



**BETHANY
CHAPEL
YOUTH**

PARENT HANDBOOK

2026 - 2027

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VISION & MISSION

Vision:

To see the next generation bringing Jesus' Kingdom to life in Calgary as it is in heaven.

Mission:

Leading students into a life of apprenticeship to Jesus, forming them into His character, and equipping them to live His way.

Method:

Reach people | Form disciples | Send leaders.

WHO WE ARE

+ WHO WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO BE.

Present — Show up, engage, and be.

Prayer-Driven — Look to God before ourselves.

Teachable — Be corrected with humility.

Relational — Seek, know, and invite others.

Intentional — To walk the Narrow Road.

Gracious — Be patient and compassionate.

Joyful — Have energy and be content.

Servant-Hearted — To seek real leadership.

Multiplying — To form those who disciple.

ROMANS 12:15 | 1 THESS 5:17 | PROVERBS 19:20 | JOHN 13:34-35 | COLOSSIANS 1:28
EPHESIANS 4:32 | PHILIPPIANS 4:4 | MARK 10:45 | 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Formation Gatherings are for students who want to go deeper in their faith journey.

Through More intentional Bible teaching, discussion, spiritual practices, and Christian community, students will grow in what they believe and how to live it out.

FORMATION

THE **PATHWAYS** **STUDENTS** **CAN GROW** ROAD

INVITATION Invitation Gatherings are when students come as they are, build friendships, have fun, and encounter who Jesus is.

Any student, whether committed, curious, or completely new to faith, can attend.



AWANA: TREK

A discipleship program for Grades 7–8 that helps students build a strong biblical foundation, understand their faith, and grow in following Jesus through Scripture

6:30 - 8:00PM Fridays



SCHOOL OF FORMATION

A class for Grades 9–12 that help students go deeper in Scripture, theology, spiritual practices, and into the Christian worldview so they can understand what they believe.

6:30 - 8:00PM Fridays



YOUTH GATHERINGS

A weekly gathering for Grades 7–12 built around community, games, worship, biblical teaching, and small groups. It's designed to be easy to join, and a place where any student can belong and take a next step toward Jesus.

6:30 - 9:15PM Sundays

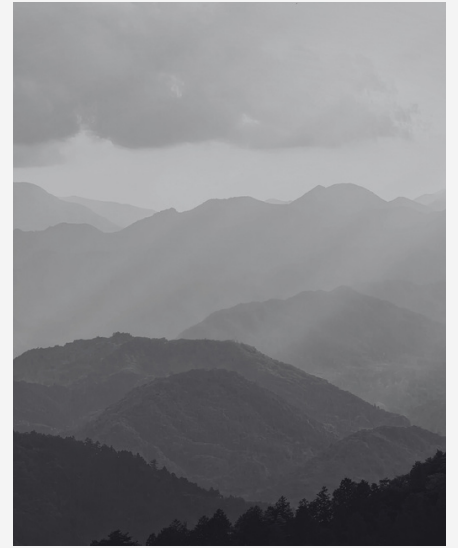
WEEKLY RHYTHMS

The places where students can attend on a weekly basis to be connected to Youth.

GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Calling all youth for our Girls' Bible Study this fall in the book of 2 Corinthians! We'll meet every other Sunday after service in the Youth Room @ 12:15 pm.

12:15 - 2:00 Every Two Sundays



WORSHIP ACADEMY

We'll explore the "what, how, and why" of worship: what Scripture teaches about worship, how we faithfully lead others in it, and why it matters in the life of a follower of Jesus. This will also follow a practical foundation to help grow musicians

9:30 - 12:00 Every 3rd Saturday

PRETEEN/JR. HIGH CLASS

Mornings will allow our younger students to engage in biblical teaching, discussion, and community at a level tailored to where they are. We're taking on a new series called "The Originals."

11:15 - 12:00 Sunday on the 2nd and 4th weekends.



Additional Opportunities for students to meet bi-weekly and monthly to know who Jesus is.

MONTHLY RYTHMS

BIG GATHERINGS WE THINK ARE PRETTY RAD

UPCOMING YEAR

SEPT 20

SUNDAY / 4:00PM

PAINTBALL/HIKE

Choose violence or scenery. Either way, it's an afternoon outside with friends, competition, and great memories to kick off our year.

