

Newsletter

GET CONNECTED

Sunday School

Sundays 9:00 am
MS & HS Students

Life Groups

Wednesdays 7-8 pm
MS & HS Students

Ignite

Sundays 6-8 pm
MS & HS Students

DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHT

Bennett Noble, Student Ministry Director



Too often Christians treat their faith solely as a personal journey with the Lord. It is something kept private, maybe shared among close friends, but rarely announced to the masses. In fact, one study showed that 58% of Christian teens believe they don't have a responsibility to share their faith.¹ This is not how Jesus has called us to live! It is true that we should be growing closer to Jesus on a personal level and continuing to be sanctified by the Spirit, but that must then prompt us to actively participate in the spreading of the Gospel. Each of us should be a disciple: someone who follows Christ and learns the doctrines of Scripture and the lifestyle they require,² but also a discipler: a disciple who goes out and makes other disciples. Before ascending to Heaven, Jesus commands the Apostles, and subsequently all Christians to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."³ If you are a follower of Jesus, then you are called to bring others into the fold of God's Kingdom, even as a middle or high school student.

Some of you may feel that you are too young or do not have the platform to effectively be a discipler. In reality, you have one of the most important and potentially fruitful mission fields compared to most adults: your classrooms. More than 30 hours each week you walk the halls of your school surrounded by kids who don't know Christ. In Matthew 9 Jesus says, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."⁴ There is an abundant harvest of peers that you come in contact with throughout your day to day lives. Be a laborer for the Lord who not only produces fruit but goes and harvests it! As for your age, Paul addresses the very topic with Timothy, saying "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."⁵ Paul didn't tell Timothy to wait but instead to lead others by example.

You may then say that you don't know how to be a discipler, and yes, on the surface it might seem complex and difficult. However, when we look to the Scriptures, we get a simple and yet profound answer: Be like Jesus! Live a life worthy of the Lord and speak only the truth in unflinching love. Paul is able to exhort Timothy to lead by example because Paul is also leading by example, who is following the example of Christ. The Apostle tells the people of Corinth to "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."⁶ Jesus invested deeply into the lives of those around Him, taught truth, called sinners to repentance, and refused to conform to the brokenness around Him, but rather lived a perfectly righteous life.

Outside of our salvation in Christ, which we receive freely from the Lord, being a discipler is the most important thing we do. Our actions do nothing to earn us salvation, yet we work diligently so that others might see our work and believe in the One that we work for. This not only goes for unbelievers, but for those that are struggling or even fallen away - they need discipling too! James writes at the close of his epistle "if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let

him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”⁷ Every day those around us inch towards an irreversible spiritual death, but we can share the Words of life with them!

Your classmates will either follow Jesus or reject Him. By obeying the command to be a discipler, you could be the catalyst for someone to obey the gospel and be baptized into Christ, then live a faithful life. I want to challenge each of you to not only surround yourself with people who lead you and those who walk alongside you, but to find people whom you can lead. One of the greatest skills you can develop is being able to walk someone through the Process of Salvation! Fight the good fight, run the race, keep the faith, but also help others do the same! I know it can be uncomfortable and even invoke fear at times just by thinking about the boldness this task requires, but I encourage you to remember the words of Jesus. Right before sending the disciples out to preach, He told them of the serious danger they would face because of the message, but implored His followers saying, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”⁸ By loving and fearing the Lord, we can overcome our worldly fears, doubts, and hesitations which distract us from our mission of being a discipler!

