

SUNDAY MORNINGS

IMPACT 101

This class is offered Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 for 6-12th grade students. This year we are going through the major stories of the Bible.

101 Memory Verse for April/May

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these command that I am giving you today.

Apr 7 Jeremiah God gave Jeremiah strong words to warn the people of their need to repent. Yet the people refused to listen or obey. The book of Jeremiah ends with Babylon conquering Jerusalem and carrying the people away. Yet even in exile, God would still call the people to return to him. He would still offer forgiveness and restoration if they would love him and obey him with all their heart.

Apr 14 Palm Sunday We will walk through the last week of Jesus' life on earth; his entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his betrayal, trial and crucifixion and finally his resurrection. We will challenge the kids to make the most important decision of their life – to believe in Jesus. - **John 3:16** God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life!

Apr 21 EASTER – no class

Apr 28 Daniel 1 The first chapter of Daniel tells us the story of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, whom God allowed to conquer Jerusalem and scatter the Israelites into exile throughout his kingdom. The strongest and smartest young men, including Daniel, are brought into the King's service. Although Daniel served the king, he was true to the LORD, his true King. The students will be challenged to live God's way even when it means being out of step with those around them.

May 5 Daniel 3 & 6 We will read two stories of God's miraculous intervention for his people who love him and obey him regardless of the pressure of others. The first is of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who refused to bow to an idol and are thrown into a fiery furnace, but God doesn't allow the flame to touch them. The second is of Daniel who continues to pray when it is illegal. He is thrown into a den of lions, but God doesn't allow the lions to touch him. The students will be challenged to live God's way even when those around them pressure them to follow the way of the world.

May 12 SPRING RETREAT – no class

May 19 Jonah - Everyone thinks they know the story of Jonah, but the story is much more complex than most of us realize. God told Jonah to tell the people of Ninevah they must repent of their wickedness. But Jonah refused. God used a storm and a whale to teach Jonah he couldn't run away from him. Often the story ends there, but *why* didn't Jonah want to go to Ninevah? The last chapters explain that Jonah didn't want God to forgive these people who were his enemies. Through this story, we will challenge the students to be willing to follow God's call toward forgiving those who are against them.

May 26 MEMORIAL WEEKEND – no class



IMPACT 201

IMPACT 201 is geared for 9-12th grade students and is offered at 9:00 Sunday mornings. Students start the morning in the youth room for worship and then move to the adult classroom in the hallway.

201 Memory Verse for April/May

Colossians 1:15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation.

Apr 7 Racism Unfortunately, there have been times in church history that Christians have not been very loving towards other ethnicities. But the Bible exhorts us time and again to love our neighbor as ourselves. Come this weekend to learn about a Christian approach to racism and the gospel in America.

Christianity and World Religions: What makes Christianity so unique? Many people around us would say that all religions are the same. But nearly all of the people in their own religion says that they have the true religion.

Apr 14 Christianity and World Religions: Islam and Judaism

This week, we will learn more about how the truth claims of Christianity interact with the truth claims found in Islam and Judaism.

Apr 21 EASTER – no class

Apr 28 Christianity and World Religions: Buddhism This week, we will learn more about how the truth claims of Christianity interact with the truth claims found in Buddhism.

May 5 Christianity and World Religions: Hinduism This week, we will learn more about how the truth claims of Christianity interact with the truth claims found in Hinduism.

May 12 SPRING RETREAT – no class

May 19 Jesus and the Old Testament In John 5:39, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the Old Testament Scriptures bear witness about Him. But *how* do they bear witness about Him? So many times when we're reading the Old Testament, we get bored. How do you search for Jesus in those same Scriptures and become excited rather than bored while reading them? Come this week and I believe you'll start your summer excited.

May 26 MEMORIAL WEEKEND – no class

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Night IMPACT is for 6-12th graders. The evening begins with large group games and student led worship. Following this, middle school and high school students split into two groups for large group teaching and end the evening in small groups.

