



THE ORCHARD

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Youth Newsletter



WHAT'S (GROW)ING ON?

We kept busy in June! The youth have been involved in many church events and activities this past month, from helping out with Summer Series and VBS to just hanging out at the building or at Celtic Cup. We especially want to thank Don Winningham for taking the us horseback riding toward the beginning of the month. We all loved the horses and getting to know Don a little bit better.

Looking ahead, July holds even more for us. Throughout the month, we'll be focusing on growing together with our community through service. Each Sunday in July, the youth will be leading the service over at Morning Pointe. The 12th through the 15th, we'll be gardening in a food desert up at Battlefield Farms in Knoxville. Finally, we'll be ending the month by cooking and serving a meal at our parent's banquet and retreat on the 28th.

As always, if you'd like to serve with the youth in any capacity, please see Caleb about joining the Adult Leadership Team.

OUR PURPOSE

"Under God's leadership, the purpose of the youth ministry at Highland Hills Church of Christ is to plant the seeds of God's steadfast love, of a faith that seeks deeper understanding, and of God's kingdom. In doing so, we aim to grow together with the triune God, each other, and our broader community."



FRESH FRUIT

Congratulations, Jeannie! Jeannie Hite just won 2023 S3DA 3D Young Adult Female Pins National Champion. She's been doing so well and has worked so hard to get where she is, and we're so proud of her for that.



JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Morning Pointe	3	4	5 Ice Cream and Singing	6 Hangout Days	7	8
9 Morning Pointe	10 Coffee Chat Book Club	11	12 Battlefield Farm Service Trip	13	14	15
16 Morning Pointe	17 Coffee Chat Book Club	18	19 Summer Series	20 Braves Game	21	22
23 Morning Pointe	24 Coffee Chat Book Club	25	26 Summer Series	27 Hangout Days	28 The Lamb's Table	29
30 Morning Pointe Summer Series - Joint Service	31 Coffee Chat Book Club					

Please consult the calendar at highlandhills.church/youth-ministry for the most recent calendar updates.



THE PATHWAY

Classes and Times

Sunday Morning at 9:00:
How We Worship

Monday Afternoon at 1:00:
Coffee Chat

Monday Evening at 6:30:
Summer Book Club

Wednesday Evening at 6:30:
Exodus / Summer Series

Thursdays at Various Times:
Summer Hangout Days

GRAFTED ONTO GOD

This month's reading and art for reflection



-"Beyond Walls" by Saype

"You created us for companionship, O God,
for the sharing of burdens,
for the joining of celebrations,
for the breaking of bread in fellowship,
and so it is not unnatural that we should taste
a particular sorrow when eating a meal alone.

Sit with me and linger at this solitary table, O Lord.

Sit with me as my father.
Sit with me as my brother.
Sit with me as my shepherd.
Sit with me as my friend.

In the absence of human companions,
may I know more fully your presence.
In this silence where there is no conversation,
may I more clearly hear your voice.

Use my own momentary loneliness
to work in me a more effectual sympathy
for others who are often alone,
and who long for the companionship
of their God and of his people.

Let me afterward be more intentional
in the practice of hospitality.
Let me sometimes be the reason
the loneliness of another is relieved.
Meet me now in my own loneliness, O lord.
Meet me in this meal. I receive it as your
provision for my life in this hour.

Amen."

"-A Liturgy Before A Meal Eaten Alone"
by Douglas Kaine McKelvey