

252 Summer Internship 2026

Program Overview

Program Name: 252 Summer Internship

Inspiration: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." – Luke 2:52 NIV

Tagline: We grow the way Jesus grew.

Purpose: The 252 internship is designed to help rising 6th graders through high school graduates grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. This semester-long program includes hands-on ministry training, in-depth teachings by church staff, and growth through life-giving relationships. Committing to 252 will deepen your relationship with God and equip you for leadership.

OUR GOALS: To empower youth through faith-building, skill development, and service in a safe, low-liability environment (all activities on-site or church-insured locations). Focus on hands-on ministry, team bonds, and leadership prep. The program is free/low-cost; church provides lunches.

Wisdom (Mind): Building knowledge and discernment through classes, discussions, and critical thinking.

Stature (Body/Healthy Life): Physical, emotional, and relational health via wellness activities and habits.

Favor with God (Spiritual Depth): Deepening personal faith with prayer, disciplines, and worship.

Favor with Man (Leadership & Service): Building influence and community impact through serving and planning.

THE WIN: To see students planted and thriving in the church beyond the 252 semester, equipped as faithful leaders and missionaries in their schools, jobs, families, and futures.

Dates: Tuesday, June 2 – Wednesday, July 29, 2026 (27 regular days across 9 weeks).

Schedule: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (except special days).

Grand Finale Party & Graduation: Thursday, July 30, 2026 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, with tie-in to Sunday service on August 2 if possible).

Target Age: Rising 6th graders – high school graduates.

Special Notes: No 252 on June 23–25 (Week 4). Nashville Trip during Week 5 (details below). "252

Bring" days: on July 8 and July 22 (bring a friend for fun and outreach).

Workouts and Intramural's

Training to be a leader is not only mental and spiritual, but physical as well. There's no doubt that when you are in good physical shape, you are affected in a positive way.

Workouts - At the end of the summer everyone will join together and participate in a 5 mile run as a fundraiser for speed the light. Workouts are the vessels that help them prepare and grow to accomplish their goal.

Workout Structure: Workouts are based and facilitated by campus teams (staff is also welcome to lead these).

Schedule:

Tuesday: Running Day

10AM-10:10AM - Warm Up

10:10AM-11:00AM - mile runs and cool down

Intramural - Each week the students get together and participate in a sport of their choosing. This is a great way for them to build relationships.

Prayer

Our church believes that fervent, heart-felt prayer is key to leading people to Christ and essential to what we do as a Church. We believe we would not have seen lives changed or experienced supernatural growth without the ministry of prayer and we want to teach our students the same. 2:52 will have a time of prayer every morning so that we lay a foundation that God is our source. Prayer consists of worship, a 5-10 minute message, 30-45 minutes of individual prayer, and ends with the speaker leading the last 5 minutes of corporate prayer.

Four Growth Tracks (mirroring Luke 2:52):

1. June (Weeks 1–3): Wisdom (Mind) – Building knowledge and discernment.

2. Late June/Early July (Weeks 4–5): Stature (Body/Healthy Life) – Physical, emotional, and relational health.

3. Mid-July (Weeks 6–7): Favor with God (Spiritual Depth) – Deepening personal faith.

4. Late July (Weeks 8–9): Favor with Man (Leadership & Service) – Building influence and community impact.

Celebratory Trip: Week 5 (June 30–July 2, with Nashville Trip on July 1–2 or focused on July 2 as TRIP DAY). Team-building, picnic worship, reflection hike, group testimonies, and fun relays at a park or Nashville location.

Games Philosophy: Low-prep, faith-tied activities from youth ministry sources. Emphasize team-building, laughter, and spiritual discussions (e.g., "unity in Christ"). Indoor/outdoor adaptable; basic props only. YouTube demos provided for setup.

I. 252 Descriptions

Daily Flow (Regular Days)

- **9:00–9:20 AM:** Welcome, worship set (2–3 songs), memory-verse drill.

- **9:20–10:00 AM:** Devotional + Large-Group Team Builder (morning game).

- **10:00–12:00 PM:** Ministry Rotation (themed service tasks).

- **12:00–1:00 PM:** Lunch (provided) + Table-talk reflection questions.

- **1:00–2:00 PM:** Skill Workshop teaching time.

- **2:00–2:50 PM:** Hands-on practice + Closing Group Challenge (afternoon game).

- **2:50–3:00 PM:** Closing prayer huddle & dismissal.

Ministry Rotations and Skill Workshops

These hands-on elements rotate weekly, aligned with the growth track. They provide practical ministry experience and skill-building.

