



ebenezer youth.

2025-26 Comprehensive Parent/  
Caregiver Guide

# Who is my youth being led by for 2025–26?

## **Qualifications for one to be a direct weekly volunteer youth leader at Ebenezer Youth:**

- Leader must be a follower of Jesus.
- Leader engages with Ebenezer Baptist Church outside of leadership with the youth.
- All leaders annually sign off on the BGC (our church denomination) 'Statement of Faith', 'Marriage Statement', and the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'

## **Process of Application for a Leader at Ebenezer Youth:**

- A potential leader must read the 'Ebenezer Youth Comprehensive Guide to Youth Leadership.'
- A potential leader must fill out the Ebenezer Youth Leadership application.
- A potential leader must have an interview with the Jr/Sr Youth Pastor.
- A potential leader will give two references (one within the church and one outside of the church).
- A potential leader will then sign off in agreement to the 'BGC Statement of Faith', 'BGC Marriage Statement', and the 'Ebenezer Youth Leader Lifestyle Agreement.'
- A potential leader must do a Criminal Record Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check every 5 years.
- A leader must complete Ebenezer's Child Protection Policy.

## **Ongoing discipleship and leadership development for a leader at Ebenezer Youth:**

- Youth life group leaders will get coaching from a youth life group coach.
- Youth ministry coordinators will get coaching from the youth coordinator director.



## Meet the leaders of Ebenezer Youth!

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- Youth ministry managers/ directors will get coaching from the Youth Pastor
- Youth Pastor is coached by a Youth Ministry expert, has ongoing mentoring, and goes to counselling regularly
- All direct weekly leaders must attend an annual leadership training retreat before the fall kicks off at Ebenezer Youth to grow in their discipleship with Jesus, disciple-making to our youth, and in their youth leadership.
- YWC annual winter conference, our team at Ebenezer Youth will attend the YWC conference for further development
- All direct weekly leaders must attend Sunday lunch meetings every three months in our ministry year for ongoing discipleship and leadership training.
- All direct weekly leaders must attend a debrief day after our regular programming season.
- All direct weekly leaders are highly encouraged to attend an Ebenezer Equipping Seminar in the year to further their walk with Jesus and sharpen their leadership toolbox to disciple our youth.

### **Other strategic leadership team building:**

- All direct weekly leaders are invited for a monthly leader hangout to foster connection as a team.
- All direct weekly leaders are invited to an Ebenezer Youth Leaders Christmas party.



# Ebenezer Youth 2025–26

## Ongoing ministry initiatives

1. **Sundays – 10:00am–11:00am**, Intermediates, Grades 5–6
2. **Sundays – 11:30 am–12:30 pm**, The Huddle, Grades 6–12
3. **Mondays – 7:15 am–8:15 am**, Morning Bible Study, Grades 9–12
4. **Mondays (Monthly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)**, Commissioned, Vocation discernment for Grades 11–12
5. **Tuesdays– 6:00 pm–6:45 pm**, Jr L.I.T program (Leaders in training)
6. **Tuesdays– 6:45 pm–9:00 pm**, Sr L.I.T program (Leaders in training)
7. **Tuesdays– 7:00 pm–9:00 pm**, Grade 6–8 Jr youth night
8. **Wednesdays– 7:00 pm–9:15 pm**, Grade 9–12 Sr youth night

**\* These initiatives won't be stated below unless cancelled. It all happens during our regular ministry year which is September 1 2025–June 12 2026.**

## Summer at Ebenezer Youth 2025 (July 1–August 22)

1. **Monday–Thursday – 2:00pm–5:00pm**, Ebenezer Youth Drop-In – Grades 6–12  
*\*Weekly with the exception that there will be no drop-in August 4–7.*
2. **Tuesdays – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**, Jr Summer Youth Vibes, Grades 6–8
3. **Wednesdays – 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm**, Sr Summer Youth Vibes, Grades 9–12

## 2025

## Key dates/ Special events

July 1/2 –

Summer Launch Party



August 26/27 -  
End of Summer Bash

August 29-31-  
Ebenezer Youth Leadership Training Retreat

September 2/3-  
Beginning of regular youth programming (Fall Kickoff)

September 16-  
Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting (fall welcome/ who are the leaders)

September 26-28-  
Jr and Sr Youth Retreat

October 24-  
306 Network Rally

November 16-  
Youth leadership ongoing training meeting

November 21-  
Ebenezer & RLBC Latenighter

December 12-  
Youth leaders Christmas party

December 16/17-  
Youth Christmas Banquet

December 18-January 5 -  
No youth initiatives



## 2026

January 6/7-  
Winter kickoff

January 16-  
306 Network Rally

January 20-  
Jr/Sr youth parent and caregiver meeting (equipping seminar)

January 30-31-  
YWC conference (youth leadership conference)

February 13-20-  
SOAR SASK

February 12-21-  
No youth initiatives *\*Besides SOAR SASK*

March 13-14-  
Inspire Conference

April 3-  
Good Friday pancake breakfast

April 4-11-  
No youth initiatives

April 19-  
Youth leadership ongoing training meeting



May 5-

Parent/ Caregiver meeting (what is going on for 2026-27?)

