



Upcoming Events

As we get the 2022 year under way for First Baptist Church Rockville youth, we wanted to take some time to get you up to speed on the goings on of the group. There are a number of events upcoming, and we want your kids to be involved. The best way we could think to do that was to give you as much notice as possible on many of them so you can plan out schedules accordingly!

WinterJam 2022

The first item on the calendar is Winter Jam. That takes place in Indianapolis at Gainbridge Fieldhouse (Where the Pacers play) at 6pm on **January 28th**. The cost is \$10 at the door, and the doors open at 6pm. We'll need to leave from the church at 4pm in order to make sure we are able to arrive and get tickets, which are distributed on a first-come first-served basis. If you have a van and would be willing to help with transportation, please let us know!

Christmas Party?

On **February 27th** after church we will be holding our 2021 Christmas party. Go ahead and read that again if needed, but you did not misunderstand! Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged, we'll have games and fun to celebrate the birth of Jesus a couple months late!

Game Night

With a busy month of March for many, we won't be doing any major event, but we are planning a game night to take place at the church on **March 5th**. More details will follow as we get closer.

Fusion & Never 2 Young

Next up are Fusion and Never 2 Young. These are weekend conferences at Indiana Wesleyan for Varsity and JV respectively. Fusion (Varsity) will take place on the weekend of **April 1st and 2nd**. Never 2 Young (JV) will take place **May 6th and 7th**. Several of our teens have been to one or both, but more information will be provided as we get closer to those dates.

SLIME WARS

On Wednesday June 1st we will hold the 2nd annual Slime Wars. This is an outdoor event which consists of obstacle courses, water games, and most importantly, *slime*. We will also be using this day to officially move up our incoming 6th grade class to JV. It is a great time for all, and is a really important date to mark on that calendar!

Identity Study

In January we are beginning a study series titled "Identity" which will carry us through the first quarter of the year.

In this study we will learn about who God is, who we are in relation to Him, and how our relationship to God guides our understanding of the world and our actions.

As we get deeper in the study, some of the topics we will cover may not be ones you have spent a great deal of time discussing with your kids.

We will be talking about sex: God's design for it and how that contrasts with the world's ideas about it. We will discuss premarital sex, pornography, homosexuality, and gender identity.

In all of these discussions, we will be seeking to give biblical answers to our teens so that they are equipped with truth in a world that is deeply confused about what truth is.

We want to be working together with parents to provide resources and make sure you are equipped to answer any questions and carry forward discussion that may be generated on Wednesday nights.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or Robert and we'll be happy to talk with you.

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Parents,

In 2022 we are going to begin getting our teens involved in both local and national missions. As Robert and I discussed our goals for our church's teens, one of the important benchmarks we wanted to have each of them experience was to have spent time on at least one international mission trip before graduation.

In order to help prepare our students for that, Varsity is going to be attending Mfuge this summer. So what is Mfuge?

Mfuge is an almost week long camp that is a hybrid of church camp and a mission trip. It gives teens a chance to fellowship with other believers, learn and grow in their faith, and most importantly, put that faith into practice serving in various available mission opportunities. It is a fantastic opportunity for our group to grow closer together as well as to grow in their relationships with Jesus.

These camps are hosted at Christian schools all over the country, and we will be heading to Jackson, Tennessee to Union University for ours. There are a number of things that need to be sorted out before we can make that trip a reality.

First, a \$75 deposit is due by February 1st for each person who will attend. This means we have precious little time to select our date and get registered. The youth group has a budget to cover this deposit up front, so the urgency is primarily in deciding a date. We will also need adult volunteers for this trip, so please be prayerfully considering your potential involvement.

The total cost of the trip is around \$350 per person. The goal is to have that cost offset as much as possible by our youth budget as well as the mission budget.

Here are the two dates we are currently considering:

- June 13-18th
- July 18-23rd

Please let me know as soon as possible which of these works best for your students. I'll need confirmation for registration by Sunday January 30th so I can register by the deadline.

Any students who have completed 8th grade and up are eligible to attend. Reach out to me with any additional questions and I'll address them as best as I can.

In Christ,

Chris Blystone

Mark Your Calendar!

Here are some dates to add to your calendar for the first quarter.

January

12th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
19th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
26th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
28th - 4:00pm Winterjam
30th - 10:30am Fifth Sunday

February

1st - Fuge Camps registration deadline
2nd - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
9th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
16th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
23rd - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
27th - 12pm Youth Christmas Party

March

2nd - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
5th - 6:00pm Game Night
9th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
16th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
23rd - *Spring Break* (No Meeting)
30th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth

April

1st - Fusion Conference (Varsity)
6th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
13th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
20th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
27th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth

May

4th - 5:30pm JV and Varsity Youth
6th - Never 2 Young Conference (JV)