

Third Thursday Notes

Apr 2023 - Gearing up for Graduations and Summer

Rite of Passage

Graduation has great value as a rite of passage. Some helpful questions to ask ourselves when entering into our planning: Why do we have these? How do they orient the student/family in these transition times of life? How do they set the students up well for what is next?

Sunday & Wednesday Youth Celebration

How can we celebrate our Youth that come regularly on Sunday or Wednesday or both. Take time to plan with your Lead pastor to set aside a Sunday Service to focus the worship, message, and service in general on our Graduating Seniors. For Wednesday youth, what gifts/activities can you do to celebrate them uniquely?

New Middle Schoolers & High Schoolers

Recognizing the importance of transition into new ministries for students and parents. Questions to ponder: How to effectively transition students into new ministry elements? How can you prepare parents for these transitions?

Rhythm of the Summer

Determine what your ministry goals are and where your group is at, in order to decide what approach this summer will be best. Do you amp up activities and programming to capitalize on student availability? Do you scale back to leave more room for fun and relationship building? Do you take a break from weekly meetings to focus on discipleship, planning, or rest?

Summer as a Lead Up to the Fall

What theme are you planning for the Fall and how can your summer content, trips, and events lead into that?

Caring for our Leaders

How does this summer care for our leadership team? Do you take time to appreciate and give your team time to rest? Do you take this season to recruit and train volunteers for the fall?
