

**2nd Edition**  
**Feb - June 2018**

# *First Family*



## **Calendar**

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### *Highlights*



**Feb 18**  
The Point

**Feb 25**  
The Point

**Feb 25**  
Winter Jam

**March 4**  
Camp Lunch

**March 11**  
The Point

**March 24**  
Love your Campus

**March 31**  
EggFest

**April 1**  
Easter Sunday

**April 8**  
The Point

**April 8**  
Camp Lunch

**April 11, 18, 25**  
Kids Parent Conferences

**May 6**  
Camp Lunch

**May 13**  
Mother's Day

**May 13**  
Baby Dedication

**May 20**  
Graduate Recognition

**May 27**  
The Point

**June 3**  
Camp Lunch

**June 11- June 16**  
Mission Fuge

**June 17**  
Father's Day

**June 19- 22**  
SL4K Camp

**June 24- June 28**  
Vacation Bible School

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# From Nichole

2018 is already off to a great start and I feel like this year is going to be amazing for our Kid's Ministry! One of our main goals is to shift into a Family Ministry Focus that equips you, the parents, to partner with us, the church, to disciple your kids! We will have many opportunities and resources available to help us in this transition and will be continuously building upon them.

An important role I play as your Kid's Minister is not only to build relationships with the kids, teachers, and volunteers, but to build a relationship and minister to YOU as well! Throughout the year I plan to offer specific dates to meet with you and discuss the needs, wants, and ideas of your family. I want to us to be on the same page as to where your kids are spiritually and offer any advice to questions you may have. Although I'm available to you anytime, I feel being intentional with this will ensure that I am meeting the needs of more families.

Kids are in an impressible stage of life and we want to be sensitive to them and their individual needs of comfort. We want them to feel accepted and welcomed from the moment they step on to our campus. We want to create an atmosphere in which kids are passionately inviting others to join in and share experiences with. We are praying for growth and development and a sense of preparation of what is to come in their life. We want to model and teach our kids to have a humble heart. One that shows more than tolerance of others, but a heart of servitude towards another. I pray our Kids Ministry is more than just "moving up", it's growing up!

I look forward to what this year has to offer and am excited to build a deeper relationship with each of you!



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the BIBLE  
PROJECT

## The Bible Project

We want YOU and your KIDS to better understand the Bible. The Bible Project is a series of videos that help us understand difficult concepts and themes and an overall summary of each book of the Bible. Read Scripture is an App that you can download that gives us the scripture text and incorporates the Bible Project videos, along with a daily reading plan to help us on the journey through the Bible. We are going to start showing these videos in our Sunday School and Wednesday night programs to help emphasize the overall concepts we want them to learn. Feel free to watch them and show them to your kids and students at home as we feel repetition is needed for a full understanding of scripture.

parent  
cue.

## The Parent Cue

Parent Cue App is a resource that helps every parent do something each week to move their child toward a deeper faith and better future. The app gives strategic ideas for you based on the stage of life your own kids are in currently. I would like to use this resource in our Family Ministry to collaborate to minister to our kids. Take some time to get familiar with the app. I want to start incorporating resources that you can use at home to help disciple your kids but, also aligns with what we are doing at church to reinforce the same ideas.

## SL4K Student Life <sup>FOR</sup> Kids Kids Camp

This June our kids will be heading to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL! Student Life for Kids Camp 2018 will explore our need for spiritual "rescue." Kids Camp is an amazing experience where our kids get to worship with a praise band, live dramas, age-appropriate speakers, bible study, and recreation. SL4K is designed so that we stay in family church groups enabling us to build stronger relationships that we can bring back home with us. Camp is an experience that will leave a lasting impression.

# Parent Ministry

Parent Ministry is the church and the family partnering together to help lead kids and students to follow Jesus. Did you know that by the age of 9 a child has already formed his or her basic moral foundation and by age 13 they've come to an understanding about God, His love, and eternity? So, while kids are still at home, they are making the most important eternal choices of their life.