Advancing the Kingdom,
Bennett Noble

Endnotes

¹ John Beeson, “Are Christian Teens Influencing or Being Influenced by the World?,” Lifeway Research, June 14, 2021, <https://research.lifeway.com/2021/06/14/are-christian-teens-influencing-or-being-influenced-by-the-world/#:~:text=A%20One%20Hope%20study%20found%20that:%20%,Believing%20Jesus%20is%20the%20Son%20of%20God>
² Strong’s Greek: 3101. Μαθητής (Mathétés) Disciple, Learner, Pupil, accessed February 24, 2026, <https://biblehub.com/greek/3101.htm>

³ Matthew 28:19-20 NIV 2011
⁴ Matthew 9:37 NASB 1995
⁵ 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV 2011
⁶ 1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV 2001
⁷ James 5:19-20 ESV 2001
⁸ Matthew 10:28 NIV 2011

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

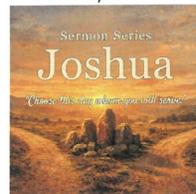
Eva Griffin, 9th Grade

I’ve grown tremendously in the past few years here at Bright. Before BCC, I struggled finding like-minded friends. Now, I have found quality friends and mentors that never fail to help me through life’s ups and downs. The Student Ministry has helped me grow in my faith and has given me the confidence to be a leader. I am also understanding Scripture on a deeper and more meaningful level.

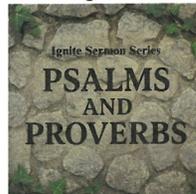
On October 26th, 2025, I was baptized and made the decision to go all in for the Lord. I now desire to be in God’s Word daily and talking with others about their faith. Since giving my life to the Lord, Satan tries to attack me in many ways by telling me I’m not good enough, I’m not worth saving and that I’ll never live up to God’s expectations. I’m so glad that I have godly leaders who walk me through those doubts and questions. The leaders are always there to help with no judgement. Their help never starts with “I think” or “I feel”, but instead what does God’s Word say. I appreciate how youth groups are a safe environment to learn and share thoughts. Mostly, I am grateful to say that Bright Christian Church isn’t just a church to me, but a family.

MARCH 2026 STUDIES

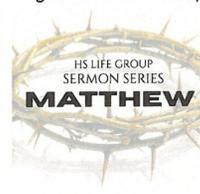
Sunday School



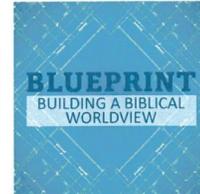
Ignite



High School Life Group



Middle School Life Group



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL RETREATS

Mahoning Valley hosted winter retreats for middle and high school students. The focus for the middle school retreat was establishing their identity in Christ, while the high schoolers' focus was how Jesus changes everything. Bright Christian students, Abbey Tulley and Millie Leasure, attended the middle school retreat and participated in the first ever Winter Olympics. High schoolers Ally, Aubrey and Eva had a blast snow tubing at Valley's Edge. Make sure to register for Mahoning Valley's 2026 summer camps.

THE WEB LOCK-IN

Middle and high school students spent a fun-filled night at The WEB Extreme in West Chester, OH. Nearly fifty students played lazer tag, putt putt golf, arcade games, mini bowling and went go karting. Pizza and drinks were served and the fun never stopped. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to make it the entire seven hours without power napping but the majority made it through the night! This event is always a favorite.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1	2	3	LIFE GROUPS 4	5	6	7
 8	9	10	LIFE GROUPS 11	12	13	14
 15	16	17	LIFE GROUPS 18	SPRING BREAK STARTS 19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	SPRING BREAK ENDS 27	28
 29	30	31				

EVENT DETAILS

 **IGNITE 6-8 PM**
MIDDLE SCHOOL- GYM
HIGH SCHOOL- GYM

LIFE GROUPS 7-8 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL- GYM
HIGH SCHOOL- STUDENT CENTER

SPRING BREAK MARCH 19-27
NO LIFE GROUPS OR IGNITE

NOTES

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STUDENT MINISTRY

2026 APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			LIFE GROUPS 1	2	GOOD FRIDAY 3	4
RESURRECTION SUNDAY 5	6	7	LIFE GROUPS 8	9	10	11
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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE TIME @ 7 PM

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
SERVICE TIMES: SAT 4TH @ 7PM
SUN 5TH @ 9 AM & 10:45 AM

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