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SUMMER

JUNE-AUGUST 2024



May the warmth of the sun remind us of the love of God shining upon us. Let this summer be a season of blessings, joy, and renewal for all. Check out all the ways to stay connected to your faith and church as we serve God together.

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SUMMER 2024 EDITION

Upcoming Sermon Series

Mud Creek Campus (9 am & 10:30 am)	Promise Road Campus (10 am & 11:15 am)
<p><i>Living Life Backward: Ecclesiastes</i>—June 2–June 23 Keeping the end in mind shapes how we live our lives in the here and now. Living life backward means taking the one thing about our future that is certain—death—and letting that inform our journey before we get there. This series will use the Old Testament wisdom book of Ecclesiastes to help us to live wisely, generously, and faithfully.</p> <p><i>Bible Beach Reads: Jonah</i>—July 14–August 4 The Old Testament book of Jonah is quite the fish story, which makes it a perfect summer beach read. The book contains our main character fleeing from God, getting thrown overboard in a storm, spending some time in the belly of a fish, all before deciding that it might be a good idea to follow God’s leading.</p>	<p><i>A Geography of Rest</i>—June 2–June 30 During the summer months, many travel. We will take a trip to some of our favorite places to get away, looking at the spiritual and biblical connection to those places. Take a journey in soul and spirit with us to these holy places.</p> <p><i>Summer Stories: July 7–July 28</i> Jesus was a great storyteller. Each story he told included a spiritual truth that significantly impacts our assumptions about our lives and turns the world upside down. Come, sit a spell, and listen to stories that change the world.</p> <p><i>Now Showing: Faith and Film: August 4–September 1</i> Grab your popcorn as we go to the movies to discover life lessons and the gospel message in films such as <i>Field of Dreams</i>, <i>Barbie</i>, <i>Inside Out 2</i>, and others. Join us at the intersection of faith and film as we grow closer to God and learn more about who God desires us to be.</p>

Backpack Blessing

- Sunday, August 4
- Both Campuses

Join us to receive a blessing for your backpack and prayers for safety, success, and personal growth. Whether you are a student, teacher, or parent, you are welcome as we come together to celebrate the start of a new academic year. Don’t forget to bring your backpacks and receive a backpack tag.

SUMMER STUDIES

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

- Tuesdays, 11:30 am–1 pm
- Locations vary each week

Meet new ladies in a casual lunch setting. Over the summer, we will discuss *Life is Hard*, *God is Good*, *Let’s Dance*, by Brant Hansen. Contact Jodi Burtner at Jodiburtner@gmail.com for information.

Seekers

- Sundays, 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus (North Quad)

This class provides opportunities for informal discussion centered on either a book of the Bible or a Bible theme. Over the summer, we will partner with Adam Hamilton to explore a series on Simon Peter.

Jubilate

- Sundays, 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus (South Quad)

This summer, we will host Sunday school “lite” through a talk-back series focusing on the sermon and scripture.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Wild Life VBS—Both Campuses

Wild Life VBS is a four-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, and spend time with God and others! For kids 4 years old to 4th grade and volunteers 5th grade and up.



Promise Road Campus
June 18-21, 9:30 am–12 pm
Use the QR code or contact
katie.kerr@geistchristian.org with
questions.



Mud Creek Campus
July 16-19, 6 pm–8 pm
Use the QR code or contact
crystal.grundy@geistchristian.org with
questions.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE—SUMMER EVENTS



Summer Pickleball @ Promise Road

- Every Wednesday in June and July (except July 4), 5-7 pm
All experience levels are welcome. Equipment is available to use for the night if needed.

Summer Choir (Mud Creek Campus)

- June 23, July 28, August 25
Summer choir will sing one Sunday in June, July, and August. Rehearsal is at 8:15 am in the Music Suite. The choir will then sing one anthem and lead the hymns during both services. Choir is open to all singers, high school age to adults. For more information, contact Schuyler Brinson, minister of music, at schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org.

