



# FC'S MISSION & VISION

First Church exists to lead people to Know, Worship & Serve Jesus Christ.

Our Vision is to become a Disciple-Making church through Relational Engagement (small groups) and Leadership Development (discipling/mentoring relationships).

## VISION FOR FC STUDENTS

Leading students in a growing relationship with Christ, so they experience being **SEEN, KNOWN** and **LOVED**.

## WHY STUDENTS MATTER

at a glance

- 21,829 students go to a public middle or high school in Boone, Kenton and Campbell County (2025)
- 22% of Gen Z self-identify as Christian and have made a personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ.
- 48% of Gen Z are not Christian and hold some other belief about who Jesus is.
- 70% of students walk away from the church and their faith between the ages of 18-22.

## STRATEGY FOR STUDENTS

Connecting students to someone who loves God and loves them, so they can develop an authentic faith (Relational Engagement).

Helping students become lifelong Jesus followers through growing **DEEPER** - Deeper in their Biblical Knowledge and Deeper through Spiritual Practices (discipling and leadership development).

These two concepts are weaved through everything in Student Ministry.



## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Think like engineers
- Are motivated by acceptance
- Need to know their journey matters

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Think like philosophers
- Are motivated by freedom
- Need to ignite their potential

Find out more by going to [barna.com](http://barna.com) and The Parent Cue App





# WHAT WE DO

According to research, students are wrestling with 3 big questions\*:

- Who am I?
- Where do I fit in?
- What difference can I make?

These questions are rooted in a search for identity, belonging, and purpose. As students search for answers to these questions, we can point them to Jesus. As a ministry, we aim to answer these questions about identity, belonging, and purpose by connecting them to Jesus, community, and serving. Through these three areas of connection, we work to remove unnecessary barriers so students can go deeper as a follower of Jesus.

To better understand how we work to do this, let's look at our three channels. Through prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, the three channels used to accomplish the mission of FC's Students are Student Experiences, Groups, and Making a Difference.



*Students want to*  
**KNOW**

Who am I?

Where do I fit?

What difference can I make?



*So we*  
**CONNECT**  
*them to*

Jesus

Community

Serving



*3*  
**CHANNELS**

Student Experiences

Groups

Making a Difference

*\*3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager*  
*By Kara Powell and Brad Griffin*

# 3 CHANNELS

## Student Experiences

- Sunday Gatherings and weekly gatherings like **CONNECT** are key to building lifelong faith. Sunday Gatherings provide intergenerational worship and help students connect with the broader church community. **CONNECT** offers a fun, welcoming space for games, devotionals, and small groups. A few times a year, all campuses come together for **Student Nights**—events focused on worship and helping students take next steps in faith.
- Events like **CIY MIX**, **CIY MOVE**, and **Fall Retreats** give students a chance to deepen their faith, build friendships, and invite others into the journey of following Jesus.

### CONNECT

**CONNECT** is our weekly student gathering on Sunday nights from 5:30–7:00 PM (September through May) at each campus. It's a low-stakes, fun environment where students can bring friends, enjoy games and hang time, and participate in a short devotional and small group discussion. We **CONNECT** students to Jesus and each other.

### STUDENT NIGHTS

These are large, student-focused events hosted a few times each year at the Burlington campus. They're designed to inspire students to look beyond themselves, explore their faith, and connect to Jesus and His Kingdom. Student Nights also provide an entry point to join groups, start serving, and engage with our Kingdom Workers leadership team.

### SUMMER CAMP

**CIY MIX** (for middle school students) and **CIY MOVE** (for high school students) are week-long summer experiences focused on helping students encounter Jesus and live for His Kingdom. These trips are pivotal moments in a student's discipleship journey.

## Groups

- **Groups** meet Sunday mornings at each campus and are divided by age and gender. In these environments, students build Biblical knowledge, ask honest questions, and form trusted relationships with adult leaders and peers. Before groups begin, students connect through hangout time and games, followed by a message from a student leader.
- **Groups** create space for students to belong, be real, and grow in their faith.

### GROUPS/SUNDAY MORNINGS

Groups are all about relationships and spiritual growth. Students come to connect with their tribe, dive into Scripture, and ask questions in a safe space. These gatherings build community and deepen their walk with Jesus.

### SUMMER CAMP

**CIY MIX** (for middle school) and **CIY MOVE** (for high school) are week-long summer experiences designed to help students encounter Jesus and grow in their faith—together. These trips are powerful opportunities for small groups to bond deeply, share spiritual milestones, and take meaningful steps in their discipleship journey as a community.

# 3 CHANNELS

## Making a Difference

- Helping students discover their God-given gifts and purpose is essential for lifelong faith. We provide ways for students to serve within CONNECT, in Guest Services, in FC|Kids, and through our Kingdom Workers student leadership team.
- We also offer opportunities for students to serve in the community and globally—giving them a front-row seat to the Great Commission in action.

### SERVE

Students are encouraged to take meaningful steps in serving both inside and outside the church. Whether it's through serving on a weekend team, participating in local outreach, or engaging with global mission partners, we want students to experience the impact of living on mission.

## 3 CHANNELS

### COMMUNITY

(Student Experiences)

- CONNECT
- Student Nights
- CIY MIX
- CIY MOVE
- Fall Retreat

### DISCIPLES

(Groups)

- Sunday Mornings
- CIY MIX
- CIY MOVE
- Fall Retreat

### DISCIPLE MAKERS

(Making a Difference)

- Kingdom Workers
- Ministry Teams
- Serve Days
- VBS
- Locally & Globally with Mission Partners

# RHYTHMS

## FALL

### September

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- Student Night
- CONNECT

### October

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT

### November

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT
- Fall Retreat
- Sunday Gathering

### December

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT
- Christmas Break
- Sunday Gathering

## SPRING

### January

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- Student Night
- CONNECT

### February

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT

### March

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT
- Kingdom Worker Retreat

### April

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT
- Senior Night
- Sunday Gathering

### May

- Groups/Sunday Morning
- CONNECT
- Student Night

## SUMMER

### June

- Sunday Gatherings
- Small Group Get-togethers
- CIY
- Serve locally & globally with Mission Partners

### July

- Sunday Gatherings
- Small Group Get-togethers
- CIY
- Serve locally & globally with Mission Partners

### August

- Sunday Gatherings
- Small Group Get-togethers