

MARCH 2019

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# FIRSTIES NEWSLETTER

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Following Jesus Together.



March means **MISSION ACADEMY!**

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# Meet Andrew!

## DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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Andrew became the Director of Middle School Ministries just this past September. Before coming to Tulsa, Andrew was working part time at his home church over Jr High ministries, substitute teaching, and coaching High school soccer in Marion, IL.

Andrew has had a heart for youth ministry since he was a youth and decided to get a degree in education so that

he could learn how to teach well. While moving to Tulsa wasn't an easy decision, Andrew knew God had called him to take a step of faith and he doesn't regret it one bit. The love and support he has received here has made him feel so welcomed that he can't thank everyone enough and he is excited to see what God has instore for him and this church.

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Pizza

Favorite Sports Team: St. Louis Cardinals

What would you do on an ideal day off? I would go hiking in the mountains and enjoy the view.



# Upcoming High School Events

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## **March Grow Group Social Sunday, March 3**

The next Grow Group Social is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the YFC Lobby. It's a worship night!

## **Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 6 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a journey. On Ash Wednesday, we remember that our life on this earth is temporary. We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

At 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, we will have a family service that will help all ages be part of the story of our own mortality, Christ's life, and Christ's resurrection. Never experienced an Ash Wednesday service? This is designed for you to better understand the story and significance of the imposition of ashes.

## **Graduate Sunday Sunday, March 31 | 9:30 a.m. | High School Assembly**

Graduating high school seniors and their families are invited to a special breakfast to celebrate graduation, thrown by the junior parents. Breakfast will be followed by a special combined service in the sanctuary.

## **April Grow Group Social Sunday, April 28**

The April Grow Group Social will be on April 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the YFC Lobby. More details to come!



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# Upcoming Middle School Events

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## **March Middle School Social Sunday, March 3**

Our March Middle School Social will take place in the Senior High Assembly Room from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. The theme will be “game night.”

## **Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, March 6 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

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## **April Middle School Social Sunday, April 7**

The April social will take place at the church from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. More details to come.



# Wednesday Nights

Pizza is served at 6:00 p.m. in the youth lobby. The evening schedule is:

- Food
- Worship
- Small Group Time
- Gym Recreation

Topic for March: The Gospel

Topic for April: Truth

Parents, be sure to check-in each week on Facebook or Instagram for weekly topical questions to keep the conversation going at home!



Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We use these social media outlets to update you about upcoming events or to notify you of any program changes or cancellations.

**Follow us**

 [instagram.com/firsties\\_tulsa](https://www.instagram.com/firsties_tulsa)

 [facebook.com/Firsties](https://www.facebook.com/Firsties)

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# Reminders:



## 2019 Mission Academy

March 17-20, 2019

To register online, visit [fumctulsa.org/youthmissions](http://fumctulsa.org/youthmissions).

Contact Person: Andrew Randoll | 918.592.3862, ext. 1310



## 2019 Aaron & Hur Track

March 17-20, 2019

To register online, visit [fumctulsa.org/youthmissions](http://fumctulsa.org/youthmissions).

Contact Person: Thad Ernst | 918.592.3862, ext. 1308



## Registering for Upcoming Mission Trips

To register for any of our upcoming mission trips, visit [fumctulsa.org/youthmissions](http://fumctulsa.org/youthmissions).



## Beacon Scholarship Applications Due April 1

All graduating high school seniors are invited to apply. Find the application online at [fumctulsa.org/beacon](http://fumctulsa.org/beacon).



# Spotlight

## Mission Academy

### What is Mission Academy?

Mission Academy is First United Methodist's training ground for student mission. At Mission Academy, we want each student to ask:

- Do I make a difference when I serve?
- What are the gifts and talents that God has given me to further the Kingdom of God?
- Where do I fit into God's plan for this city and this world?

### What information do I need to know about Mission Academy?

Mission Academy will take place March 17-20 at our church. All current 6th-8th graders can attend. Your students will travel together to local worksites each day and have a chance to watch God working through them to help people in our area who are in need. Each night they will come back to the church for worship, have small group time, and will cultivate friendships that will last a lifetime.

**Contact Person:** Andrew Randoll

**Cost:** After 3/1, if space available - \$100

### Aaron & Hur Track

#### What information do I need to know about Aaron & Hur?

Aaron and Hur is the track designed for high school students and runs alongside Mission Academy. All current high school students can attend. High School students will be helping to make Mission Academy be a success for the the middle school students. We spend these few days at the church and we serve local ministries in and around Tulsa. Aaron & Hur is designed to involve students in mission and open their eyes to the important role they have in the body of Christ.

**Contact Person:** Thad Ernst

**Cost:** \$75.00 a person



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**The End!**

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