OCT 2 - 4

FRI-SUN / 5:00PM

FALL RETREAT

A weekend away at Salem Acres filled with games, worship, teaching, friendships, and space to grow deeper in faith together.

OCT 16

FRIDAY / 6:00PM

403 RALLY

Calgary-wide youth groups under one roof. Big worship, this or that, games, new faces, and us losing our voice.

DEC 13 ●

SUNDAY / 6:00PM

NICHE SWEATERS

A festive night of Christmas swaters, games, way too much food, and one lastnight before everyone disappears for the holiday.

JAN 10 ●

SUNDAY / 5:00PM

RE-LAUNCH

Guess who's back? We are :). Arcades, golf sims, bowling, the best transition back into youth after such a long break.

FEB 5 - 6

FRI-SAT / 6:00PM

403 CONF ½ NIGHTER

Conference energy, BIIGGG worship, guest teaching, games, and an overnight event held at Bethany (but we actually sleep).

MAR 12-13

FRI-SAT / 6:30PM

ALL NIGHTER

Stay awake until morning. That's the assignment. We'll supply enough games and chaos to make it possible. There will be food, worship, teaching, and small groups.

TBD

FRI-SAT TBD

CHANGE CONF

A weekend to get out of the usual routine, worship with hundreds of students, with strong teaching for students to know their faith more.

JUNE 11

SUNDAY / 6:00PM

**SENIORE'S
SOSO GRAD**

A celebration night honouring our graduating seniors with Seniores, final big game, prayer, and one final chance to celebrate together.

OUR

COMMUNICATION

PLANNING CENTER

Our main hub for registrations, event details, forms, scheduling, and keeping ministry information organized for our families, leaders, and students.

WHATSAPP

Used for quick leader and parent updates, reminders, last-minute changes, and keeping students connected between gatherings.

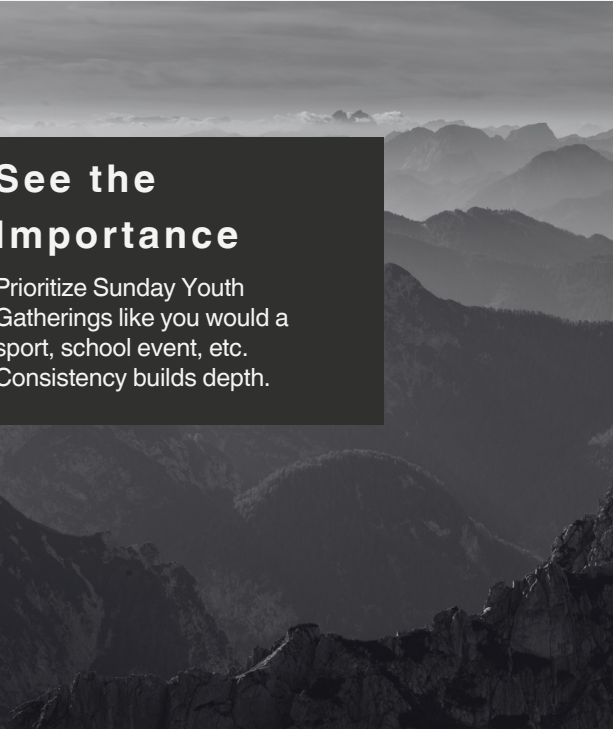
LINKTREE

A simple one-stop page where students and parents can quickly find registration information, forms, social links, and key resources.

INSTAGRAM

Our public-facing space for announcements, event promotion, photos, highlights, and showing parents/students what BCY is actually looks like.



