

Hello Students and Parents,

We are so excited about starting back to a regular schedule with Student Ministry Gatherings! We as a staff truly believe that middle and high school students have the ability to change the world by the Spirit of God, when they are equipped with God's Word and are obedient to follow the teachings and promptings of both the Word and Spirit of God.

This is why our mission as a church is to equip you guys to make disciples. We believe it is most effective to make disciples inside the home, and that a student's family is the most influential group of people in their lives. Therefore, we are going to make an effort as a student ministry to allow students to sit with their families in service. This will allow families to attend corporate worship together and a chance to spark spiritual conversation about the Word of God brought that morning.

This means we will be making a couple of changes in the way we do groups as a Student Ministry. In the past we have split into classrooms by grade and gender. We will now offer both middle and high school students an opportunity to gather together in the Student Room at both 9:30 and 11:00 hours.

We will no longer split into "small group" rooms, but instead walk through scripture that aligns with a bible reading plan the church as a whole will be walking through. This will also allow us to make a major push to equip students to serve in kids/preschool ministry or other areas they feel led to serve. We believe that God has called students to also make disciples and we want to equip them with the opportunities to do so on Sunday mornings.

As far as our grade specific groups, we would love to see them continue meeting during the week outside of our normal Wednesday night and Sunday morning gatherings. We believe community is very important and want to see students still meeting together off campus. One of the biggest things we would like to see from those groups is being present in specific extra-curricular activities for each other. For instance, we would love to see a group of 9th/10th grade students at a JV ballgame supporting their friends and encouraging others to be a part of the body of Christ. Or maybe a group of 11th/12th grade students watching one of their peers in a play or performing in a concert. Or maybe a group of 6th/7th graders watching a rec league game.

So, what does this all mean for you? On Sunday mornings your student will choose one hour to join our Student Ministry or to serve where they feel led and the other hour will be encouraged to attend corporate worship with their family. During our Student hour, we will have a main teacher who will teach for 15-20 minutes and then lead the room in discussion time. During discussion time, a student leader is going to be with students at their table to teach the students how to study God's Word. Let us clarify...we do NOT want to simply teach God's word. We want to help EQUIP these students to study God's word on their own. Our end goal is that students would have a relationship with God on their own that is not dependent on a teacher to teach them, this way they can in turn lead other students to have the same type relationship. We believe that is what it would look like for a student to be making disciples.

Along with our Sunday Morning Gatherings we will continue Midweek Gatherings as well on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. The typical Wednesday night gathering will have a time of worship through song, teaching, and other activities as we feel led. These gatherings will normally be split with middle schoolers upstairs in the Middle School Room and high schoolers downstairs in the Student Room, but we will have theme nights where we will combine both middle and high school, these are what we call "ONE Nights". The goal of our Midweek Gatherings is to give students a place to worship corporately with their friends as well as give them an opportunity to invite, love, evangelize, and even disciple their peers.

We have put much thought and prayer into these decisions. We look forward to seeing what God does in our obedience in and through the lives of our students. We are looking forward to you being a major part of their stories for the rest of their lives. Please continue to pray for wisdom, guidance, and direction. Also feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Student Ministry Team

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FAQ for Students Reopening

Where will students meet when they return?

-Middle and high school students will meet in the Middle School Room on Sundays. We will have overflow in Student Room.

When will students meet when they return?

-Sunday Mornings 9:30am or 11:00am
-Wednesday Nights 6:45pm

Will Middle and High School still be separated?

-Sunday Mornings Students will be combined. Families have a choice to have their student attend group at either 9:30am or 11:00am. Student ministry volunteers will facilitate group conversations around tables with one of our pastors leading the large group discussion.
-Wednesday Nights Middle and High School will be mostly separated.

What does Sunday morning look like?

-Tyler or Cody will teach from a passage in the week's Bible Reading Plan. Students will sit in groups with a leader they feel connected to, and the table will have discussion about the scripture being taught.

Do I have to wear a mask?

-No, they will be provided if wanted, but until the state mandates, we will not either.

Will my student need to register for church?

-Registration will not be necessary for students attending the Student Hour, but it will be necessary if attending the Main Worship Gathering.

Can my child serve during Sunday?

-Absolutely! We encourage students to attend service with their family for one hour then serve or attend Student Gathering the other hour. Students can serve in Kidz Ministry or any other area they felt led to. If your student is interested in serving please reach out to Tyler (tmoore@fbcloganville.org) or Cody (cmixon@fbcloganville.org).

What will my child be learning?

-We as a Student ministry will teach through the Bible Reading Plan with the goal of teaching students how to study scripture.

What does midweek look like?

-Midweek will look the same as the past with Worship through song and teaching.