Jenkins
6958 Lakeshore Dr
Avon, IN 46123

Marlene Jones
Christina Place Assisted Living
1435 Christian Blvd, Rm 147
Franklin, IN 46131

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8616 W 10th St, Apt 219
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Lee Schaeffer
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10307 E County Road 100 N
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Helen Stamper
1193 W Lincoln St, Apt 1-C
Danville, IN 46122

Sharon Taylor
6576 Golden Oak Ln
Avon, IN 46123

Joe & Naomi Thurmond
5834 Hopi Rd
Avon, IN 46123

Terry Wildman
3374 E Main St
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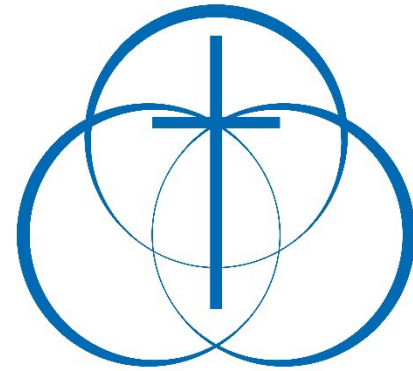
Sandy Wright
Westside Village Nursing Center
8616 W 10th St, Rm 324
Indianapolis, IN 46234

GMC Prayer Connections

Our new denomination is in the process of organizing prayer networks in its conferences. These networks are being asked to inform and encourage their local churches to pray for the needs of our denomination and the needs of its local churches. Bob and Earlene Niemeyer are Bartlett Chapel's network prayer points for the Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference. Please find below a summary of this past month's prayer requests for your personal prayers.

GMC Prayers

- The group responsible for selecting the theme for the GMC Convening General Conference asks for prayer that they be unified by the Spirit of God in the selection and acceptance of that theme
- Please pray for the manifest Presence of the Lord in the midst of the Convening General Conference as expressed in exuberant prayer, praise, and worship, as well as when business for the church is conducted that it will be empowered by the Holy Spirit
- Please pray for the Lord to manifest through electronic media in the preparation for and throughout the Convening General Conference
- Please pray that Jesus Christ will direct, guide, and multiply the use of limited resources (time, funds) for the Convening General Conference



Bartlett Chapel Prayers

- Please pray to make disciples of Jesus Christ who love extravagantly
- Please pray that God will help each of us to witness boldly for Jesus Christ in our lives
- Pray that our congregation will be led of God to seek Him in their every need and desire through personal prayer
- Please pray that Jesus Christ will lead our church to have many servants to provide a very successful community Vacation Bible School this summer with an overflowing record number of children attending

Pastor Chris Gadlage, *Senior Pastor*
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Pastor Julie Macy, *Associate Pastor and Youth Pastor/ Youth & Family Ministry*
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