



Hillside Church Middle School 2025-26 Calendar



For ALL 6-8th Graders

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

		<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Sundays	9:30-10:35 am	Modern Worship Service	Celebration Hall	For the Entire Family!
	11:15-12:15 pm	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary	For the Entire Family!
	10:50 am-12:10 pm	"The Zone" Sunday School	The ROCK & 2019	Personal & Relaxed
	10:45 am-12:15pm	CONFIRMATION for 6 th -9 th grades	The ROCK with parents	Sept. 7 - Nov. 23
	Sunday Afternoon	Life Groups* for 7 th -8 th grades	Location & Time <i>TBD</i>	Groups begin 9/7*
Wednesdays	6:15-7:30 pm	"Xzone" Large Group 6 th -8 th grades Clubhouse & The Rock (6:15-7:20pm Middle only, 7:20-7:30pm "Cross Connection"—Mid & Sr Hi Combined Worship)		

MONTHLY CALENDAR INFO & EVENTS

Aug. 6	6:15-7:30 pm	XZONE <u>KICK-OFF</u>	Clubhouse & The ROCK	ALL 6th-8th Graders!
Sept. 7	10:45am-12:15pm	Confirmation Begins	The ROCK	6th-8thgrades & Parents!
Sept. 7	Time TBD	"Life Groups" Kick Off	To Be Determined	For 7 th -8 th Grades only
Sept. 24	Sept. Break	No XZONE	Please stay in the Word!	
Oct. 12	5-9:30 pm	Confirmation "Late Night"	The ROCK	Confirmands only
Nov. 7-9	<i>For the Moms</i>	<i>Hillside Women's Retreat</i>	<i>Moms, please attend if you can!!!</i>	
Nov. 23	9:30am	Confirmation Service	Celebration Hall & Sanctuary	
Nov. 26	Fall Break	No XZONE	Happy Thanksgiving!	Enjoy your families!
Dec 6	9am-2pm	Jr High Retreat Day	At Hillside	6th-8th Graders
Dec 24 & 31	Christmas Break	No XZONE	Merry Christmas!	

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Jan. 11	Time TBD	Life Groups Start Back	Hillside/Leader Homes	Growth Continues!
Jan.30-Feb.2	<i>For the Dads</i>	<i>Hillside Men’s Retreat</i>	<i>Wonderful Opportunity to be a Blessing Your Family!</i>	
Feb. 18	February Break	No XZONE	Please stay in the Word!	
March 6-7	Fri.-Sat.	“ONE WKND” Conference	His Hands Church FANTASTIC WKND!	
April 6-10	No XZONE this week – S P R I N G B R E A K --		Please, please, stay in the Word!	
May 20	XZONE Grand Finale			

SUMMER 2026

June-July	Summer Events To Be Determined (<i>Other than Summer Camp for the Rising 9th Graders</i>)			
June 15-18	We encourage Middle schoolers to help lead VBS for the children at Hillside!			
June 22- 27	Mon-Sat	Snowbird Summer Camp	Andrews, NC	for rising 9th-12th graders
-Deposits DUE by Sept. 3, 2025 for 8th graders & it does fill quickly!				

***Middle School Life Groups for 7-8th Grades, broken into separate Guys Group & Girls Group.**

Students will need to sign-up to be in a group through Xzone, The Zone, or by email.

Sunday afternoon/evening with specific times to be determined by leader.

Hillside's Youth Ministry – www.hillsidegmc.org/youth

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THE DETAILS – 2025-26 Hillside Middle School Ministry: Retreats & Events

"The Zone" **Sundays, 10:50-12:10** **Middle School Sunday School every Sunday! In the ROCK & 2019 (Fall)**
This is a time of digging deeper into the Bible and discussing its truths and how they relate to the current way we actually live out our lives. It is fun, relaxed and very engaging!

"Xzone" **Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30** **Kicks Off on August 6th!** **In the Clubhouse & the ROCK**
"X" is the Greek letter "Chi". This is the first letter used in the Greek writing of Christ.
So "Xzone" actually means: "CHRIST-zone"!!

This is our 6-8th grade Large Group gathering and worship of the week! This truly is an Energizing evening for all of the students! Xzone is a place for students to get to know one another, build Christ centered community, grow spiritually and definitely bring their friends!

6:10pm Arrival/gathering time for sign-in and fellowship with one another

6:15-6:30pm Meet in our Celebration Hall for fun games and fellowship

6:30-7:15pm Announcements, Prayer, engaging Message & sometimes discussion groups.

7:20-7:30pm "Cross Connection"-joining the Sr Hi Youth & leaders for Worship up in the ROCK!

7:30pm Sent forth with an encouraging prayer of blessing from the Sr High students!

CONFIRMATION **Sundays, 10:45am-12:15pm September 7 - November 23 FOR 6-9th Graders & their Parents**

This is a One-Time series of classes that goes through the Essentials of what we believe as Christians. As students are now of the age to understand both concrete and abstract truths, they are given the opportunity to confirm their belief in the Christian Faith and become full-fledged members of the Church here at Hillside!

Parents are also expected to go through this class with their child, enabling great spiritual discussion and growth for the entire family as well as with other parents! Detailed info and Registration is included as well as on our website.

LIFE GROUPS **Sunday evenings (time TBD), beginning Sept. 7th -For 7-8th Grades Only** **Location: Hillside**

One of the top priorities for our Ministry is to get 100% of our students into a life group! Life groups are truly growth environments, providing **spiritual encouragement, teaching from the Bible where questions can really be asked & answered, accountability to live out what is learned, and quality relationships with other students & solid Christian leaders**. There will be a Guys' Life Group and a Girls' Life Group. **Sign up at Xzone, The Zone or by emailing us.**

Fall Retreat Day **Dec. 6, 2025, Sat** –An AWESOME time of spending time in Christ-Centered Community playing games, listening to messages, interacting in discussion groups, and eating meals together. Drop off Saturday at 9am, with pick up at 2:00pm. More information to follow.

"ONE WKND" Conf. **March 6-7, 2026** Area-wide youth event for both Middle and High School age students. The event will be held at His Hands Church and our middle school students will spend the night in their own homes. There will be great messages and worship with possible opportunities for community service. *More Details to follow- 2nd semester. Cost is only around \$55*

2026 VBS **June 15-18, 2026** This is an ALL HANDS ON DECK week! We highly encourage our students to pour back into the children's ministry by helping lead at VBS. Parents are encouraged to help as well if you are able!

Snowbird Summer Camp **June 22-27, 2026 -For Rising 9th-12th graders in 2025.** This camp has continued to be one of the most spiritually grounding and incredibly fun camps in the country. We have gone here for the past 27 years! Because it is such an amazing camp, they fill up as soon as their registration opens in September. So we will need

Total Cost: TBD, Will be around \$650. This camp fills quickly.

Payments: \$100 by Sept. 1, 2025 (non-refundable) 2nd payment: by November 5th

Final balance due by March 4th Siblings Attending: \$15 less each.

(Please Let us know if you have any financial issues)