



SOUL LINK

It's time to register for Soul Link on Feb. 27-Mar. 1! This weekend trip is at the Bammel Church of Christ in Houston, TX and is for all students in 6th-12th grades. The theme this year is "Thy Kingdom Come" as they continue with their 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 along the way. Early-bird registration is \$150/student and runs through Wednesday, January 21. After, the price increases to \$175/student and the final deadline to register is Wednesday, February 11. As always, scholarships are available to any church member who needs it! Also, adult chaperones are needed, and your cost is covered. **Scan the QR codes to register now!**



A Note from Alan - I am taking a 30-day sabbatical from December 15 - January 13. As such, I will not be in the office, nor will my family and I likely attend services at LCoC during that time. Please know I'm not trying to get away from y'all! So if y'all need anything from me, or if it's an emergency, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm really looking forward to this time to step away from the demands of ministry as I seek to refill my cup so I can better serve our awesome families at Leander!

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WINTER BIRTHDAYS

- 12.17 Hattie Payton
- 12.24 Elise Emsoff
- 1.4 Maddie Taylor
- 1.9 Anneliese Rivas
- 2.8 Rourke Bode
- 2.10 Jaxon Bryant
- 2.14 Fifer King
- 2.24 Pennie Stone

REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMPS NOW!

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 (or same money)! We will attend Kadesh 1 on June 7-13 and Camp Beloved & Beyond for Term 4 on June 22-27. Register now at the links below:

<https://www.acucamps.com/register>

<https://belovedandbeyond.org/belovedvolunteer/>

SAVE THE DATES

- 12.5-7 - Austin-Area Retreat
- 12.14 - Christmas Party
- 1.18 - Discipleship Breakfast
- 2.7 - Sweetheart Banquet
- 2.27-3.1 - Soul Link

More details can be found on page 3

FAMILY MATTERS

Pushing Back on the Loneliness Epidemic among Youth People

Many young adults feel deeply alone today. According to an article recently published on Rooted Ministry, about 73% of 18-22 year olds say they "sometimes or always feel alone." The loneliness crisis is serious. So serious that the surgeon-general equates its health impact to smoking 15 cigarettes a day! Sadly the many ways teens try to cope (scrolling endlessly online, adopting digital "identities," casual sex or pornography, or joining polarized social groups) often worsen the sense of isolation instead of easing it. What helps instead is real, gospel-rooted community: relationships grounded in faith, vulnerability, and belonging. As youth ministers and parents, our role is to help young people see that they're not "future church members," but an essential part of the church RIGHT NOW; loved, known, and valued; and to provide spaces where they truly connect with God and others.



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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 the garage class. We held our annual Trunk or Treat, which was a HUGE success, and took our annual trip to LCU for Encounter LE. If you missed out on these things, don't worry, because we have more fun stuff coming up!



WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY CLASS OUTLINE

Due to Alan's sabbatical and absence, we will combine our Middle School and High School classes and go through the book of 2 Corinthians. Families are encouraged to read through the texts either before or after class as an opportunity to develop a pattern of family discipleship. I will teach when I am present, but will find volunteers for the Sundays I am out.

DATE

BIBLE STUDY

Dec 7

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (Austin-Area Retreat Weekend)

Dec 14

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Dec 21

Combined Class in Fellowship Hall for Special Christmas Program

Dec 28

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Jan 4

2 Corinthians 4:5-18

Jan 11

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Jan 18

Combined Class - Discipleship Breakfast

Jan 25

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Feb 1

2 Corinthians 8:1-14; 9:6-15

Feb 8

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Feb 15

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

Feb 22

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10



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REMINDERS

Leander CoC App

Our church launched a new app that has a lot of awesome capabilities for you to use to help stay connected. One of the main features we will use is the messaging feature! So, if you haven't done so already, download our church app in the Apple Store or on Google Play and create your SubSplash account. Just search for "Leander CoC." We will still send out emails, but for quick announcements and reminders, we will use the messaging feature on the app. So if you want to stay up to date, get the app now!

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!



SCAN ME!



Youth Group Tees & Hoodies

We have several youth group t-shirts sizes small - 3XL in various colors available for \$15 each. Additionally, we have several youth group hoodies in small - 2XL sizes available for \$25 each. If you would like to purchase any t-shirt and/or hoodie, please let Alan know.

Youth Events Calendar

Be sure to grab a hard copy of our annual youth events calendar in Alan's office. This has all our events through August 2026! You can also view upcoming events and registration on our youth webpage.

Upcoming Events

AUSTIN-AREA REATREAT

DECEMBER 5-7

We are participating in an Austin-Area Retreat with the youth groups from Georgetown CoC, Brentwood Oaks CoC, and Eastside CoC! We are bringing in Greg Pirtle as our guest speaker to speak on our theme "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" We have a lot of fun things in store for this weekend.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 14

The Lowery family is hosting our annual Christmas Party at their house from 5:30-8:00. We will have food, games/activities, worship, and a gift exchange. Everyone needs to bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10. We will take the church van from the building to their house for those who need it. We will leave by 5:15. You may also meet us at their house.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

FEBRUARY 7

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. Due to the ongoing construction in the Auditorium, we will host the banquet on Saturday, February 7 in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00. We need your help to set up and decorate the day of, serve during the banquet, and clean up after. We also need parent volunteers to help coordinate decorations and food. Let Alan know if you're willing and able to serve in one of those ways.

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FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1

Soul Link is coming up in February! The cost is \$150 for early-bird registration (if registered by Jan 21) or \$175 for late registration, which goes until Feb 11. 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 at a local hotel for the weekend and return late Sunday afternoon. You can register now on the youth webpage, but stay tuned for more details!



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