

THE STUDENT LIFE

The last year in the life of The Student Life (TSL) has been exciting and full of core memories. In 2023 we went on 3 trips as a youth family.

1. Overflow was in the spring and to facilitate this we held fundraisers, and we had a team of 6-8 students sacrifice their weekend to clean up lawns. These students were able to fundraise \$2500 between their effort of lawn cleaning and our Prayer Cards. This fundraiser was of high value to us as it goes beyond the financials and has a greater impact on the spiritual lives of the students who were prayed for. I believe it's been from this that we have seen students' lives impacted and transformed because we have a church family covering our students in prayer. At Overflow there were 5 of our students who accepted Christ into their lives, and many more who shared powerful testimonies of what God was speaking to them about their life and calling.
2. Activate takes place at the end of summer and is a smaller group but a deeper discipleship experience. We took 20 kids to Activate with us for our second year and the testimonies of that weekend are still talked about today. There were a few students who were freed from addictions and baptized by the Holy Spirit. This trip is a great tone setter for the school year helping young people fan the flame in their life before heading to school the next week.

3. Fall Retreat was a powerful weekend away at camp Medeba with 100 highschoolers learning about who they are in Christ. We had a testimony time Sunday morning and went two hours over our service time simply because of the stories being shared of what God was doing in the lives of young people over the weekend.

Outside of our weekends away, TSL is continually growing and developing our leadership team. We've added new leaders who are passionate about discipling these young people. We're teaching young people the value of giving and allow for offerings every week. We introduced some new and fun activities at TSL during the summer months that helped strengthen the connection between students. We have started seeing our students getting involved on Sunday morning, serving throughout the church. We have created a space in the Loft room called the lounge that has opened up a place for young people to come and connect in a comfortable and enjoyable environment.

WIRED AM

We started Wired AM on Sunday mornings at the 10 am service with the desire to meet a need for the young people in our church between the grades of 5-8. Creating a place where these students could grow in their faith and facilitate a space where they can engage in content that is more relevant to their daily lives. In September we launched this program, in a more official capacity

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and since then have created an exciting space of about 20 Jr high students to dive into the Word in a Bible study format and learn about the foundations of our faith as well as learning to navigate their own Bibles and memorize scripture. We aim to continue to develop this program moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
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