



Youth Ministry Weekly Programming for May

Middle School

Sunday Gathering | 9:30-10:15am | start in service
5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

Basic @ Wednesdays at West Side | 6-7:30pm
5/6, 5/13, 5/20

High School

Sunday Gathering | 9:30-10:15am | start in service
5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

Alpha Youth | Wednesdays 6-7:30pm | HS Room
5/6, 5/13, 5/20

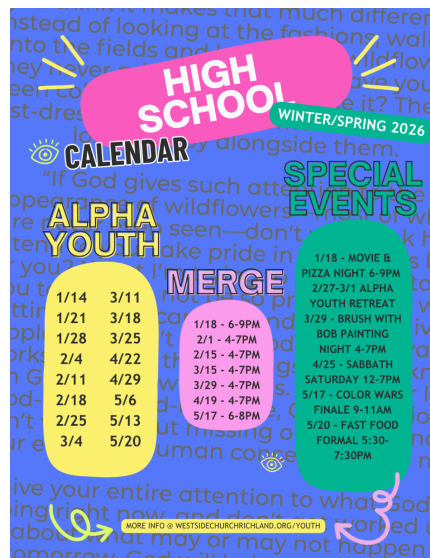
Youth Ministry Calendars



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Mark Your Calendars: May

High School Color Wars Finale

5/17 | 9-11am - Battle

6-8pm - Awards



WEST SIDE YOUTH

COLOR
WARS
FINALE

5/17/26

9-11AM - Color War Battle (start at church, end at Frankfort Park. Wear clothes you can get dirty)
6-8pm - Color Wars Awards (meet at Ben's house, 10019 W 9th Pl, dinner not provided)

The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored splatter background. The words 'COLOR WARS FINALE' are prominently displayed in the center, with 'WARS' in large, white, outlined letters. The date '5/17/26' is centered below the main title. At the bottom, the event details are listed in two lines.

High school students are invited to join us on Sunday, May 17th for the epic conclusion to our semester long color wars. We'll start by meeting in the high school room at 9am, then around 9:30 walk over to Frankfort Park where we will have some fun competing in our first ever Color Blast Battle. This will be a series of games involving color balls, utilizing washable color powder.

Then, that evening everyone is invited back to Ben's house (10019 W 9th Pl, Kennewick) for the reveal of the winning team, awards, and some time around the fire pit.

MS & HS Fast Food Formal

5/20 5:30-7:30pm



Fast Food

FORMAL

5/20/26 5:30-7:30PM | \$20
FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The poster features a blue and white checkered border at the bottom. On the left, the words 'Fast Food' are written in a large, blue, bubbly font. Below this, the word 'FORMAL' is written in white on a blue rectangular background. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of a smiling milkshake cup and a smiling french fry bucket. The milkshake cup is filled with a pinkish liquid and topped with chocolate sauce and a cherry. The french fry bucket is filled with golden fries. The background is a light yellow grid pattern.

For middle school and high school students, we'll be driving around the Tri-Cities stopping at 3 different fast food restaurants, all while looking fabulous. So, students should come dressed up as fancy as they want, take pics, then head out for great food. Students should bring at least \$20. Click [HERE](#) for the permission slip.

Senior Celebration

5/31 | 9am & 11am in service celebration
6:30-8:30pm family only celebration



WE'RE CELEBRATING
West Side Youth
Seniors

May

9am in services 11am

31

6:30pm sport court 8:30pm

2026

615 Wright Ave, Richland WA 99352

As part of our annual Move Up Sunday, we'll be celebrating our graduating high school seniors in both our 9am and 11am services. We hope everyone can be there that day to say congratulations and pray for our grads.

If you are a parent of a graduating senior, please don't forget to RSVP for our grad celebration the evening of 5/31. We'll be meeting at the sport court for an ice cream bar, stories, encouragement, gifts, and photo ops. **Families can RSVP [HERE](#).**

Resource of the Month: Gen Alpha & Faith

From the people over at the Fuller Youth Institute:

Just when leaders felt like they finally understood Gen Z in youth ministry, Generation Alpha showed up. Over the past few years, leaders have been asking us at FYI: What's different about Gen Alpha—and how should we respond? To find out, our team launched new research into how today's middle and high school students (born 2010 and later) explore identity, belonging, purpose, faith, and spirituality. We launched this project to find answers to the questions we hear most from youth workers:



- How are Gen Alpha's big questions of identity, belonging, and purpose changing—and where are they looking for answers?
- How do forces like the mental health crisis, new technology, distrust of institutions, pandemic fallout, and polarization shape them?
- What do they actually believe, who's influencing them, and what does this mean for the church?

To effectively reach and disciple today's teenagers, how must leaders, caregivers, and mentors adapt? One of the strongest themes emerging so far is that teenagers are looking for adults who listen without judgment. And as you'll see in this report, we're learning a great deal about this emerging generation by listening to their experiences.

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