

WIRED

2022 was a great year for our junior high ministries as we really focused on getting back in touch with students and families that we hadn't seen too much over the past couple of years.

Firstly, I have to thank our incredible team who are dedicated to and passionate about junior high ministry. Without these incredible people, it just wouldn't be the same and a huge thank you must go out to our team. I consider all of you family and am so honored that we get to work together serving these students. A huge shout-out to Victor Garcia for interning with us and giving so much of his time and energy towards seeing these kids experience God in a brand new way. Here are some things that really stood out over the past year and have propelled us into even more success and growth!

We excitedly relaunched WIRED on April 5 and saw over 100 students return with so much expectation for the year to come. We spent hours calling entire lists of students believing that God would open their hearts to what we had planned and what we were believing for.

As soon as our students were back, they were already asking us to host our 3rd ever all-nighter lock-in event at the church, we prayerfully considered it and on June 3 we had over 130 students in attendance and made it through to the morning! Scott and the TYL band led us in worship and Steve Bradley spoke to our students, a chainsaw and wooden door were involved in one of the coolest sermon illustrations we've had; and students were so focused, it was amazing to witness.

At the end of the service we invited students to come up on stage and walk through the door, leaving everything behind as they move into a new space and relationship with Jesus. We spent the next 30 minutes praying for every single student that came on stage and took a step through that door.

We finished off the year with an amazing Colour Wars event and as always, spent time in small groups and having an absolute blast as we went into the summer. In September we were back to the drawing board again thinking about how to best serve this group of kids, 90% of whom come from our community and are not a part of our church family, we're always so honoured to have such an incredible opportunity to evangelize and take moments to pray and teach this group of students.

We were so privileged to have Eli Weening and Bella Garcia start interning with us in the Fall, they both attended our program as junior high students. Seeing students becoming leaders and giving back to our programs is one of the most rewarding things there is. From calling literally 100's of students a week to texting, messaging, planning, setting up and shopping, they have done it all. Watching them and all our other leaders grow in their abilities has been such a blessing and gives me so much hope for the young people in our church.

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We are so excited as we head into 2023. We need more leaders who are passionate about seeing students come to know Jesus, pray about what your role may look like in our youth ministries departments. We're praying that this year God would be glorified through all we do and that this would be our best year yet.

Respectfully Submitted,
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