



The Red Brick Church

Youth Ministry
Information Packet
2017-2018

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The Red Brick Church
Youth Activity Schedule

2017-2018

Activity Calendar

September

- 9 – Sat – *Combined Game Night*
- 10 – Sun – Sunday School Kick-off
- 20 – Wed Bible Study Begins (every week)
- 27 – **See You At the Pole** (prayer at school)

October

- 1 – Sun – Youth Group
- 14 – Sat – Rhodes Cookout and **packages college/military**
- 15 – Sun – Youth Group

November

- 5 – Sun – **Around the Table with Seniors and Teens**
- 6 – Mon – **Bread of Life**
- 10 – Fri – Party at Pastor's for lunch
- 19 – Sun – Youth Group
- 22 – NO Wed Bible study
- 26 – Sun – JH Christmas Tree Decorating

December

- 3 – Sun – *Christmas Parties* (4pm JH) (6pm SH)
- 15 – Fri – **Christmas Caroling**
- 17 – Sun – Youth Group
- 27 – NO Bible Study

January

- 3 – NO Bible Study
- 7 – NO Youth Group
- 12-14 – *Winter Retreat*
- 21 – Youth Group

February

- 4 – Sun – Youth Group
- 9 – Fri – **Bake'n'Make for Widows**
- 10 – Sat – **Loving our Widows Visits**
- 16 – Fri – Party at Pastor's for lunch
- 18 – Sun – Youth Group

March

- 4 – Sun – Youth Group
- 18 – Sun – Youth Group
- 19 – Mon – **Bread of Life**
- 28 – NO Bible Study
- 30 – Fri – Good Friday Service

April

- 1 – NO Youth Group (Easter)
- 11 – LAST Bible Study
- 14 – Sat – *CLUE activity*
- 15 – Sun – Youth Group
- 22 – Sun – **Bake sale fundraiser for mission trip?**

May

- 5 – Sat – *Activity @ Rhodes*
- 11 – Fri – **Babysitting Activity**
- 20 – Sun – Graduation Sunday

Activity Calendar Sign-up

(#hosts, #sponsors needed)

September	
9 – Sat evening – <i>Water Games</i>	(1,2)
October	
1 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
14 – Sat 4-7pm – <i>Rhodes Cookout / packages</i>	(1,2)
15 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
November	
5 – Sun – <i>Around the Table</i>	(1,2)
?6 – Mon 3pm? – <i>Bread of Life</i>	(0,1-2)
19 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
26 – Sun – JH Christmas Tree Decorating	(1,1)
December	
3 – Sun 4-6pm – JH Christmas Parties	(1,1)
3 – Sun 6-8pm – SH Christmas Parties	(1,1)
15 – Fri pm – <i>Christmas Caroling</i>	(1,3)
17 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
January	
12-14 – <i>Winter Retreat</i>	(2,3)
21 – Youth Group	(1,2)
February	
4 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
9 – Fri pm – <i>Bake'n'Make</i>	(1,1)
10 – Sat 2-4pm – <i>Loving our Widows Visits</i>	(1,5)
18 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
March	
4 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
18 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
?19 – Mon – <i>Bread of Life</i>	(0,1-2)
April	
14 – Sat pm – <i>CLUE activity</i>	(2,7)
15 – Sun – Youth Group	(1,2)
22 – Sun – Bake sale fundraiser for mission trip?	(2,3)
May	
5 – Sat – <i>Activity @ Rhodes</i>	(1,2)
11 – Fri – <i>Babysitting Ministry Activity</i>	(1,3)

Activity Calendar Host Responsibilities

All purchases are reimbursed from the youth budget. Youth Group hosts should plan to feed 40-50. Sponsors are expected to invest in teens personally. They also need to check-in teens, help run the activity, write a brief review of the event, and help setup/teardown (and encourage teens to be involved).

September

- 9 – Sat – *Combined Game* (Host: plan outdoor meal, help plan, setup, organize games)

October

- 1 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 14 – Sat – *Rhodes Cookout* and packages college/military (Host: collect name list for college/military, organize packing and shipping. Work with Pastor T to collect donations.)
- 15 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)

November

- 5 – Sun – *Around the Table with Seniors and Teens* (Host: plan food, decorations, and activity, communicate with Sr. Group, work with Pastor T on advertising.) (Sponsor: play)
- 6? – Mon – *Bread of Life* (Sponsor: Attend, help students stay on task)
- 19 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 26 – JH Christmas Tree Decorating (Host: Meet with JH in advance (maybe on Nov 19 or wed study), plan decoration strategy, communicate with Stillman Bank, organize decoration, snack afterward.) (Sponsor: Help with decoration/snack)

December

- 3 – Sun – Christmas Parties (Host JH: serve dinner/snacks, organize present distribution, take them to Cardinal Christmas) (Host SH: serve dinner, organize present distribution)
- 15 – Fri – Christmas Caroling (Host: organize music, groups and timing for caroling, organize snack afterward.) (Sponsors: help lead groups to various homes)
- 17 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)

January

- 12-14 – Winter Retreat (Host: plan, organize, purchase and serve food for the camp) (Sponsor: Stay in cabin with teens, supervise, help with games and meal cleanup, etc.)
- 21 – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)

February

- 4 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 9 – Fri – *Bake'n'Make for Widows* (Host: purchase ingredients for cookie baking and card making, organize evening)
- 10 – Sat – *Loving our Widows Visits* (Host: compile widow lists, make map routes, organize delivery) (Sponsors: Be a driver for a few teens to visit the widows.)
- 18 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)