Full Calendar Table

Week	Dates (Tue-Wed-Thu)	Growth Focus	Memory Verse	Main Ministry Rotation (10:00 AM–12:00 PM)	Afternoon Skill Workshop Theme (1:00–3:00 PM)
1	June 2–4	Wisdom – Mind	Prov 2:6	Organize church library + create Bible-study bookmarks	Critical thinking & apologetics basics
2	June 9–11	Wisdom – Mind	Phil 4:8	Write & film 60-second “Why I Believe” videos	Public speaking + phone filming tips
3	June 16–18	Wisdom – Mind	Col 3:16	Build summer reading list display in lobby	How to study the Bible inductively
4	June 23–25	Stature – Body	1 Cor 6:19–20	Plan & lead church-wide family fitness night prep	Healthy habits + leading recreation
5	June 30–July 2	Stature – Body	1 Tim 4:8	TRIP DAY July 2 – Park picnic, worship, relays (Nashville Trip integration on July 1–2)	Physical & emotional wellness day
6	July 7–9	Favor with God	James 4:8	Prayer-room makeover + prayer-station creation	Contemplative prayer practices
7	July 14–16	Favor with God	Psalm 42:1	Record guided prayer audio for church website	Spiritual disciplines intensive
8	July 21–23	Favor with Man	1 Tim 4:12	Plan & rehearse a full youth-led Sunday service segment	Leadership & event planning
9	July 28–29 (Tue-Wed only)	Favor with Man	Matt 5:16	Final legacy projects + graduation rehearsal	Mentoring the next group + commissioning

Additional Calendar Notes:

No 252: June 23–25 (Week 4 full).

Nashville Trip: Integrated into Week 5, potentially July 1 (full day) with TRIP DAY on July 2.

252 Bring Days: July 8 (Week 6) and July 22 (Week 8) – Invite friends for games and outreach.

Graduation: July 30 (Thursday, full day party/rehearsal). Ties into Sunday Service on August 2.

Graduation Flow

Graduation is not the end—it's a sending. Integrated into the Sunday service (August 2) for a sacred, church-wide moment. Caps & gowns, procession, certificates; family invited. Flow emphasizes gathering, celebrating, commissioning, and continuing in worship & word.

1. Pre-Service Setup: Loop slides/video with student photos, words like “Faithful. Available. Sent.” (Matthew 28:19–20 or Isaiah 6:8), instrumental worship.

2. Welcome (Normal, Intentional): Pastor JD welcomes, acknowledges guests/families: “Today is a normal Sunday, but a sacred one. We’re celebrating faithfulness, growth, and calling.”

3. Worship (1–2 Songs): Songs on surrender, calling, God’s faithfulness (e.g., “Yes I Will,” “I Surrender,” “Firm Foundation,” “Wherever I Go”).

4. Transition into Graduation: Pastor: “One of the most biblical things the church does is recognize when God has been forming someone quietly... and then send them boldly. Today we’re honoring and commissioning our graduates.”

5. Graduation Moment (10–15 Min Total):

A. Brief Vision Moment (2–3 Min): Theological why (Acts 13:2–3 or Numbers 27:18–23).

Emphasize faithfulness over flash, obedience over outcomes, calling expands.

B. Call Graduates Forward: Read names, students walk up, congregation applauds. Give certificates or symbolic items (Bible, journal, key, towel).

C. Short Charge to Graduates (2 Min): Direct, pastoral: Stay planted, submitted, sent (mirrors Paul to Timothy).

D. Congregational Commissioning: Everyone stands, extends hands. Pastor: “Church, these students are missionaries in schools, jobs, families, and futures.” Pray for protection, courage, discernment, faithfulness.

6. Seamless Transition into Sermon: “What we just witnessed is what God wants in all of us. Formation leads to sending.” Sermon builds on obedience, calling, faithfulness.

7. Sermon (Normal Length): Ties into graduation themes.

8. Response Moment: Invite all to say yes to God, step into obedience.

9. Final Prayer & Dismissal: Reaffirm God’s work in everyone. Photos/reception after.

II. SCHEULE

See Full Calendar Table above for weekly details. Regular days follow the Daily Flow. Sunday involvement encouraged via youth-led segments (e.g., Week 8 prep). August 2 Sunday Service includes graduation tie-in.

IV. DRESS CODE

As leaders, we set an example. Attire should be professional and modest at all times.

Unacceptable for All:

Flip flops or bare feet.
Immodest tank tops or necklines.
Skirts/dresses shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
Clothing with inappropriate words, messages, or slogans.
Tight-fitted or revealing clothing.

V. LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Victory Team

Pastor JD (Youth Pastor)

Youth Leadership Team – 252 Coordinator

252 Team

Roles: Assembled to facilitate excellence, including staff, volunteers, and lead students for planning, teaching, and mentoring.

VII. REGISTRATION

All registration through the church youth website at VictoryJasper.com/252 (or updated link). Click “Apply Now” to begin. Accepted students receive notice for the 2026 program.

Absence Request

Student Name (Print): _____

Date(s)	Reason Code	Staff Initials	Description	Parent/Guardian Signature
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Student Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Reason Codes:

Family Emergency (F) – Describe emergency and family member(s).
Vacation Leave (V) – Describe.
Other Leave (O) – State reason.
Sick Leave (S) – Submit upon return; no advance notice required.