August 25, 2025

Valley Student Ministry student and parents,

We have our annual Fall Retreat coming up and I can't wait to see God work in a big way! As we prepare for this incredible weekend I wanted to let you know some important information about the retreat.

<u>Important Information about Fall Retreat:</u>

Dates: September 19-21

Cost: \$90

Departure: We will meet at the church at 4:30pm on Friday to head to the retreat center. If you have responsibilities at a High School football game on Friday then you can still join us for most of the weekend, just speak with Brian. We can get a ride to the retreat center for you.

Return: We will return Sunday morning in time for us to go to the 10:30 worship service.

What to pack: Casual clothes are ok for all occasions. The lodging will have bedding but you will need to bring your own towels. You will also need a flashlight, a dirty clothes bag, toiletries, tennis shoes you can get muddy, and an extra set of clothes you can get muddy, a notebook, and a Bible. There is also a swimming pool that we can use, so bring along a modest swimsuit if you want to. For any swimsuit questions, guys can text Brian and ladies can text Ashley at (501) 281-2953. You may also bring fishing poles if you want to fish in the stocked pond.

What not to pack: This will be a technology free weekend. We are asking student to leave their phones, laptops, and other devices at home. There is nothing inherently evil with these items, but by their very nature can hinder us from "Getting Away" and "focusing on connecting with each other." When we plug into these items, we tend to unplug from others! Parents, please help us by honoring these requests. Your student does not need a phone to get in contact with you "just in case." They will always be near adult supervision who can take care of any situations or who can contact you if a need arises. We also ask that you not bring any tobacco products, weapons, tasers, and clothing with inappropriate messaging.

How much money should you bring? You shouldn't need any extra money on this trip. Everything is covered under the camp fees that will need to be paid before we leave. If the \$90 per student is a problem for your family please text or email Brian and he can set you up with a scholarship for the event. Church members give all year long to ensure that no student has to miss out on life changing events like this.

This weekend the theme will be "Love in Action" and we will be focusing on Romans 12:9-21. This weekend will be an opportunity to spend time evaluating their own heart and visualizing areas where they can better show Christ at work in their life.

I am looking forward to this weekend and I can't wait to see what God does! If you have any questions about the retreat, you can feel free to call or text me at (501) 593-3015. I'm also available at my email, brian@valleybaptistchurch.com.

See You Soon!

Brian Robinson, Student Pastor Valley Baptist Church

Valley Student Ministry "Unplugged" Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat 2025

Friday:

4:30 - Meet at the Church

4:45 - Head to Peaceful Pointe

6:00 - Arrive at Peaceful Pointe

6:45 - Dinner

7:30 - Worship

8:15 - Small Groups

9:00 - Outdoor game

10:00 - Free time and snacks-boardgames

11:00 - Head to bunks

12:00 - Lights Out

Saturday:

9:00 - Breakfast

9:30 - Quiet Time

10:30 - Morning Worship

11:30 - Small Group

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Group Activity

2:00 —Free Time

6:00 - Dinner

7:00 - Worship

8:15 - Small Group

9:15 - Group Game

11:00 - Clean Up and head to bunks

12:00 - Lights out

Sunday:

7:30 - Wake up/Load luggage

8:00 - Breakfast

8:30 - Clean up/Load Up

8:45 – Head back to Valley

10:30 – 2nd service at Valley

11:45 – Go Home 😀