May 19 -

Grade 8 Graduation

May 20-

Grade 12 Graduation

May 29-

306 Network Rally

June 9/10-

Last day of regular youth programming

June 16/17-

Youth Leaders Debrief Night

June 30/July 1-

Weekly summer programming begins (kickoff bash)

August 25/26-

Weekly summer programming ends (summer end bash)



# Cost of Ebenezer Youth 2025–26

Ebenezer Youth is the youth ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and we can graciously run almost all of our programs/events at no cost to our community and church family through the generosity of those in the Ebenezer church family who fuel God's mission here at Ebenezer Youth.

However, some retreats/mission trips cost a substantial amount of money, so we need to ask for payment for them. For 2025–26, here is what we expect events to cost for Ebenezer Youth:

## 1. 2025 Ebenezer Youth Fall Retreat

- Our 2024 Fall Youth Retreat is available for youth in grades 6–12 and will cost \$189 this year

This fall retreat will take place at The Quest at Christopher Lake from September 26 to 28, 2025.

## 2. SOAR SASK 2026

- SOAR SASK is available for youth in grades 7–12, and this year, as a team, we will be fundraising together once again (meaning there is no individual payment required.)

- This mission trip will be taking place February 13–20 2026 in Saskatoon SK

As our youth ministry continues to increase in size, we need more financial assistance for these types of events. Like last year, we are going to set up a sponsorship program for youth who hope to attend the retreat but cannot afford the cost. This will be mentioned on the Google form that will be sent out for you to fill out.



# 2025–26 Speaking at Ebenezer Youth

At Ebenezer Youth, it is necessary that we teach Jesus-centred, gospel-focused, biblical, relevant, and reverent content that can move toward deep discipleship in the lives of our youth. Below are the speaking plans we have for next year:

## **Here are the series plans for our Youth Nights:**

**Series 1:** (Jr and Sr) First Things First (4-part series, September–October)

**Retreat Series:** (Jr and Sr) The Holy Spirit (3-part series)

**Series 2:** (Jr) Loveology (4-part series, October–November)

**Series 3:** (Sr) Romantic Relationships (4-part series, October–November)

**Series 4:** (Jr) Joel (3-part series, November–December)

**Series 5:** (Sr) Malachi (3-part series, November–December)

**Series 6:** (Jr and Sr) Hot topic January (3-part series, January)

**Series 7:** (Jr) Galatians (5-part series, February–March)

**Series 8:** (Sr) 1 Corinthians (4-part series, February–March)

**Series 9:** (Jr) Sharing my Faith (3-part series, April–June)

**Series 10:** (Sr) Controversial Christianity (4-part series, April–June)

## **Stand-alone messages:**

- Christmas message
- Three times throughout the year, we have a Q&R to voice any questions
- End of year message

## **Here are the Series plans for our other initiatives:**



### **Intermediates:**

- At Intermediates, we have the goal of having our youth survey/ work through all 66 books of the Bible before they hit grade 7. This aims to be a deep work of spiritual formation/ catechesis that allows our youth to be fully ready for their middle and high school years. Every week is designed to teach our youth that the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus. One year we will have an Old Testament focus and the next will have a New Testament focus.

### **The Huddle:**

- At The Huddle, we turn our questions from our Q&R into content so that our youth can have the space to answer these questions in depth weekly. This can build faith in the most challenging questions one faces every day, but may not have a space to ask.

### **Morning Bible Study:**

- At our Morning Bible Study, we will study one book of the Bible at a time, working through one chapter each week. We will have an intentional study time to reflect and grow in the way of Jesus, starting our weeks off on the right foot and instilling healthy Bible study habits.

### **Commissioned:**

- At Commissioned, we aim to equip our grade 11–12 youth to figure out their vocation and what God may be calling them to do for the rest of their life. This is done through biblical study on vocation, spiritual gifts tests, and discernment conversations.

### **L.I.T program:**

- At our Leadership in Training program, we seek to develop young potential leaders to step into leading through serving and giving back. Training includes biblical leadership study, active 'on-the-job' training in serving responsibilities, and intentional development and mentoring towards being a leader in given opportunities and roles.