March

- 4 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 18 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 19? – Mon – *Bread of Life* (Sponsor: Attend, help students stay on task)

April

- 14 – Sat – CLUE activity (Host 1: serve food, help setup/cleanup) (Host 2: Work with Pastor T to organize/plan the activity, collecting props, decorating church) (Sponsor: Dress up as a character in Clue game.) [Scarlet, Plumb, Mustard, Peacock, White, Green, Game master]
- 15 – Sun – Youth Group (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity for JH)
- 22 – Sun – Bake sale fundraiser (Host 1: organize/serve meal for 100 church members) (Host 2: plan desserts from teens) (Sponsor: Help with setup/cleanup)

May

- 6 – Sun – Activity @ Rhodes (Host: serve food to YG, plan activity)
- 11 – Fri – Babysitting Activity (Host: Organize activity schedule for the evening) (Sponsor: help kids have fun and keep them safe)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Wednesday Bible Study

BIBLE MEMORY and BIBLICAL THEOLOGY FOCUSED

This year, our focus will be on how to study the Bible. We will be using the curriculum 'Open My Eyes' from Desiring God. We will continue to memorize our 21 Never Forget verses and 16 verses from biblical theology (see p.15). We have an ice cream sundae party at the end of the year for students who meet their memory goals.

Youth Group

BEING TOGETHER & STUDYING THE SCRIPTURE

Our teens meet the FIRST and THIRD Sunday of each month (with a few exceptions). Junior High AND Senior High Youth Group meet right after church 12-2:00pm for lunch. Senior Highers then goes to the Michalek home to hang out and have a Bible lesson from Pastor Tim. Junior Highers will have a lesson from Pastor Tim then play some games.

Youth Group MMA (Monthly Ministry Activity)

DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER

We want our teens to know they are not only attending the Red Brick Church, but have an important part of the ministry here. Our teens have opportunities to visit widows, pack food baskets for needy families, send care packages and notes of encouragement to our college students, and many more.

Youth Group Activities

HAVING FUN TOGETHER

Our youth group activities are sometimes combined and sometimes separated into SH and JH. They are great entry level activities for friends who may be intimidated by a church service or Bible study. We always have a lot of fun being together.

Camps/Retreats/Trips

FOCUSED ON GROWING SPIRITUALLY TOGETHER

We encourage our teens to attend one or more of the summer camps. We give scholarships to each teen. We also combine with area churches in January for a local winter retreat. These are both excellent opportunities for teens to get outside of their normal routine, hear excellent preaching, and have fun with other teens. Our summer mission trip also provides great service opportunities for teen to minister outside their normal comfort zone.

Weekly Service Opportunities

SERVING CHRIST THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH

On Sundays, our teens help in the technology booth and music. On Wednesdays during the school year, several of our teens are involved as Leaders in Training (LIT) each week during AWANA. They help listen to verses, run games and make the program run smoothly. Most of our LITs attend the Wednesday Bible Study, which takes place after AWANA.

Sunday School

TEACHING HOW TO DISCOVER WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS

On Sunday at 9:00, our teens meet in the admin building for age appropriate lessons about the Bible. Junior High goes through our Bible Instruction Class (BIC) to learn the story, purpose and structure of the Bible. Senior High studies various topics relevant to their life and future and what the Bible teaches about them. Some of the topics covered are authority of the Bible, origin of the world, being a man/woman, marriage/family, church, ethics, prejudice, evil, religions and worldviews.

The Red Brick Church
Youth Philosophy

2017-2018

MISSION OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Youth Ministry maintains the mission of The Red Brick Church. “Youth Group” serves as one of the many “Life Triangles” we have here.

The mission or purpose of our church is to “glorify God and maximize our joy by growing an extended family of fully devoted followers of Christ.”

Everything we do relates to this purpose.

Life Triangles are one of the specific ways we pursue our mission at the Red Brick Church. “Life Triangles” are a philosophy we pursue for all our groups. We call them “Life Triangles” because they picture how we live together in unity - - how we share life or fellowship. We also call them “Life Triangles” because participating is a matter of life or death. Community is not an option for believers. Sharing life together is critical if we are to survive (Hebrews 10:24-25). We call them “Life Triangles” because the 3 sides of a triangle remind us of 3 interconnected activities that are the lifeblood of a local church.

As a church, we should:

1. **Assimilate** people into our local church: that is, tell people who we are and how they can be a part of it (1 John 1:3-4).
2. **Educate** about Christ – It is through our knowledge of God that he gives us all we need for life and doctrine. Our church is striving together to be increasingly rooted in sound doctrine (Colossians 1:28-29, 2:6-7).
3. **Care** for one another. The Christian community should distinctively demonstrate “love” (John 13:34-35).



Strengthen any one of the three and you help the other two.

CURRICULUM GOALS

The person who aims at “nothing” is sure to hit it. One of our goals for our local church is to clearly define what we are aiming at for flock’s understanding of truth. This document sets forth our curriculum target. These are the areas in which we aim to equip (Ephesians 4:12) our people.

