

Dear High School Students and Parents,

A common question that I have been receiving lately is “what are we doing this summer?” While it seems crazy to begin thinking about summer plans before Christmas is here, I think it is helpful for planning purposes. After all, summer will be here before we know it.

I have had many conversations with students and parents about ideas for our high school summer event/trip. As I have received feedback from students, a common theme that has become clear to me is that our students would like to stay away from a mission oriented trip this summer. While I am passionate about students serving, I agree that this summer is not the right time for another mission trip. Many of our students are coming off a trip to Jamaica that required a significant amount of time and preparation. On top of that, it has been my goal this year to plan a service opportunity for our group on a monthly basis. With those things considered and when I consider that our students are coming off of a long year of school and extra-curricular activities, I think they will be most benefited by something other than a mission trip. I have spoken to a number of students to gauge interest in attending a Christian summer camp and it is simply not high on their interest radar. So, I moved on to the idea of another wilderness trip but kept coming back to the truth that this type of trip does not interest a number of students in our group. In the end, I wanted something that would be extremely valuable for teens in a spiritual sense but also something that would be fun and refreshing after a long year. I was really excited to find the option that I found. Allow me to introduce you to Student Life @ The Beach.

Student Life @ The Beach exists to help teenagers know Christ through His Word. Their goal is to elevate God’s Word so that life-change can happen within in the community of teenagers. Their events are Christ-centered and focused on biblical teaching, engaging worship, relevant drama, relationship building, and also happen to be a lot of fun. The speaker for the week is Louie Giglio and the worship leader is Chris Tomlin. Need I say more about the quality of this event?!!!

The conference is held in Daytona Beach, Florida. We will take 2 days to drive to the event. Our stop both ways will be at a local church in Marietta, GA. We will leave on Sunday morning, July 8th and return Saturday, July 14th. We will stay at a local hotel in Daytona during the conference. Each day of the conference will include a morning and evening session as well as a mid-day small group Bible study. I would encourage you to make plans to go on this trip. It should be an awesome conference with challenging talks from God’s Word and a time of much needed refreshment.

The total cost has not yet been determined but will not exceed \$279 (not including dinners and meals while traveling). I am working on a way to offer partial scholarships to students who serve at soccer camp this summer. Please keep in mind that summer camps often cost between \$300 and \$400 (Lake Ann this summer is \$429).

In Him,
Pastor Adam