



SOUL LINK 2024 - SERIOUSLY?



Soul Link '24 is just a couple of months away on Feb. 23-25, which means it's time to register! They're continuing with part 2 of their 3-part series on the Sermon on the Mount. This is a great weekend getaway to spend some time in worship, listen to some great speakers, and have some fun in the process. Early-bird

registration goes until Wednesday, January 24 and costs \$100/teen. Late registration goes from Jan 25 - Feb 14 and costs \$120/teen. Parent chaperones are needed for this, and their fees are covered. You can register online on our youth webpage NOW!

SUMMER REGISTRATIONS ALREADY???

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner and camps are already open for registration, and it's never too early to register! We will attend Kadesh 1 on June 9-15. To register for Kadesh, go to <https://www.acucamps.com/register>. Also, we will attend Camp Beloved & Beyond Term 8 on July 22-27. To register for CB&B, go to <https://belovedandbeyond.org/belovedvolunteer/>

SAVE THE DATES

Dec 1-3 - Family Retreat

Dec 10 - Christmas Party

Jan 14 - Discipleship Breakfast

Feb 11 - Sweetheart Banquet

Feb 23-25 - Soul Link

More details can be found on pg. 3

A FAMILY THAT SERVES TOGETHER...

Study after study shows that children and teens generally solidify what they believe (and what they don't) about God by the time they turn 13. Also, anywhere from 70%-80% of teens leave the church after graduating from High School. While there's not a one-size-fits-all solution, there are some things you can do as a family to make sure that doesn't happen to your teens. One of the best ways to foster spiritual formation in your kids is to participate in a service activity together as a family. With Christmas and the New Year approaching, spend some time discussing as a family how everyone can serve - look up non-profits in our area to see where you can volunteer, and spend at least one day a month serving. Teens need to see their parents committed to their faith - what better way than to serve together as a family?

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WINTER BIRTHDAYS

- 12.22 Trenton Lewis
- 1.4 Maddie Taylor
- 1.9 Anneliese Rivas
- 1.18 Macie Ward
- 2.6 Taylor Josselet
- 2.8 Rourke Bode
- 2.10 Jackson Bryant
- 2.14 Fifer King



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Fall Highlights

Our Fall season is usually a little slow, coming off of a busy summer, BUT we still had a few things going on! We kicked off our Wednesday night HUDDLES in September and had our quarterly Discipleship Breakfast with the adults in Whit's garage class. Unfortunately, we had to cancel Trunk or Treat due to bad weather, but it was rescheduled as "Trunk Fest" on November 12. We capped off the quarter with Encounter LE at LCU!



WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY CLASS OUTLINE

Families are encouraged to read through the texts either before or after class as an opportunity to develop a pattern of family discipleship.

Larry Sanders will teach the Middle School class and Alan will teach the High School class.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Dec 10	Daniel 1:1-21	Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-41
Dec 17	Daniel 3:1-30	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37
Dec 24	No Youth Class - Special Christmas Eve Program in Auditorium	
Dec 31	Combined Class in Auditorium - Praise Workshop	
Jan 7	Daniel 4:1-37	Acts 8:1-8, 9:1-31
Jan 14	Discipleship Breakfast w/ Adult Classroom 1	
Jan 21	Daniel 5	Acts 10:1:1-11:18
Jan 28	Daniel 6	Acts 13:1-15; 14:1-28
Feb 4	Jonah 1	Acts 15:1-35
Feb 11	Jonah 2-3	Acts 17:16-34
Feb 18	Jonah 4	Acts 20:17-21:36
Feb 25	Combined Class - Soul Link (Acts 23-28 various passages)	



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REMINDERS

GroupMe

Join our GroupMe groups to stay up to date on announcements and to be able to message other parents and/or teens. If you haven't joined already, download the GroupMe app on your phone and scan the QR codes below. We have three groups - one for just students, one for just parents, and one for both where I send announcements.



Announcements



Parents



Students

Snack Sign Ups

Scan the QR code to sign up online to provide a breakfast snack on Sunday mornings. It could be donuts, fruit, kolaches, breakfast tacos, granola bars, or whatever! Our teens thank you!



Youth Group Tees & Hoodies

We have extra youth group t-shirts available for sale in all sizes and colors. These cost \$16 each and sold on a first come, first serve basis. We have also placed a large order of hoodies, which will be available to sell by mid-September. Hoodies are sold on a first come, first serve basis and cost \$25 each. Parents and students are welcome to buy a t-shirt and / or hoodie!

Youth Events Calendar

Be sure to pick up a youth events calendar located outside Alan's office. This has all our events through August of 2024! Also, be on the lookout for a link to our youth group's online Google Calendar!

Upcoming Events

Family Retreat

December 1-3

Whit and Alan have planned a Family Retreat at Camp Buckner. Our theme is "Seek. Follow. Go." and we will look at what it takes to be a disciple of Jesus as a family. For those who have signed up, we know you will be blessed from this weekend. And if you missed out this year, then join us next time... most likely next year!

Christmas Party

December 10

The Lowery family is hosting our annual Christmas Party at their house (1804 Montana Court, Leander, TX 78641) from 5:30-8:30. We will have food, games / activities, worship, and a gift exchange. Everyone needs to bring a wrapped \$5-\$10 gift for our gift exchange. We will plan to take the church van to their house for those who need it. We will leave promptly by 5:15pm. Or, you can meet us at their house.

Discipleship Breakfast

January 14

Our Discipleship Breakfast continues to be a great success. So this quarter, we've invited the adults in ??? to join us. This is a great time of fellowship, where we get to make new connections and get to know one another on a deeper level.

Sweetheart Banquet

February 11

We need all hands on deck to help make our annual Sweetheart Banquet another success this year! This is a great opportunity for our teens to serve and connect with the older generations in our church family. The banquet is held in the Fellowship Hall for lunch immediately following the morning worship service. We will need help to set up and decorate the day before, on Feb. 10.

Soul Link

February 23-25

Soul Link is coming up in February! The cost is \$100 for early-bird registration (if signed up by Wed., Jan 24) or \$120 for late registration (goes until Wed., Feb. 14). Soul Link is a youth rally at the Bammel Church of Christ in NW Houston, where around 600 teens show up to worship, hear keynotes, attend some classes, and more. We will stay in a local hotel for the weekend and return late Sunday afternoon. You can register on youth webpage, but stay tuned for more details!



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