Area to Know	Curriculum Goals
<p>Faith Story: How did you come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?</p>	<p>Write out your testimony / story of salvation with the gospel applied to your life. When were you baptized? Understand why the Lord’s Supper is so important in the life of the believer.</p>
<p>Basic Bible Study Methods (Hermeneutics): How can I study the Bible and live in light of truth?</p>	<p>Everyone in our church should be equipped to study a passage of Scripture by learning to study the authorial intent, identify the timeless truth (s), and apply truth to life today. We should follow the example of the Bereans (Acts 17:11-12)! See 7 Arrows for Bible Reading</p>
<p>Biblical Theology: What is the storyline of the Bible and how do the parts fit with the whole?</p>	<p>Know the Big Story of Scripture and Overview of Biblical Theology. Avoid knowing Bible stories but not the Bible story. Know Bible stories summarized in The Jesus Storybook Bible. See also The Big Picture of What God Always Wanted. Chris Bruno’s 16 Verses highlights the most important verses in the story of the Bible.</p>
<p>Systematic Theology / Doctrine: What does the whole of Scripture teach on central areas of doctrine such as the doctrine of Christ?</p>	<p>Church Doctrinal Statement The Apostles Creed The Nicene Creed</p> <p>New City Catechism New City Catechism Online</p> <p>Bible Instruction Class</p> <p>Theologically rich hymns</p>
<p>Never Forget: 7 Pastoral Emphases at the Red Brick Church Given our time and place, what are the points our local church emphasizes?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know that following Christ is both right and best. 2. Be warned. Be sure. Get up. 3. Understand that God makes “bricks” with a building in mind. 4. Sharpen your wisdom with the Word 5. Envision a beautiful bride walking down the aisle in a Christ-centered wedding. 6. Think deeply about true answers. 7. Be assured: the people of the Red Brick Church love you.

TWENTY-ONE VERSES TO “NEVER FORGET”

	<u>“Never Forget”</u>	Bible Verses to Study / Memorize
1	Know that following Christ is right and best.	<u>John 10:10</u> <u>Ephesians 2:8-9</u> <u>Hebrews 11:6</u>
2	Be warned and be sure.	<u>Galatians 6:7</u> <u>2 Corinthians 13:5</u> <u>1 John 5:13</u>
3	Remember that God makes bricks with a building in mind.	<u>1 Peter 2:5</u> <u>Hebrews 10:25</u> <u>1 Corinthians 12:13</u>
4	Sharpen your wisdom saw with the Word.	<u>Romans 12:1-2</u> <u>Psalms 119:9</u> <u>Deuteronomy 6:4-9</u>
5	Envision a beautiful bride walking down the aisle.	<u>Genesis 2:23</u> <u>Matthew 19:6</u> <u>Ephesians 5:31-32</u>
6	Think deeply about true answers.	<u>1 Peter 3:15</u> <u>Philippians 1:9-10</u> <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>
7	Be assured: the people of the Red Brick Church love you.	<u>1 John 4:10</u> <u>John 13:34-35</u> <u>Revelation 22:1</u>

THE WHOLE STORY OF THE BIBLE IN 16 VERSES

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation (Genesis 1: 31) 2. Human Beings (Genesis 1: 27– 28) 3. The Fall (Genesis 3: 6– 7) 4. Redemption Promised (Genesis 3: 15) 5. Abraham (Genesis 12: 2– 3) 6. Judah the King (Genesis 49: 10) 7. The Passover Lamb (Exodus 12: 23) 8. King David (2 Samuel 7: 12– 13) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53: 6) 10. Resurrection Promised (Ezekiel 37: 3– 5) 11. New Creation (Isaiah 65: 17) 12. Fulfillment! (Mark 1: 14– 15) 13. The Cross (John 19: 30) 14. Resurrection (Romans 1: 3– 4) 15. Justification (Romans 3: 21– 26) 16. Glory (Revelation 21: 1– 4)
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Chris Bruno

Why Should We Never Forget These Points?

- 1. Why know that following Christ is right and best?**

I know that following Jesus is right because he is the way, the truth, and the life. Following Jesus is best because only Jesus meets the deepest needs of my heart and life. So the Westminster shorter catechism begins by saying that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

I understand that I will not always *feel* that Jesus is best. Until Christ returns, Christians struggle with temptations that whisper that something other than Christ - - some achievement, some passion, some possession ---will satisfy. I must battle those temptations.
- 2. Why should I be warned and be sure?**

I need to be warned because if I choose to sin I am choosing to suffer. I need to be sure because the Bible says that there are some people who think they are Christians when they are not. As a result, I need to know [the proper basis for assurance of salvation](#). [And I need to kill sin before it kills me!](#)
- 3. Why should I remember that God makes bricks with a building in mind?**

Remembering that God makes bricks with a building in mind reminds me that I deeply need to be mortared into Christian community. In a local church, I need to be baptized and see others baptized. In my local church I need to corporately observe the Lord's Supper, hear the Word preach, pray, share life with God's people.
- 4. Why do I need to sharpen my wisdom with the Word?**

A good life requires good decision making and decision making skills are improved by having my mind transformed by God's Word. Until I gain experience in life, I need to rely on the wisdom of my parents, grandparents, and the body of Christ.
- 5. Why should I envision a beautiful bride walking down the aisle?**

God's plan for marriage is beautiful and is vital for my future, that of children, and of the local church. Though all of us are called to be single at various points in life, and though not all get married, a marriage is a picture of the gospel for everyone. Christ calls the Church his bride. This is a beautiful picture.
- 6. Why do I need to think deeply about true answers?**

Many people go through life as zombies not thinking through the big questions like: Why am I here? What happens after death? How can I know joy and happiness? If we do not live in light of biblical answers, we will stumble through life and make poor decisions. Ultimately, those who do not think deeply about the meaning of life will spend eternity in hell apart from Christ.
- 7. Why can I be assured that the people of the Red Brick Church love me?**

I can be assured of the love of my church family because God is love and he has loved his church. As the people of a God of love, my church is called to be distinctive as those who love one another. I further know that the people of my church love me by how they gather together every week for over 150 years.