April – Friendships

Memory Verse for April

Proverbs 18:24 There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother

We will spend the month of April talking about friendships.

God created us to need each other. Friendships are a part of God's blessings in our lives. They bring us joy and laughter. Good friends stand by us in difficult times. The Bible has a lot to say about our friendships.

We will help the students see that our friendships influence us. We will talk about the difference between true friends and counterfeit friends. We will learn how to be a healthy influence in the lives of our friends and to let Jesus' love shine through us into their lives. We will talk about how to make IMPACT a place where everyone is welcomed into a community of friends.

May – Making Wise Choices

Memory Verse for May

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

As students develop more independence during their teen years, they will make many choices that have a big influence on the trajectory of their lives. During the month of May, we will be encouraging them to look to God's word to find the wisdom they will need to make good choices. We will talk about trusting God enough to live his way.



SATURDAY NIGHTS

High school students and college-age adults 18-23 are invited to attend this weekly event. We attend the 5:00pm worship service together, eat dinner in the youth room, discuss the scripture and ideas brought up in the sermon, and finish with a time of prayer. Students are welcome to hang out and have fun until 10pm.

- ⇒ 5:00 Attend worship service together
- ⇒ 6:30 Eat supper together in youth room
- ⇒ 8:30 Games and hang out time ending by 10 pm

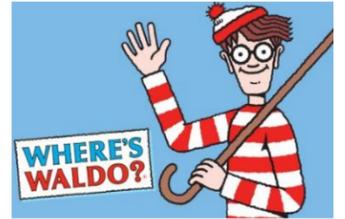
DATES TO KNOW

April 28 Where's Waldo?

Scavenger Hunt

Following the 10:30 worship service, High School students will head to the Mall of America to find Waldo. Please RSVP to this event online so we are able to arrange rides. Also, please bring money for lunch and supper which will be purchased at the mall.

May 18 6:30pm High School Graduates Open House and Saturday Supper



SIGN UP NOW!!

May 10-12 Spring Retreat

6th - 12th Grade

Life is an amazing journey. However, we all know that along with the best parts of life come some incredibly challenging moments. How we respond to the good and the bad moments in life have the potential to determine not only where we end up, but who we will become. Jesus has shown us how we can live victorious in every aspect of life. He did the hard part through His sacrifice on the cross. Now He calls us to follow him and to be more like Him in the way that we live.



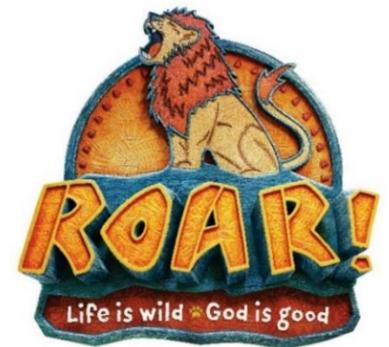
Determined. Fierce. Uncompromising. Unstoppable. Relentless.

Cost for the retreat is \$120 per student. \$110 for additional students from the same family. Financial assistance is available. Go to the News & Events menu on the website to sign up. **SIGN UP NOW!!**



Students are welcome to participate in summer mission's trips to Nett Lake in northern Minnesota, Alaska, and Honduras. For more information about missions contact Pastor Dan Monson.

JUNE 17-21 Every year over 50 students have a blast **serving together at VBS.** Be sure to mark your calendar and set aside this week to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** here in our community serving our kids and the friends they will invite to **ROAR!**





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Parents – Are you able to help this summer?

We know kids often have more free time in the summer than they do during the school year. We want to fill their summer with **fun**, to help them grow in their **faith**, and to encourage the **friendships** they are making at church. We would love to have backyard bonfires, pool parties, and game nights in homes for specific age groups.

Please consider how you can help make this happen for our kids. Let us know if you would like to host an event at your home.

Email Youth@NRF.Life for more information about making a difference with NorthRidge youth.



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*Our goal is for every student to **experience God's love** for them in such a way that it overflows into **authentic love** for each other and a **desire to make a difference** in their family, school, community, and world.*