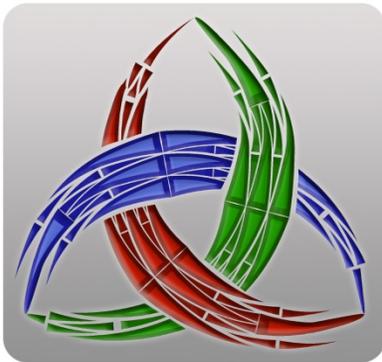


Vision/Purpose/Logo

**Lifechange(rs):** *“Helping youth (and families) experience lifechange, so they can be lifechangers.”*



## Ministry Update



## Lifechange(rs) 2.0

Launching 8.24.16

This relaunch contains the best of Lifechange(rs) as well as new and improved features.

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- **Lifechange(rs) 2.0**

- Sunday morning differences

For the Fall Semester (9am Connect Group): Students will meet in their Connect Groups but will be also meeting in large group each week for 'Sherlocking the Bible.' This study will teach students how to study the Bible for themselves.

- Schedule:

9:00-9:20---> In your Connect Group for fellowship/prayer/etc.

9:20---> Dismiss and join everyone in the large group area

9:25-10:00---> Large group teaching (Bill, Spencer, Stan rotate)

\*The main study will be 'Sherlocking the Bible.'

10:00-10:15---> Fun/games/fellowship

For the Fall Semester (10:30am Connect Group): They will be going through a Bible study curriculum.

For the Spring Semester: All groups will go back to regular CG format.

\*Breakfast Connections. One time a month we will have a breakfast fellowship from 9:00-9:20, then students will go into their Connect Groups for a discussion time on a particular topic.

- One service on Wednesday nights (experimented with April/May)

Schedule:

5:30-6:00---> Rec. option #1

6:00-7:00---> Service (ALL youth together entire time)

7:00-7:30---> Rec. option #2

7:30---> All youth who want, go out to eat (usually fast food)

- Every visitor gets 3 contact points (Bill, CG Leader, Youth Impact Team member)

- Band refocus (Spencer)

- Vicki Kinsey will be a youth ministry assistant. Some of the parent correspondence and contacting will be done by Vicki. (vicki\_kinsey58@yahoo.com)

- Remodel upstairs

- Stronger mission emphasis (led by Gary Beckwith)
- Other misc strategies (Wed night admin handoff; more intentionally reaching out to ASMSA)

*\*We do not provide Bibles. Bring your own (preferably not on a phone!)*

### **Misc. Things to Know**

**-Monday Night Bible Study (MNBS):** Weekly in-home study on Monday nights at 7 PM (usually wrap around 8:00). We have a different host home each month. We study a wide variety of topics based on whatever they want to study.

**-LUNCH MUNCH** is what I call it when I got to school to eat lunch with our students. I try to hit a couple of lunches a week (usually M & W, some TH). With all the schools we have represented (and some campuses take me 2-3 visits to hit all the lunches). My goal is to be in each lunch room on every campus at least 2-3 times a semester). I send out on the texting program when I am going to be on a particular campus for lunch.

**-Texting program:** This is one of the main ways I communicate with students and parents. I usually send out 2-4 texts a week with a Bible verse/thought/etc in the morning and then also some announcements.

\*Received texts will have: itsBill@symt.us

\*Can reply back directly to that text

\*Sorry, program doesn't work w/prepay phones (TRAC, etc.)

\*Must reply to initial text to be in the system

**-Weekly Family Connect e-Newsletter:** This is an email newsletter I do weekly (usually going out on Wednesdays) for parents that has a brief article from me, a summary of the Wednesday night sermon w/some 'at home' follow-up discussion ideas, announcements/upcoming events and some 'culture clips' that highlight some major events going on in culture.

**-Youth Website ([www.lifechangersfbc.com](http://www.lifechangersfbc.com)):** This has updated info on the youth ministry and is a place you find registration forms, etc.

**-H.A.B.I.T.S. & Outreach Resource Table:** These are two tables set up in the youth area. The HABITS table provides FREE resources to help students in their spiritual growth. Each letter in HABITS stands for a particular spiritual discipline (H=Hang Time/Devotional; A=Accountability; B=Bible Memorization; I=Involvement/Service; T=Tithing; S=Study Scripture). The Outreach Resource Table has a variety of tracts, etc., students can take and give out to people they are sharing the Gospel with.