Why Memorize These Verses?

1. **Why memorize [John 10:10](#)?** [John 10:1-18](#) is the passage where Jesus describes himself as the ideal or good shepherd. Echoing [Psalm 23](#), Jesus tells us that his sheep know his voice and that he came to care for his flock that we might have life more abundantly.
2. **Why memorize [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)?** In Ephesians 2 the Apostle Paul describes how God loved us even when we were rebellious so that we might be saved by grace. This Scripture makes it clear that we in no way earn our salvation.
3. **Why memorize [Hebrews 11:6](#)?** Hebrews 11 is the great “Hall of Faith” chapter in which the author of Hebrews describes how Old Testament believers made great decisions because of their faith. Hebrews 11:6 tells us that if we are to follow the faithful example of these Old Testament heroes we must believe two things: (1) That God is real and (2) That God rewards those who seek Him.
4. **Why memorize [Galatians 6:7](#)?** Galatians 6:7 warns us that bad decisions make fun of God and that we cannot expect to make them without their being bad consequences. To the extent that we choose to sin, we choose to suffer.
5. **Why memorize [2 Corinthians 13:5](#)?** In 2 Corinthians the Apostle Paul reminds us to examine ourselves to see if we really are in the faith. If we are truly “born again” as Christians, we will see the fruit of the Christian life.
6. **Why memorize [1 John 5:13](#)?** Similar, to 1 Corinthians 13:5, John tells us that the purpose of 1 John is to know the proper basis for assurance of salvation. Elsewhere in the Bible, we read that the basis for assurance of salvation is: (1) Present faith (2) The fruit or evidence of a changed life (3) The testimony of the Holy Spirit with our spirit that we are God’s children.
7. **Why memorize [1 Peter 2:5](#)?** In 1 Peter 2:5 Peter reminded suffering children that God intended that they would be built up into a spiritual house with the Lord Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone. God makes bricks with a building in mind!
8. **Why memorize [Hebrews 10:25](#)?** Hebrews 10:25 warns us that we must be in church where our souls can be fed and where we can encourage one another.
9. **Why memorize [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)?** 1 Corinthians 12:13 assures me of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and teaches me of the unity of the body of Christ.
10. **Why memorize [Romans 12:1-2](#)?** Romans 12:1-2 teach us that in light of the gospel we should offer our lives to Christ as living sacrifices. Further, in order to make good decisions, we need for our minds to be shaped by the Bible in an ongoing way.
11. **Why memorize [Psalm 119:9](#)?** Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible and it is an extended explanation of why God’s Word is so precious. Psalm 119:9 tells me that the way young people can avoid the many temptations of this life is to live according to God’s Word.

12. **Why memorize [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)?** When Jesus was asked what is the first and greatest commandment, he quoted Deuteronomy 6:4. This passage teaches us that there is only one God, that he must be central in all of life, and that our families should constantly strive to learn more about him.
13. **Why memorize [Genesis 2:23](#)?** Genesis 2:18-25 gives us God's blueprint for the family. It was not good for Adam to be alone, so God created Eve who was like him, but different, and perfectly suited to fit together with Adam in every way.
14. **Why memorize [Matthew 19:6](#)?** In Matthew 19:6 Jesus instructed us that marriage between a man and a woman is a solemn union that should not be torn apart.
15. **Why memorize [Ephesians 5:31-32](#)?** Ephesians 5:31-32 teaches that marriage is the central human relationship for those who are married, so much so that we leave our parents to be married. Further, the passage shows me that marriage and the gospel help us to understand one another because the church is the bride of Christ.
16. **Why memorize [1 Peter 3:15](#)?** 1 Peter 3:15 teaches us that when we suffer or are questioned because of our Christian faith we should be prepared to gently and humbly explain why we believe that Christ is our hope for all of life.
17. **Why memorize [Philippians 1:9-10](#)?** In Philippians 1:9-10, the Apostle Paul modeled how we should pray that Christian love would become increasingly wise so that we can make good decisions for the glory of Christ.
18. **Why memorize [Matthew 28:18-20](#)?** Matthew 28:18-20 is the Great Commission in which Jesus instructed his disciples to go into all the world and make fully devoted followers of Him both baptizing them and teaching them about Jesus.
19. **Why memorize [1 John 4:10](#)?** 1 John 4:10 shows us that God the Father defined love by sending his son to pay the penalty for our sins.
20. **Why memorize [John 13:34-35](#)?** In 1 John 13:34-35 Jesus [gave the new commandment to love one another](#) as he has loved us. Jesus us told us that love would be a distinctive way that all people would know we are his followers.
21. **Why memorize [Revelation 22:1](#)?** Revelation 22 gives us a preview of the heavenly city where believers will gather in the presence of Jesus. This is the passage Pastor Chris has in mind when he says that we will meet at the 5th tree on the right side of the river. Later in the chapter we are promised that we will be there *soon*.

Recommended Reading to “Never Forget”

1. **Know that following Christ is right and best.**

Lewis, C.S. *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*. Edited by Walter Hooper. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1996.

Piper, John. *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist*. Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Books, 1996.

2. **Be warned and be sure.**

Lambert, Heath. *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.

Piper, John. *When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight For Joy*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2004.

3. **Why should I remember that God makes bricks with a building in mind?**

Brauns, Chris. *Bound Together: How We Are Tied to Others in Good and Bad Choices*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013.

