

# STUDENT MINISTRIES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### MSM + HSM MIDDLE SCHOOL + HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

#### WHO CAN ATTEND?

We invite students to attend our ministries according to their grade. If you have a student who is between 6th-8th grade that student would go to MSM (Middle School Ministry). 9th-12th grade students attend HSM (High School Ministry). Seniors, in their last semester of high school are allowed to start attending Kairos, our college/young adult ministry.

#### WHAT ARE SMALL GROUPS?

Small Groups are groups which are made up of around 8-12 students led by 1-2 leaders which meet together to study God's word. These groups are the foundation of our discipleship process because they allow for relationships to be built that are centered on the gospel.

#### WHEN DO GROUPS START?

Small groups start at the end of August, usually the last Wednesday (MSM) and the last Thursday (HSM) in August. The way you sign up is online. We have a registration link that we send out via email, Facebook, Instagram, and flyer that has the registration link for the ministry specific small group, HSM or MSM.

#### PARENT COMMUNICATION?

We believe communication is vital in our ministry, so we have tried to hit every possible avenue in our communication. We currently use these platforms to communicate to parents: Email, Remind (text message service), Instagram, Facebook, and printed material. We hope that these will hit every point possible as we try to help you disciple your student.

#### LEADERS + COUNSELORS?

We understand how extremely important it is to keep the students in our community safe. This is why we take great care to thoroughly get to know every person that wants to be a leader in any of our ministries through a process which includes filling out an application, attending an interview, submitting to a background check, and attending extensive training before any leadership position is granted.

#### GET INVOLVED + SERVE?

Check out the **VOLUNTEER HQ** on our website for all the information on how you can join our team of volunteers in Student Ministries!

#### EVENTS?

**HSM Events** – From movie nights, to ice skating during Winter Break to Epic Game nights in the Spring to Summers filled with park days, Progressive Dinners, Guys/Girls Nights and of course an epic Summer Kick-off, we have something for everyone!

**MSM Events** – Middle School students love to get together with their friends! With this in mind, we host events in the school year called Solid Rocks and throughout the summer we organize students onto teams to compete against each other for MSM GameTime. We also have Night Outs twice in the year for small groups to get out from inside the church and go to one member's house.

#### RETREATS + CAMPS?

**Hume Lake Christian Camp** is our summer camp, and we believe it is one of the best camps in the country. Students get to spend a week away in the Sequoia National Forest growing in their discipleship and having a great time. Hume Lake occurs annually during the third week of June.

**Winter Camp.** If you haven't been to Winter Camp, you must go! It's our flagship retreat. We spend 4 days and 3 nights in Tuolumne, Ca, where we do worship, biblically centered messages, and of course some recreation. Winter Camp happens annually, typically during the second and third weekend in February.

**Girls Conference.** These are two different weekends, typically the 2nd and 3rd weekends in August, one specifically for MS and one specifically for HS. These retreats are driven for our desire for our girls to get away, be challenged in God's Word and spend time together with our Girls Coordinator.

**Cross Cultural Ministry.** We have two opportunities every year to go on a Cross Cultural Ministry Trip to partner with Spectrum Ministries in Mexico during the first week in October (during Fall Break) and San Francisco City Impact in the second week of July.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMPS?

Simple answer, yes! We never want financial limitations to exclude a student from going to camp. For Hume Lake Summer Camp there is a scholarship offered directly from Hume that is applied for and given on a needs basis. GHCC also has its own scholarship we offer for both Hume Lake and Winter Camp.

## KAIROS YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

#### WHAT DOES "KAIROS" MEAN?

The word Kairos means, "the opportune moment in the plans and time of God." Kairos is meant to communicate that young adults have a moment in the time of their lives when they can be used for God in powerful ways. While most young adults find themselves in a period of waiting – waiting for marriage, for graduation, or for a career – this season of life is opportune for using their gifts and interests for the kingdom of God.

#### WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

The ministry of Kairos provides the young adults within our church the opportunity to engage in true worship, grow into Christ-like maturity, and serve the body of Christ.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT?

Kairos begins every week with a time of prayer and worship through song. We then open up the Word of God together. We will then finish the evening hanging out and eating snacks.

#### HOW CAN I SERVE IN KAIROS?

Serving in the body of Christ is one of the best ways to get involved in the community. Within Kairos there are a number of opportunities to serve: worship ministry, connections team, prayer team, etc. If you are interested in serving, please see the volunteer roles page.

#### MARRIED COUPLES?

Yes, married couples are invited to attend Kairos.

#### CHILDCARE?

Childcare is not provided. However, parents are invited to bring their children into Kairos.

#### SENIORS?

We invite high school seniors to join Kairos during their spring semester.

#### KAIROS RETREATS/CAMPS?

We offer two major, three-day retreats a year - a summer camping trip and a winter retreat.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS?

We advertise all of our events on Tuesday nights at Kairos and on Facebook + Instagram.

#### SMALL GROUPS?

We hold small group sign-ups twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Small group sign-ups take place on Tuesday nights at Kairos.

#### STAY CONNECTED AT SCHOOL?

We strongly encourage all students who travel away for college to stay connected with Kairos. We intentionally plan most of our events for the summer and winter breaks so that students who move away for college can still attend.

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