Keenagers

This summer, the Keenagers will travel destinations both local and beyond for scenic tours, cultural experiences, and behind-the-scenes excursions. Summer dates are below. Reserve your spot today at trips@geistchristian.org.

- June 14—Tour Samara, a house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in West Lafayette
- TBD—Guided Tour of the Eiteljorg Museum special exhibit Acts of Faith
- August 23—TBD

Youth Summer Events (For youth who have completed grades 6th-12th)

- Bowling at Pinheads (Tuesday, June 18, 2-4 pm. Cost is \$10 per person.)
- Kings Island Trip (Wednesday, July 17, 8 am-9 pm. Tickets are \$75 and include admission to the park, a quick breakfast, voucher for lunch, drink wristband, dinner on the way home, and transportation.)

Young Adult & College Summer Events

- Bible Study Night (Thursday, June 6, 6-7 pm, Mud Creek Campus)
- Volunteer at the Sharing Place food pantry (Thursday, June 20, Time TBA)
- White River Float Trip (Sunday, July 14. Meet at Promise Road at 2:30 pm.) Cost is \$20. Please use the QR Code RSVP for the float by Monday, July 1.
- Pickleball & Milkshakes (Wednesday, July 24, 5-8 pm, Promise Road Campus)
- After-Church Lunch (Sunday, July 28, 12:30 pm. Location TBA.)



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Care Basket Collection

- Collection June 2-August 11 (Both Campuses)
We will partner with Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County to make care baskets for financially fragile, home-bound, and/or isolated seniors. Different items will be collected each week. Watch the e-news for details. Monetary donations are also welcome. We will work together to pack these baskets at GeistFest on August 17.

Fishers Youth Assistance Program

- June 25, 8:30-11 am & 12:30-3:30 pm

Join Geist, as we ensure Fishers youth have access to healthy food over the summer months. From 8:30-11 am our Five.6 youth (with additional help needed too) will help pack lunches. Afternoon distribution from 12:30-3:30 pm is limited to those already graduated from high school. Be looking in the e-news for signs-ups.

Changing Footprints

We will continue our partnership with Changing Footprints Shoe donations of any size, style, condition are welcome!

Food Pantry Partner

Coming soon to Promise Road. Sign our pledge, grab a bag, and help us support the Come To Me Food Pantry.

Youth Mission Trips

- Jr. High Trip—Nashville, Tennessee (June 9-14, 2024)
- High School Trip—Guatemala (June 22-29, 2024)

Subscribe to www.geistyouthmissiontrips.blog, and learn more about their experience this summer.

Five.6 Mission Days

- June 25 & July TBD
- For children going into 5th and 6th grade

To reserve a spot or if you have questions email children@geistchristian.org.

Did You Know?

If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, encourage you, pray with you, and provide one-to-one Christian care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, contact Becky Sture at 317-506-3518.

LOOKING AHEAD

GeistFest 2024

- August 17, 5 pm @ Promise Road Campus

Enjoy an evening filled with games, bounce houses, delicious food from local food trucks, and music.

Food Insecurity Event

- September 16 @ Promise Road Campus

Meet the agencies that provide the families we support during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Women's Event—God's Masterpiece: Imperfectly Perfect

- Saturday, September 28, 9 am–2 pm @ Promise Road Campus

Be part of this special time of worship, music, friendship, fellowship, fun, and inspiration.

Weekday Ministries

Mark your calendars for these important events for the 2024-25 school year! We are enrolling at both campuses.

Child's Day Out, Preschool, and Pre-K Families

- Parent Orientation—Tuesday, August 20, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Meet the Teacher—Wednesday, August 28
- Classes begin—Wednesday, September 4 (on scheduled program days)

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Families

- Parent Orientation & Meet the Teacher—Wednesday, August 7, 9 am–12 pm
- Classes begin—Thursday, August 8



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