4. **Sharpen your wisdom saw with the Word.**

5. **Envision a beautiful bride walking down the aisle.**

Keller, Timothy, and Kathy Keller. *The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God*. New York: Dutton, 2011.

6. **Think deeply about true answers.**

Keller, Timothy. *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. New York: Dutton, 2008.

7. **Be assured that the people of the Red Brick Church love me.**

PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH MINISTRY
Thoughts for The Red Brick Church
Pastor Chris Brauns

Pastor Chris Brauns, June 2013 Draft #1, July 2013 Draft #2, August 2013 Draft #3, Draft #4 August 29, 2013, #5 April 22, 2014, #6 5/8/14, #7 8/5/14

One of the biggest points of emphasis right now for The Red Brick Church is to continue to grow our youth ministry. Pastor Chris Brauns is taking leadership in outlining our philosophy of youth ministry at the Red Brick Church.

1. The vision for our youth, and our whole church family, is to spend eternity together in the presence of Christ our King.

Ours is a big dream! It is the most compelling vision ever and youth leadership (and all leadership) must begin with a compelling vision.

See also:

[The Problem is Not That We Want Too Much: We Want Too Little](#)

[Our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever](#)

[Mike McGarry: 9 Things You Need to Know About Youth Ministry](#)

[Jonathan Edwards Was as High on Heaven as He Was Hot on Hell](#)

[5th Tree, Right Side Facing the Throne of God](#)

[What are "S" Activities at the Red Brick Church](#)

a. From our ultimate vision of spending eternity with Jesus, we must help teens and their families vividly envision a Christian plan for each step of the way.

Youth leadership is about envisioning the beautiful places where we encourage our teens to visit along the rode of life. Hence, leadership must be positive (see Marcus Buckingham)

We should help teens see the beauty of positive relationships with their parents and grandparents.

We should help teens envision life immediately following high school

Re college (See this handout) –
Re debt
Re church involvement

It is a very difficult time for young people to envision life after high school. Debt threatens them. Substance abuse is tempting. The economy is slipping. They don't feel as though they fit in many of our churches . . .

We have done a better job helping teens envision what it means to follow Christ in high school with camp and youth group. But now we need to give them a very vivid vision of life during the college and career years.

The lack of vision for college and career is threatening our future.

We need to paint the picture and encourage it whole-heartedly.

Re prep for ministry
Re dating and marriage: a Christian marriage
One way we can do is via the endowment

b. There must be recognition that progress in spiritual growth requires intense effort.

We have to dig for wisdom as though we are looking for treasure.

See also:

[Dig for Wisdom Like It's 1849](#)

[Do We Grow by Our Effort or God's Grace?](#)

2. Our most basic "nutritional" need is for the Gospel and the Word of God.

a. We do not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Deut 8:3). "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17)."

All ministries to all people must be Word centered and this includes youth (Psalm 119:9). If we are not Word-centered *now*, we lose our children *forever*.

See excerpt from Pastor Chris Brauns's doctoral thesis.

[The Word of God is our only rule for life and conduct!](#)

b. Another way to say that we must be Word-centered is to say that we must be "Gospel centered."

Over and over again - - repeatedly - - we will talk about what we mean by the Gospel.

Our children youth should hear the [Gospel](#) at church, at home, and at youth group.

Studies in recent years have repeatedly demonstrated that a large number of young people, who consider themselves Christians, ascribe to what Christian Smith called "[moralistic-therapeutic-deism](#)".¹ The idea that we need only be "good" is "a way that seems right to people, but in the end it is death (Proverbs 14:12)." It is *not* enough to be up-standing citizens. Many people who are considered "good" by the standards of society do not know Christ. What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? (Matthew 16:26).

Likewise, we must stay away from behavioristic methods that seek to control children rather than evangelize them.

See also:

[What Do Christians Mean When They Reference the Gospel or Good News Emphases for Graduating Seniors](#)

[How can a person be sure of his or her salvation?](#)

c. We must stay "centered" in the Gospel rather than attractive tangents.

Those navigating youth ministry in the 21st Century find themselves navigating between extremes in a number of areas:

¹ Christian Smith et al., *Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011); Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Left Ditch		Right Ditch
Worldly		“Amish”
Teens isolated by age group / de-emphasis of family		No youth ministry / family and church seen synonymously
Games only		Non-engaging and irrelevant teaching
A “decisionist” approach with little or know structured curriculum or teaching	(see Keller, “The Need for Gospel Renewal”)	“Programmed conversion” / formalized spirituality through confirmation etc / no recognition of revival
Complete para-church approach		A refusal to ever cooperate with other churches
Outward – Student activists focused only on service projects or trips but not real gospel foundation ²		Inward – Consumer focused whether it is heavy emphasis on teaching and discipleship or, worse, entertainment

From Bruce McKanna:

Inward: Students are receptacles. The best case scenario has a heavy emphasis on teaching and discipleship. The worst case scenario is all entertainment and attractions for an “audience.” There is no evangelism beyond invitations to the event, and no service to the body or the community.

Outward: Students are activists. Community service and mission trips are nice things to do to keep kids busy, change the world, and put something on their college application. No gospel foundation means no ultimate purpose or reason for witness.

Balance: Robust discipleship includes intensive input of teaching and equipping, and this results in bold witness of the gospel and sacrificial service in Christ’s name and for his kingdom.

