



ebenezer youth.

2026-27 Comprehensive Parent/
Caregiver Guide

Ebenezer Youth 2026–27

Ongoing ministry initiatives

1. **Sundays – 10:00am–11:00am**, Intermediates, Grades 5–6
2. **Sundays – 11:30 am–12:30 pm**, The Huddle, Grades 6–12
3. **Mondays – 7:15 am–8:15 am**, Morning Bible Study, Grades 9–12
4. **Mondays (Monthly, on a Monday of each month)**, Commissioned, Vocation discernment for Grades 11–12
5. **Tuesdays– 6:00 pm–6:45 pm**, Jr L.I.T program (Leaders in Training)
6. **Tuesdays– 6:45 pm–9:00 pm**, Sr L.I.T program (Leaders in Training)
7. **Tuesdays– 7:00 pm–9:00 pm**, Grade 6–8 Jr Youth night
8. **Wednesdays– 7:00 pm–9:15 pm**, Grade 9–12 Sr Youth night
9. **Thursdays (Monthly, on a Thursday afternoon of each month)**, Outreach Team, grades 9–12

** These initiatives won't be stated below unless cancelled. It all happens during our regular ministry year, which is September 7, 2026–June 9, 2027.*

Summer at Ebenezer Youth 2026 (July 6–August 24)

1. **Monday, Thursday, Friday – 2:00pm–5:00pm**, Ebenezer Youth Drop-In – Grades 6–12
2. **Tuesdays – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**, Jr Summer Youth Vibes, Grades 6–8
3. **Wednesdays – 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm**, Sr Summer Youth Vibes, Grades 9–12

2026

Key dates/ Special events



July 7/8-

Summer Kickoff Bash

August 21/22 -

End of Summer Bash

September 4-6-

Ebenezer Youth Leadership Training Retreat

September 8/9-

Beginning of regular youth programming (Fall Kickoff)

September 18-20-

Jr and Sr Youth Retreat

September 22-

Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting

October 23-

306 Network Rally

November 15-

Youth leadership ongoing training meeting

November 27-

Latenighter

December 11-

Youth Leaders Christmas Party

December 15/16-

Youth Christmas Banquet



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December 17–January 4 –
No youth initiatives

January 5/6–
Winter kickoff

January 15–
306 Network Rally

January 19–
Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting

January 29–30–
YWC conference (youth leadership conference)

February 14–20 OR March 28–April 3–
Youth Missional Activity (*at the time of May 26, 2026, this has not been finalized*)

February 12–21–
No youth initiatives

March 12–13–
Inspire Conference

March 21–
Youth leadership team meeting

March 26–
Good Friday pancake breakfast



March 28–April 3–
No youth initiatives

May 4–
Parent/ Caregiver meeting (what is going on for 2027–28?)

May 28–
306 Network Rally

June 1 –
Grade 8 Graduation

June 2–
Grade 12 Graduation

June 8/9–
Last day of regular youth programming

June 11–13–
Sr Youth Spring Retreat* (*not finalized yet!*)

June 15/16–
Youth Leaders Debrief Night



Who is my youth being led by for 2026-27?

Qualifications for one to be a direct weekly volunteer youth leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- Leader must be a follower of Jesus.
- Leader engages with Ebenezer Baptist Church outside of leadership with the youth.
- All leaders annually sign off on the BGC (our church denomination) 'Statement of Faith', 'Marriage Statement', and the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'

Process of Application for a Leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- A potential leader must read the 'Ebenezer Youth Comprehensive Guide to Youth Leadership.'
- A potential leader must fill out the Ebenezer Youth Leadership application.
- A potential leader must have an interview with the Jr/Sr Youth Pastor.
- A potential leader will give two references (one within the church and one outside of the church).
- A potential leader will then sign off in agreement to the 'BGC Statement of Faith', 'BGC Marriage Statement', and the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'
- A potential leader must do a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check every 5 years.
- A leader must complete Ebenezer's Child Protection Policy.

Ongoing discipleship and leadership development for a leader at Ebenezer Youth:

- Youth life group leaders will get coaching from a youth life group coach.
- Youth ministry coordinators will get coaching from the youth coordinator director.



Meet the leaders of Ebenezer Youth!

- Youth ministry managers/ directors will get coaching from the Youth Pastor
- Youth Pastor is coached by a Youth Ministry expert, has ongoing mentoring, and goes to counselling regularly
- All direct weekly leaders must attend an annual leadership training retreat before the fall kicks off at Ebenezer Youth to grow in their discipleship with Jesus, disciple-making to our youth, and in their youth leadership.
- YWC annual winter conference, our team at Ebenezer Youth will attend the YWC conference for further development
- All direct weekly leaders must attend Sunday lunch meetings every three months in our ministry year for ongoing discipleship and leadership training.
- All direct weekly leaders must attend a debrief day after our regular programming season.
- All direct weekly leaders are highly encouraged to attend an Ebenezer Equipping Seminar in the year to further their walk with Jesus and sharpen their leadership toolbox to disciple our youth.

Other strategic leadership team building:

- All direct weekly leaders are invited for a monthly leader hangout to foster connection as a team.
- All direct weekly leaders are invited to an Ebenezer Youth Leaders Christmas party.



Cost of Ebenezer Youth 2026–27

Ebenezer Youth is the youth ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and we can graciously run almost all of our programs/events at no cost to our community and church family, thanks to the generosity of those in the Ebenezer Church family who fuel God's mission here at Ebenezer Youth.

However, some retreats/mission trips cost a substantial amount of money, so we need to ask for payment. For 2026–27, here is what we expect events to cost for Ebenezer Youth:

1. 2026 Ebenezer Youth Fall Retreat

– Our 2026 Fall Youth Retreat is available for youth in grades 6–12 and will cost \$189 this year

This fall retreat will take place at The Quest at Christopher Lake from September 18 to 20, 2026.

2. 2027 Ebenezer Youth Sr Youth Spring Retreat

– Our 2027 Sr Youth Spring Retreat is available for youth in grades 9–12 and will cost \$189.

This retreat will take place at The Quest at Christopher Lake from June 11–13, 2027.

3. Life Group Nights

– As you know, we have life group nights frequently at Ebenezer Youth. For when there is a 'bring some cash' for these nights, we will communicate this via WhatsApp and intentionally work with our life group leaders to alleviate costs.

As our youth ministry continues to grow, we need more financial support for these types of events. Like last year, we are going to set up a sponsorship program for youth who hope to attend the retreat but cannot afford the cost. This will be mentioned in the Google form that will be sent to you.