**-ESV Version:** Sometimes people ask what version I use with the youth. This is the one. If your youth doesn't have a nice study Bible, ESV makes an incredible one! It seems expensive for a Bible but it costs less than one copy of a new video game. Well worth the investment!

**-Askbox Nights:** We LOVE questions!!! We have a box in the youth worship area that youth can drop a question into---no question is a bad one. When the box starts getting full, we take an entire Sunday morning or Wednesday night and just go through the questions.

**-Cell Hotel:** This is something I created a few years ago because cell phones became such a distraction in Wednesday night service. Each Wednesday night as the youth come into service, they "check" their phone into the 'Cell Hotel' and get a tag for their phone. When service is over/as they leave, they go to the Hotel and get their phone from the numbered slot and replace the keytag.

**-Worship Leader: 2 Options**

1. Youth Band-Students lead in music during our weekly Wednesday night youth services. If you would be interested in being a part of the youth band, talk to Spencer Bryson.
2. Celebration Choir-Students are invited to be a part of the choir each week in Celebration worship. The choir rehearses the second Sunday of each month immediately following Celebration Service. Lunch is provided.

**-Impact Team:** Leadership training and team for any students interested. We usually meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 6:00-7:30. This is a one-year commitment and students sign a covenant to be involved.

**-L.I.F.E. (during Jan/Feb):** A 6-week sermon series where students are divided into teams and compete for points as a team each week.

**-SABBATICAL:** I will be on Sabbatical Oct. 1-31. I will be back in the office beginning Nov. 1. Spencer Bryson (Intern) and Elizabeth Standage (Intern) will be covering all the Bible studies, handling the Wed. worship service, Impact Team, etc., while I am out.

**-Spring Break Trip:** 2 Options:

1) Youth Serbia trip

2) Ark Experience/Great Wolf Lodge

- We will leave on Monday, March 20-Friday, March 24. We will be in the Kentucky/Ohio area. Here is the overview:
  - Monday (Mar. 20)-Meet at the church at 6:00 AM/Leave by 6:30 AM-Travel all to Florence, KY
  - Tuesday (Mar. 21)-Creation Museum ARK (10am-5pm)/Lazer Kraze (6pm-10pm)
  - Wednesday (Mar. 22)-Great Wolf Lodge (indoor water park/magi quest)
  - Thursday (Mar. 23)-Travel To Nashville, TN (Opry Mills Mall-can shop, just walk the mall-also has food court (fast food) and Rainforest Café)
  - Friday (Mar. 24)-Return to Hot Springs
    - \*Families/parents welcome to go!!!
    - \*Cost: \$250 per person (plus meals; mostly fast food)

### Schedule Overview:

9:00-Connect Groups Time slot #1/Classic Service

10:30-Connect Groups Time slot #2/Celebration Service

Mondays @ 7:00 PM: Monday Night Bible Study-Led by Bill Newton (\*Starts back Monday, Aug. 22; break for two weeks then resume Mon., Sept. 12).

Wednesday: Youth Worship (starts back **Wed, Aug. 24**)

5:30-7:00—1<sup>st</sup> option

6:00-7:30—2<sup>nd</sup> option

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### Upcoming Activities/Dates

**Sun., Aug. 21:** New Connect Group year begins

**Wed., Aug. 26:** Regular Wednesday night youth service resumes

**Sun., Sept. 25-28:** PROCLAIM (Revival)

**Wed., Sept. 28:** See You At the Pole @ your local school BEFORE school (check your local school for the time)

**Wed., Oct. 14:** Fields of Faith (no youth service @ church)

**\*Nov. 18-20:** TRANSFORM WEEKEND!

**Jan/Feb:** LIFE series

**Beginning Jan. 17, 2017:** Senior Transition Seminar (For graduating seniors and their parents)

**Jan. 27-28, 2017-**PraizeFest in Benton (basically Praiseworks over a weekend)

**Spring Break (2 Options):**

- 1) Youth mission trip to Serbia
- 2) Spring Break trip to the Ark @ Creation Museum (KY), Lazer Tag (KY), Great Wolf Lodge (OH-one of the best in the country!!!), visit Nashville, TN.

**Summer 2017** (other dates/events TBA)

Chicago Mission Trip: first of June(?)

JV Super Summer (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>): June 24-27, 2017

Super Summer (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): June 27-July 1, 2017

PraiseWorks: July 17-21, 2017

Honduras: End of July/first of August