- d. **The preaching of the Word must be particularly valued. We will especially value expository teaching and preaching.**

This means we will seek to equip our people to teach and preach in such a way: “A biblical bullet fired at the life of the listener” – See [Churches Looking for A Pastor Should Watch More Than the Splash](#)

See excerpt from Pastor Chris Brauns’s doctoral thesis.

[Is Preaching Simply One Alternative for Proclaiming Truth](#)

[What I Love About Preaching](#)

[Trevin Wax: 1000 Sermons Will Change Your Life](#)

[Where Spurgeon Said the Battle is Lost or Won](#)

- e. **Quitting the Christian Faith (or taking a break even) cannot be an option; we will never accept that it is okay or acceptable for children to walk away from the faith.**

² Credit to Bruce McKanna for help on this point.

We are saved by faith alone, but not faith that is alone. Those who walk away from local church involvement must question the reality of their faith (1 John 2:19).

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

Jesus warned that many think they have eternal life when they do not (Matt 7:21 ff). This is sobering. Our goal is that all of our young people will continue in active fellowship with a Christ-centered church without interruption. Eternity is at stake. We love our children and will persevere in identifying ways to better minister to them. The reality is that our church has lost our young people at an alarming rate. This cannot continue.

See also:

[How Many Youth are Leaving the Church?](#)

[What Scares Me Most as a Pastor](#)

[How can a person be sure of his or her salvation?](#)

[Three Characteristics of Teens Who Continue on For Christ](#)

- f. **The call to follow Christ is a call to be weird.** As Chesterton said, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd.” We must let our young people know that as those who are to be set apart we must be different and distinct from the world.
- g. **Our teens (and their families) must learn that not everything that calls itself Christian is Christian.**

We wish (in part) that our children would all stay around here forever. But they may at some point go off to college or possibly change locations. We need to teach them how to evaluate the Christian confession of particular places.

Most colleges that call themselves Christian are not, in fact, Christian.

Most (?) churches that call themselves Christian are not, in fact, truly committed to the gospel and biblical Christianity.

This all comes together to envision our church where parents are biblically challenged in an ongoing way, where people relate to one another as extended family. For youth ministry, in particular, we envision a team of adult leaders, each serving in their areas of giftedness, who build vital relationships with young people.

3. **God’s primary and foundational means for the discipleship of children and youth is through families.**

A church’s first strategy for building into children is by the discipleship of parents. Pastors and local churches must encourage and equip parents to impart the faith to their children when they sit at home and when they walk along the road, when they lie down and when they get up (Deut 6:4-9).

Youth leaders must teach and encourage young people to honor their fathers and mothers because this commandment comes with a promise, that it may go well with them (Ephesians 6:2).

See also:

[Small Steps Along The Way of Deut 6:4-9](#)

[Shepherding a Child's Heart](#)

[Age of Opportunity](#)

[The Questions Teens Should Be Asking](#)

[How Boys Learn to Be Men](#)

See my story in my Easter Primer about a grandma who uses flannel-graph

- a. **There are many areas of Christian liberty regarding the parenting of youth and youth ministries.**

Cell phones, social media, school choice, video games, dancing: no two families will precisely agree. We must accept that there are differences and work together graciously.

Sad Mom says:

“Can church camp environments produce emotional experiences that are not authentic signs of spiritual transformation?”

Of course they can. Our son attended Camp XXXXXX in grade school and in middle school. We have a DVD from the camp in which our son is seen sitting around with the other kids and the pastors and camp staff. It is night and the kids are giving their “testimonies”. Our son is seen giving an emotional testimony. Fast forward a few years. Our son is almost grown now and is adamant that he does not believe any of it. He has no love for God and refers to Jesus as “our invisible friend”.

4. **Having emphasized the importance of the family, our central allegiance in life is to Christ and his Church, not the family (Luke 14:26).**

If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26-27

Some forms of the home church movement have exhibited a poor ecclesiology. Of course, it is fine for a church to meet in a home! But it must be a local church. Our central program strategy for youth will be in our local church. As our staff situation allows, we are open to cooperating with other local churches periodically for events like [See You at the Pole](#). However, our programming will not focus around cooperative events which, in the extreme, can distance young people from their own church. Such collaborative efforts are often confined to a “lowest common denominator” of theological truth. Our primary energies will be in integrating youth into the life of the church.

See also:

[Where the church and the family are concerned, to which error are you prone?](#)
[On Excusing Ourselves from Church in the Name of Family,](#)
[Sam Waldron: The Relationship Between Church and Family](#)

For an interesting discussion of how both the family and the Church need one another, see *How the West Really Lost God* by Mary Eberstadt which I point to in my post, [The Decline of the Family Puts Pressure on the State](#). Eberstadt writes from the perspective of Catholicism. She offers many penetrating insights.

a. We are praying that our church will be used to raise-up a new generation of leaders.

Quite the opposite of leaving the faith, our church prays that all will follow Christ and that some will be called into Christian leadership, either vocationally or in their local churches as elders, deacons, CE Committee members etc. Unto whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:47-48). We have a tremendous opportunity to disciple our young people to go into all the world to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

This means we must be very intentional and vivid in helping our young people envision:

- How to make the transition from high school to college or a career.
- How to choose a college or career.
- How to dream about a Christ-centered wedding and marriage.
- How to choose a church.

See also:

[I'm Asking My Wife and Children to Watch This Video](#)

b. Our church will not exclusively compartmentalize youth by age group or distance them from the family of believers.

The church as a whole should be seen as extended family and love should be evident. Relationships with adults in the church are as important as relationships with peers. Indeed, the relationships between youth and adults are more strategically important than peer-to-peer relationships given the biblical emphasis on older people teaching younger (Titus 2:1-15).

