



YOUNG DISCIPLES

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Young Disciples Program

Wednesdays Beginning September 9th

4 yrs. old - 8th Grade 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.

9th - 12th Grades 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Welcome to September! This month as we return to our regular Wednesday programming our halls will be full of kids of all ages laughing, enjoying each other's company and returning to a consistent schedule for the school year. On Wednesdays we welcome *all* kids into our building, those who are a part of our Church, those who belong to other churches, and those who have no church they call home. Our elementary and middle school students have programs after school until 5:00p.m., and our evenings are for our High School students from 5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

As we settle into a new school year, we take the first few weeks to ease into our schedule, enjoying an outdoor picnic and games the first week, focusing on fellowship and learning about each other. The second week we are privileged to have Ed Laarman come in and teach us all about monarchs and learn about some of the beauty and wonder that God created (all are welcome to join us!). The third week we resume our weekly lessons and dive into biblical studies with our new curriculum, *Simply Loved* by Group. This year we are going back to the beginning and starting our year with talking about the story of creation through the Bible, songs and hands-on activities. It's not too late to sign up students or to sign up to help!

This year we are also looking forward to new experiences throughout the year. We will be hosting Mangia with the Cure on September 20th. Mangia will be a night of dinner, Bible study and games open to middle and high school students. This fall we will also be hosting our annual **FALL FEST on October 7th** which is open to ALL in our congregation and is home to the famous annual pie auction. **We are collecting candy throughout September for the Fall Fest. Just drop it off in the office.** Over the winter we will be partnering with local schools to provide Christmas gifts to displaced high school students, hosting a Youth Rally that will feature a guest speaker and will be open to youth in the community, and many more meaningful events to continue raising our disciples.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." --Matthew 28:19
