

MABC Youth Ministries 2020-2021

Finally! What a time it has been trying to figure out the best way to move forward under the circumstances we live in currently. Let's be humble and gracious with one another as we live in this broken, fallen world as representatives of Jesus Christ in whom we have salvation and because of whom we are adopted into the kingdom of God. The youth leaders at MABC are excited to get a new school year underway with the youth ministry. And, we wanted to invite you to consider and pray for the coming school year as we begin planning. Our hope is that through our efforts and the work of the Holy Spirit the teens become more like Jesus Christ and ultimately that they love God and love others better. Here are some changes we will be making in order to better accomplish our purpose:

- We will be meeting in similar fashion as last school year (every other week in youth group and YM Life Groups).
- The time for Youth Group will now be 6:00pm-7:30pm. Times & locations for YM Life Groups are below.
- COVID-19 guidelines:
 - Mask-wearing will be encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual.
 - Physical distance will be encouraged and the room will be set up accordingly.
 - There will be an initial requirement for parents to commit to "health-screen" their children as the year goes on.
 - There will be ongoing reminders to wash hands, etc.

Please join us in praying for the upcoming year as we seek to pursue Jesus' mission with the teens in our congregation.

Youth Group Schedule

September

6 - NO MEETING
13 - NO MEETING
20 - NO MEETING
27 - Kick off

October

4 - Youth Group Meeting
11 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
18 - Youth Group Meeting
25 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups

November

1 - Youth Group Meeting
8 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
15 - Youth Group Meeting
22 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
29 - TBD

December

6 - Youth Group Meeting
13 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
20 - Christmas Party & Caroling
27 - No Gathering

January

3 - Youth Group Meeting
10 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
17 - Youth Group Meeting
24 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
31 - TBD

February

7 - Youth Group Meeting
14 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
21 - Youth Group Meeting
28 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups

March

7 - Youth Group Meeting
14 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
21 - Youth Group Meeting
28 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups

April

4 - No Gathering - Easter Sunday
11 - Youth Group
18 - Youth Group
25 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups

May

2 - Youth Group
9 - No Gathering - Mother's Day
16 - NO MEETING - YM Life Groups
23 - Youth Group
31 - No Gathering - Memorial Day

June

6 - Youth Group
13 - Closing Family Picnic

YM Life Group Information

There will be different YM Life Groups to choose from and sign up for. They will meet on different evenings of the week and the location will be determined. Each group will have a slightly different focus, but the primary goal for them all is to create lasting relational connections between teens and between teens and the group leaders. These connections are extremely important in the development of faith for a young follower of Christ.

Expectations for YM Life Group Leaders

The group leaders should demonstrate a vibrant faith/practice as a follower of Jesus Christ. This is characterized by a posture of humility and gratitude, a commitment to self-sacrifice and a love for God and neighbor. We recognize that part of living in this broken world means that the process of following Jesus well is full of trials, failures and the like and group leaders must be committed to engaging in such with grace and truth for themselves and the teens. Group leaders should be committed to helping the teens become more like Jesus Christ through the work of the YM Life Group.

The group leaders should have or show significant movement towards confidence and capability in the following areas:

- Sharing personal stories
- Inviting reflection & growth
- Inductive Bible study
- Connecting faith to life

The group leaders will have an understanding of MABC's Child Protection Policy and maintain appropriate boundaries. And, will have a practical understanding of the mission & values of MABC.

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Optional groups

Jr. High Girls - Mel Kauffman & Brittany Schlaybach
Meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm at Mel or Brit's home

Sr. High Girls - Amy Bouffard & Stephanie Talladay
Meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm at the Talladay's

Open Guys - Troy Bouffard & Devin Hardy
Meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm rotating location

Sr. High Co-ed - Trent Bouffard, Abby Bouffard,
Meets on Fridays at 6:00pm at their home

For more details contact pastor Matt or one of the small group leaders.