See also:

[The best parts of being a pastor](#)

[A Key Principle for Youth Ministry](#): It is *essential* that young people are connected in fellowship, worship, and friendship with adults in the church, as well as young people.

c. Consequently, children and youth must learn to be in the worship service at church.

Indeed, the first Sunday morning priority should be for teens to be in the worship service. On some level, corporate worship is an acquired taste. We must learn the joy of singing together, praying together, and hearing the Word preached. The goal should be for young people to be here for both hours on Sunday.

If only one hour on Sunday morning works, then young people should be in the worship service.

We should not be surprised when young people check out of church if they have never learned to worship.

Humanly speaking, if your child does not learn to sit in church as a child and teen, he or she will most likely walk away from the faith shortly after college.

See [Organized Sports on Sundays?](#)

5. There is a *great* need for age specific youth ministry.

- a. **In a fallen world, most young people in our culture do not live in homes that are Christ-centered, which means we do need to do outreach in age specific ways.**

It is a fact that young people are more open to the Gospel than those who are older. Yet, many young people do not have Christ-centered homes. Unfortunately, this includes some who attend church. Churches must make strategic decisions about whether or not they will simply leave those teens to be on their own, or, if they will seek to reach out to young people who are searching for answers. While some disagree, most evangelical churches in our culture believe that one means of reaching out to young people is through a youth ministry. Our church will strive to engage our community and to actively proclaim the gospel to those who are lost.

See also:

[Team Sunday Video](#)

- b. **Further, even teens from Christian homes rightly desire to grow in Christian fellowship with their peers.**

This does not mean that families can be marginalized (see #2), but rather the point is that it is legitimate for teens to have friends their own age and social events where they enjoy one another's company. Our church believes that we should offer events with a vision of Spirit-filled teens speaking to one another with Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:18-20).

See also:

Chapter 6 of [Bound Together](#), "Bound Together for Joy"

- c. **Teens, who do not experience Christ-centered fellowship with peers, often satisfy their thirst for those relationships in unhealthy ways.**

6. **Leading Youth Ministries requires great wisdom and skill.**

- a. **Leading Youth Ministry requires a different sort of training and expertise than children's ministries.**

In our context, Children's Ministries is more like connect the dots or paint by numbers; Youth Ministries are more free form. AWANA and Children's Ministries have defined structures and methods. For AWANA, we know what we are going to do, the curriculum we are going to use, when they will meet, and the personnel required.

Youth ministry on the other hand requires greater flexibility and more diverse expertise. It demands more intellectually (the questions get tougher). It requires more diversity in leadership.

- b. **We must become adept at apologetics (see Job notes and glossary) & Piper on defeater beliefs**
- c. **Youth Ministries requires a large team of volunteers who are plugged into their areas of giftedness.**
- d. **Our programming philosophy will involve events at several levels of time and effort.**

We will encourage small, simple, spontaneous get-togethers, planned meetings with leaders, fun events, and also major events such as camp or a missions trip. Programming will be simple, and the organization of games will be largely up to the teens themselves.

See also:

[Is it Wrong to Have Fun at Church?](#)
[What is an "S" Activity at the Red Brick Church?](#)

e. Our methodology will intentionally leverage social media.

Youth ministries cannot operate most effectively in the 21st century without interacting with young people through web sites and social media. This requires expertise, time, and money. But it is essential.

See also:

[For Those in Favor of the Telephone, 700 Billion Minutes Build Digital Relationships or Die A Post-Website World](#)

f. JH and SH Teens are in markedly different places of development. Hence, not all events for JH and SH can be combined.

g. As a church, we are not going to be tossed about by every wind of change in philosophies of youth ministry.

There is a tendency in our age to lurch from one youth group theory to the next - - - In the last 40 years, there have been various trends which include: big event youth ministry, small group based youth ministry, Christian schools, homeschools, no youth groups, separate church for youth, etc etc . We have learned from many of these trends and emphases. But we are looking for a steady, long term philosophy of youth ministry that stresses the centrality of the local church, the need for the Word to be proclaimed, the importance of the family, etc.



The Red Brick Church
Church Calendar

2017-2018

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9a Worship_Service	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 9a Worship_Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 9a Worship_Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9a Worship_Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9a Worship_Service	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9a Worship_Service	4	5 6p AWANA Kick-Off	6	7	8	9 5p Youth Group Game

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9a Worship_Service	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9a Worship_Service	4	5	6 6p AWANA Kick-Off	7	8	9 5p Youth Group Game
10 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	11	12	13 6p AWANA	14	15	16
17 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	18	19	20 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	21	22	23
24 9a Worship_Service 1p AWANA in SV FF F	25	26	27 7a See You At The Po 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	28	29	30
1 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	2	3	4 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	5	6	7

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	2	3	4 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible Sl	5	6	7
8 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	9	10	11 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible Sl	12	13	14 4p Youth Activity @ RI
15 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	16	17	18 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible Sl	19	20	21
22 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	23	24	25 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible Sl	26	27	28
29 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	30	31	1 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible Sl	2	3	4
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19 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group 5p AWANA Family Sk.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 4p JH Tree Decorator	27	28	29 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	30	1	2
3 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 4p JH Christmas Part 6p SH Christmas Part	4	5	6 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	7	8	9

