

SUMMER²⁰²⁵

**Lemonade
on the Lawn**

June

8

12:00 | FPC | Youth Host

**Mission Trip
Commissioning**

June

15

11:00 | FPC | In Worship

**High School
Mission Trip**

June

22

Asheville Youth Mission

**Mission Trip
Commissioning**

July

6

11:00 | FPC | In Worship

**Middle
School Trip**

July

7

Massanetta Springs

MYC

July

20

Montreat Conference Center

Lake Party

Aug

17

12:30 | Crystal's House

A Note From Audrey

Visiting God at Church Camp

When I was seven years old, I fell in love with church camp. It felt like God lived there. All year I ached for it. One year I even kept track of how long I had before I got to go back, marking the days in pen on my hand. All year I waited. I was never at camp for very long, one or two weeks at most. But I lived for those weeks with the mountains and the lake and rainstorms, for singers and brass and handbells and organ, for hammock confessionals and candlelight vespers. At camp, I felt whole. Closest to myself, closest to God.

Imagine how hard I felt coming home. I was devastated to be back in the ordinary. For weeks after, I moped around the house, logging the three-digit countdown for when I got to visit God again. Every year it was the same. Until it wasn't.

I remember the moment distinctly. The benediction of our camp worship service turned into a processional out onto the lawn, all of us singing. I looked up into the trees and felt a burst of sunlight warm my face. I wondered, what if this joy isn't trapped here in the mountains? What if the joy had never come from the place at all?

It was then that I realized what really made camp a holy experience for me. It wasn't the physical location. It was because everyday, I spent sunup to sundown in worship and study and fellowship. The mountains merely allowed me to experience my faith uninterrupted. I had done myself a disservice, thinking God lived at church camp. I had confined God to the mountains, and in many ways, I left my faith there, too.

After that summer, the way church camp informed my faith changed. Instead of waiting all year long until I get to leave the ordinary behind, why not try to inject the ordinary with more church camp?



Audrey Webb Kahrs
Director of Youth Ministry

Student Spotlight: Senior Edition



Wells

• His hobbies: Wells enjoys golf, running, basketball, being with friends, and watching sports.

His favorite subject in school: Marketing. He hopes to major in Business.

His pet: Lucy, a golden doodle

His favorite color: LIGHT BLUE

A church memory he loves: his first time going to Montreat Youth Conference

Someone who has made faith meaningful to him: "Tristan Wall, because of the passion for his faith that he showed every day."



Alex

• His hobbies: Alex enjoys playing basketball with his friends.

• His favorite subjects in school: History, Politics, and Law

• His pet: a rescue dog named Charlie.

A church memory his loves: Confirmation

Someone who has made faith meaningful to him: "My mom inspires me to be an ethical person and make the right decisions. I know I can count on her when life is difficult. She encourages me to go to church and act like a Christian."



Broughton

Her hobbies: Broughton enjoys theater, swimming, photography, and art.

What's she's studying next year: Marine Biology and Spanish.

Her pets: Tucker (a 14 year-old Cavachon) and 2 square back marsh crabs.

Her favorite color: all shades of **BLUE**

A church memory she loves: participating in the Nativity Play

Someone who has made faith meaningful to her is her grandmother: "Mimi exemplifies following God's teachings. She is kind to everyone, has lived a life of service, and most of all, makes people feel loved and accepted."



Ava

Her hobbies: Ava runs cross country and track and has played soccer, been on swim team, and raced mountain bikes. She loves live music and going to concerts!

What she's studying next year: Industrial Engineering

Her pet: Finn, a golden retriever

Her favorite color: **NAVY BLUE**

A church memory she loves: Lemonade on the Lawn

Someone who has made faith meaningful to her is Amy Hockett, her Confirmation sponsor: "When I practice my faith outside of church I think of her."





Liam

His hobbies: Liam enjoys sports of all kinds. He has been a soccer goalie since he was eight, and he was a linebacker on the football team.

What he's studying next year: Biology, Pre-Med

His favorite color: **BLUE**

His pet: Panther the cat

A church memory he loves: giving a sermon on Youth Sunday

Someone who has made faith meaningful to him: Tristan Wall



Nate

His hobbies: Nate is in the marching band, plays softball and ultimate frisbee, and enjoys playing video games and reading.

What he's studying next year: Statistics

His pets: Sadie the dog and Squish the cat

His favorite color: **BLUE**

A church memory he loves: Montreat Worship and Music Camp

Someone who has made faith meaningful to him: "Tristan Wall for the connection we made and the years of church memories."





Claire

Her hobbies: Claire enjoys photography and playing volleyball.

What she's studying next year: Interior Design

Her pet: Hazel, a Golden Retriever

Her favorite color: **RED**

A church memory she loves: the Ivey Handbells trip to Colorado

Someone who has made faith meaningful to her: "Kelly Potts Harder as she was my Children's Choir Director and Confirmation Mentor."



Hayes

His hobbies: Hayes enjoys golf, basketball, fishing, hunting, and shooting

What he's studying next year: Business

His pets: Brady the coonhound and Mincey the cat

His favorite color: **GREEN**

A church memory he loves: mission trips & Montreat

Someone who has made faith meaningful to him: "Rand Ayer as my Confirmation sponsor, grandparents, parents, siblings, and friends."

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1 Liam Smith	11 Leia McCarihan	17 Ryan Wright
6 Anna Torstrick	11 Casey Jones	20 Katie Gray Riddick
7 Andie Jones	14 Keller Smith	24 Maddie Meyer
9 Cooper Snowdon	17 Lola Daves	26 Houston Hewett
9 Marley Snowdon	17 Lore Daves	29 Alex Fleischli
10 Greta Huber		29 Hobs Mulford

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

11 Sarah Beth Newsom	22 Mary Crandall Doyle
13 Arin Carter McIntyre	22 Patrick Doyle
20 Ellie Flohr	25 Madison Miller
21 Christopher Short	26 Molly McIntyre
21 Robert Short	26 Mary True Tang

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

1 Cameron Cox	8 James Serpa	27 Kate Herring
4 Finn Williams	11 Bowen Walker	27 Avayanna Simpson-Cook
3 Porter Hoops	19 Nolan Kim	27 Bentley Rheault
5 Carter Milam	22 Mac Mulford	28 Ella Craver
8 Harper Flohr	22 Wilson Mulford	29 Jane Young
	27 Reagan Hartnett	