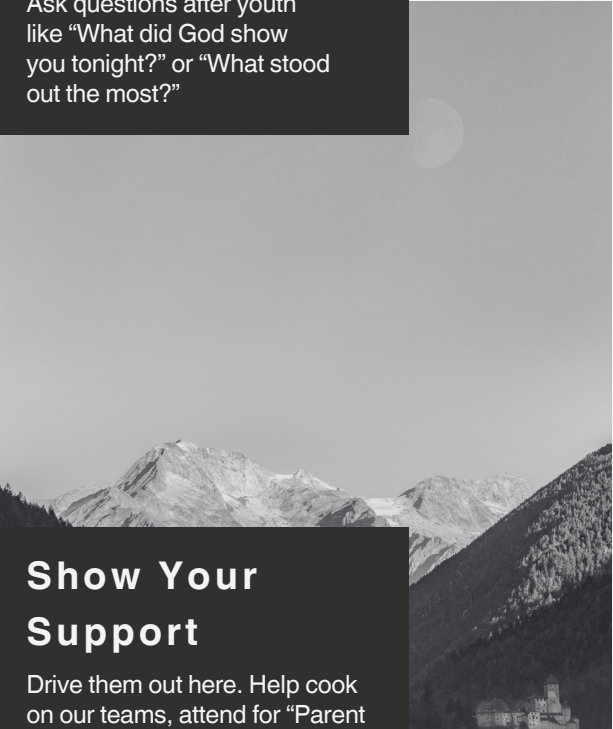


See the Importance

Prioritize Sunday Youth Gatherings like you would a sport, school event, etc. Consistency builds depth.

Be Intentional

Ask questions after youth like "What did God show you tonight?" or "What stood out the most?"



Show Your Support

Drive them out here. Help cook on our teams, attend for "Parent Takeover" and attend parent workshops through the year.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU



Seek to Encourage

Set the tone of discipleship and formation in the home through prayer, blessings, or intentional studies.

Stay in Covenant

Help your students commit well: If an initiative is started, help them see it through and support them every step of the way



**SOUND
THEOLOGY &
BIBLICAL
TEACHING.**

**WEEKLY
PROGRAMMING
THAT IS
DESIGNED FOR
STUDENTS.**



**TRAINED, VETED,
AND DRIVEN
LEADERS WHO ARE
SHEPHERDS NOT
CHAPERONES.**

**CLEAR
COMMUNICATION
ABOUT UPCOMING
EVENTS &
RESOURCES**

PARENT **WHAT YOU CAN** **EXPECTATIONS** **EXPECT FROM US**



**PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU TO
SEE THE NEXT GENERATION
BRINGING JESUS' KINGDOM
TO LIFE IN CALGARY AS IT
IS IN HEAVEN.**

QR CODES

FOR ALL WE DO



GENERAL YOUTH
REGISTRATION



SCHOOL OF FORMATION



WORSHIP ACADEMY



AWANA: TREK



YOUTH GIRLS'
BIBLE STUDY

QR CODES

— FOR HOW WE REACH YOU —



WHATSAPP



INSTAGRAM PAGE



LINKTREE



LEADER HANDBOOK

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LEADER EXPECTATIONS



REACH PEOPLE:

Overall Goal:

- To know where our students are at, and meet them with the Gospel at every stage.

What to look for?

- Are your students hungry for God?
- Are they engaged in prayer and worship?
- Are they reading the Bible on their own?

How to lead well:

- Invite them into where God is working: worship, teaching, retreats, prayer nights.
- Model your desire to know Jesus daily. (Group chat reminders, encouraging messages, overall etiquette)
- Teach practical skills that you've learned like SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer)



FORM DISCIPLES:

Overall Goal:

- Help students grow in character, community, and concentration on Jesus.

What to look for?

- Are they showing up consistently and are they present?
- Are they engaged in regular spiritual practices (Fasting, Solitude, Deep Study)
- Are they desiring to lead in greater capacities?

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LEADER EXPECTATIONS

How to lead well:

- Push for honest conversations where confession and accountability are established.
- Teach deeper spiritual practices (silence and solitude, fasting, scripture memorization, intentional hospitality).
- Encourage new opportunities for them to live in holiness: not to be perfect, but set apart.

Tools:

- Monthly Challenges (Bible Reading Challenge, Fasting Challenge, Prayer Challenge)
- Seek greater investment into their lives.
- One-on-one check-ins.

SEND LEADERS:

Overall Goal:

- Send students to lead, serve, and disciple others.

What to look for?

- Are they leading or just influencing?
- Are they sharing their faith already?
- Are they seeking greater obedience?

How to lead well?

- Identify their place of mission - school, family,
- Give real responsibility - serving on Sundays, leading for youth worship, small groups, prayer teams.
- Celebrate every win, big and small.

Tools:

- Training Nights
- 1-to-1 Mentorship Program (End of October)