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 4p JH Tree Decorator	27	28	29 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	30	1	2
3 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 4p JH Christmas Part 6p SH Christmas Part	4	5	6 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	7	8	9
10 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	11	12	13 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	14	15 Christmas Caroling	16
17 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	18	19	20 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	21	22	23
24 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9a Worship_Service	1	2	3	4	5	6

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9a Worship_Service	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	8	9	10 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	11	12 5p Youth Group Winter Retreat	13
14 Youth Group Winter Retreat 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	15	16	17 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	18	19	20 5:30p AWANA Family
21 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	22	23	24 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	25	26	27 9a AWANA Derby Cut-
28 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	29	30	31 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible S	1	2	3
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February 2018

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25 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Serv	26	27	28	29	30 7p Good Friday Serv	31
1 EASTER Sunday 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Serv	2	3	4 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible St	5	6	7

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER Sunday 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	2	3	4 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible SI	5	6	7
8 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	9	10	11 6p AWANA 7p Jr/Sr Youth Bible SI	12	13	14 Youth Group Activity
15 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Youth Group	16	17	18 6p AWANA	19	20	21
22 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk 12p Mission Trip Fund	23	24	25 6p AWANA Leadership	26	27	28
29 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	30	1	2	3	4	5 4p Youth Group Activit
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27 9a Worship_Service 10:30a Worship Servk	28	29	30	31	1	2
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The Red Brick Church
Stillman/Byron School Calendars

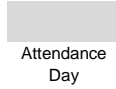
2017-2018

**2017 - 2018 School Year Calendar
Meridian C.U.S.D. #223**

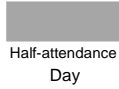
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AUGUST					Aug. 15	Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance	Student	<u>11</u>
	1	2	3	4				
7	8	9	10	11	Aug. 16	Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance		
14	15	16	17	18				
21	22	23	24	25	Aug. 17	First Day of student attendance		
28	29	30	31					
SEPTEMBER					Sept. 1	Early dismissal 11:10 am	Student	<u>20</u>
H	5	6	7	8	Sept. 4	No School - Labor Day		
11	12	13	14	15	Sept. 13	Parent Teacher Conferences MJH 4-7		
18	19	20	21	22	Sept. 19	Parent Teacher Conferences MJH 4-7		
25	26	27	28	29				
OCTOBER					Oct. 4	Parent Teacher Conferences MC 4-7,		
				6	Oct. 6.	Teacher's Institute - No Student Attendance	Student	<u>20</u>
2	3	4	5	6	Oct. 9.	No School - Columbus Day		
9	10	11	12	13	Oct. 11	Parent Teacher Conferences HGS/MC 3-6, Parent Teacher Conferences SVHS 4-7		
16	17	18	19	20				
23	24	25	26	27	Oct. 13	End of 1st quarter		
30	31				Oct. 17	Parent Teacher Conferences SVHS 4-7		
					Oct. 18	Parent Teacher Conferences HGS 4-7		
NOVEMBER					Nov. 10	Early dismissal 11:10 am	Student	<u>19</u>
6	7	8	9	10	Nov. 13	No School - Veteran's Day observed		
H	14	15	16	17	Nov. 22	No School		
20	21	22	23	24	Nov. 23	No School - Thanksgiving		
27	28	29	30		Nov. 24	No School - Thanksgiving Break		
DECEMBER					Dec. 8	Early dismissal 11:10 am	Student	<u>16</u>
4	5	6	7	8	Dec. 22	End of Semester 1		
11	12	13	14	15	Dec. 25	No School - Christmas Day		
18	19	20	21	22	Dec. 26-29	No School - Winter Break		
H	26	27	28	29				
JANUARY					Jan. 1	No School - New Year's Day	Student	<u>16</u>
H	2	3	4	5	Jan. 2-5	No School - Winter Break		
8	9	10	11	12	Jan. 8	Teacher Institute - No student attendance		
H	16	17	18	19	Jan. 15	No School - Martin Luther King Day		
22	23	24	25	26				
29	30	31						
FEBRUARY					Feb. 16	Early dismissal 11:10 am	Student	<u>19</u>
5	6	7	8	9	Feb. 19	No School - President's Day		
12	13	14	15	16				
H	20	21	22	23				
26	27	28						
MARCH					Mar. 16	End of 3rd Quarter	Student	<u>17</u>
5	6	7	8	9	Mar. 23	Early dismissal 11:10 am		
12	13	14	15	16	Mar. 26 - 30	No School - Spring Break		
19	20	21	22	23				
26	27	28	29	30				
APRIL					Apr. 2	No School - Easter Monday	Student	<u>20</u>
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9	10	11	12	13				
16	17	18	19	20				
23	24	25	26	27				
30								
MAY					May 4	Early Dismissal 11:10 am	Student	<u>17</u>
7	8	9	10	11	May 23	Last Day of School		
14	15	16	17	18	May 24&25	Possible emergency days		
21	22	23	24	25	May 28	Memorial Day		
H	29	30	31		May 29-31	Possible emergency days		
Total Student Attendance							175	

2017 - 2018 Byron Community Unit School District Attendance Calendar

Color Codes



Attendance Day



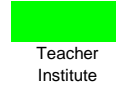
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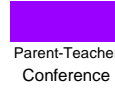
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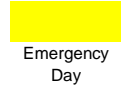
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Teacher Institute



Parent-Teacher Conference



Emergency Day

Total Days of Attendance: 180

Regular Day: 8:10 am - 3:10 pm

Instructional Day Length: 6 hours 20 minutes

July 2017						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August 2017						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2017						
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				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October 2017						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2017						
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