There have been numerous studies trying to indicate a reason why young people walk away from the church. Their top finding was that time spent talking and living faith in the home was the biggest indicator of a faith that sticks in kids. Kids need families engaged in their faith at home, where they spend most of their time, and know that faith is not just a "church thing" but a "life thing".

## MFUGE Student Camp

## FUGE CAMPS



Our students will be going to MFuge in Nashville, TN, June 11-16. For students, a week at camp is exciting, fun, loud, and sometimes even messy. But those things don't bring about life-change on their own. Every moment spent at FUGE is intentional. Camp programming is designed to take students out of their normal routine and place them into a grow and go moment where they learn to serve and live everyday life on mission!

## From Kevin



This spring is going to be an exciting time in the life of our Student Ministry! We have opportunities of worship, study and missions! A huge part of what we do is build relationships with you, the parent. Thank you so much for every dessert you make or ride you give to make what we are doing as a Student Ministry great. Let me say here, that I want to hear from you about our Student Ministry and how I can have a deeper impact in the lives of our teenagers. We are partners together as these young lives discover more and more the love of Christ in their lives. This takes a great attention to the details that we want to pursue. I want to walk along side your family in this journey consistently and not just in the crisis moments.

An important role I play in the life of your child is bringing small group teachers and mentors to lead them in faith. Join me in praying for these long lasting relationships that will harvest trust, compassion and love.

I am always available to discuss the spiritual progress of your child! This is more complex than what they know and do not know but what steps they are taking next in their faith development. When we are discussing your child, here are some things that you could help me with as we seek to work together. What are some changes that your child is adjusting to that are meaningful? What seems to motivate them to positive outlets? What do they love to do? How do you think they receive love best? These questions that are ongoing and extremely helpful to our discipleship partnership.



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# Clubhouse Friends

On Wednesday evenings, we offer a dynamic program designed for kids' kindergarten-5th grade called 'Clubhouse Friends'. We meet upstairs in the large room of the kids' wing (called The Clubhouse) at 6pm and start off the night with a craft or game before leading into Large Group time. During large group, the kids say the club pledge, memory verse, and are introduced to the lesson by watching one of our On-Location videos, and then gather in small groups. Small group discussions are initiated through our 'Explore the Bible' lessons and offer plenty of time for both teacher led and student interactions. We wrap up the night at 7:10 with a large group game or activity! Kids should be picked up at 7:15. We also offer a preschool Bible study downstairs for babies-preK4. Kids are taught Bible stories through stories, songs, play, and crafts. Join us each Wednesday as we build relationships, dig into the word, and learn about missions and outreach!

## First Blessings

First Blessings Preschool is our church's daily preschool program that has been running for 50+ years! Our goal is to reach families in our community and give young kids a scholastic and biblical foundation. We want their first school experience to be filled with fun, excitement, and love! We offer a variety of activities that are family focused and all centered on God's Word!

# The Point

The Point: Kids' Worship is a dynamic worship service twice per month in our FLC. Kids get to worship in a contemporary and impactful manner with the idea that worship is about interacting with Jesus personally! Worship is led by our very own Point Band and we encourage them to experience worship on their level with their energy!

## Pals

On Sunday Evenings, our students meet at the 'Pals' Car Wash lobby for a small and intimate time of studying God's word. Pals is located on Battlefield Parkway. We ask that parents provide transportation to and from Pals. We begin at 5:30pm and typically last until 7pm. We are praying about growing this small group moment into the homes of our families. We believe this to be a great opportunity to open the lives of our families to others in our ministry. If you would be interested in hosting a Sunday evening small gathering for our students in your house, please contact Kevin for more info.

## Ecuador

Our Kid and Student Camps provide a mission's foundation each summer, but we want to put more focus church-wide on international missions. Ecuador is one of the short-term international missions trips we will be offering in 2018. We sent a Missions Scout Team to Ecuador recently that brought back an overwhelming desire to continue this Ministry and give opportunities for even our teens and family groups to participate in. We will offer a Missions Interest Meeting on Sunday, 2.11 for anyone interested in Going International!

