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Thank You





A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR



More than 40 years after a few TAMU college students began hanging out with a couple families in Wellborn, we are now producing a yearly catalog that strives to share the immeasurable amount of amazing things happening through this ministry we call Youth Impact.

I am simultaneously humbled and honored to have been a part of Youth Impact for the past 17 years. I first became a volunteer as a college Freshman because someone invited me; they heard my story and said, "Hey, I think you should come check this out." This person saw me, saw what God was doing in Youth Impact, and invited me to be a part of it.

All these years later, I still sense God's invitation for me personally to be a part of what He is doing in Bryan/College Station through Youth Impact. It is this intentionality that is at the heart of what we do. We intentionally invest in our volunteers every week to encourage and equip them, so they might be intentional with our students and their families for years as they develop mutually life-changing relationships, centered on a relationship with Jesus.

Whether you are a long time supporter, an alumni, or are experiencing Youth Impact for the first time through this catalog, our hope is that you see what God has invited us into this past year. We celebrate His faithfulness to make Himself known through His people and His Spirit. We also extend the invite to you! Would you give God praise right where you are? Would you consider being a prayer partner? Would you consider giving financially to continue the work? Thanks for taking time to read and explore this catalog.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Hoevelman".

Micah Hoevelman
Youth Impact Pastor & Director



Discipleship Through Partnership

**WE LOVED YOU SO MUCH THAT WE
SHARED WITH YOU NOT ONLY GOD'S
GOOD NEWS, BUT OUR OWN LIVES, TOO.
1 THESSALONIANS 2:8**



Mission

We seek and serve youth in need so they might fulfill their God-given potential.

Vision

We do this by equipping diverse disciples to make disciples of youth in need through mentorship and partnership with their families and the BCS community.

MISSION

THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thursday Nights That Change Lives

Every Thursday during the school year, almost 250 kids from across College Station and Bryan gather at Mission for an evening of growth, connection, and faith. With nearly equal representation from both cities - and students ranging from elementary to high school - our after-school program is designed to meet kids where they are, both developmentally and spiritually.

Volunteers not only teach and lead but also build relationships - sharing meals, praying with students, and providing consistent mentorship. With 75% of our kids seeking spiritual guidance and positive after-school activities, these evenings meet a real need in our community. Each Thursday is more than a program - it's a step toward deeper discipleship and lasting impact.

AGE GROUPS

LL

Little Littles
1st-2nd grade

ML

Middle Littles
3rd-4th grade

BL

Big Littles
5th-6th grade

LB

Little Bigs
7th-8th grade

BB

Big Bigs
9th-12th grade

CURRICULUM

Our goal is to help students increase in knowledge of God and aligning their life with Jesus

In elementary, students learn to recognize God's character through familiar Bible stories. As they grow, they begin to connect those stories into the bigger picture of God's love and plan. Middle schoolers build on this by tracing the gospel from creation to Jesus and seeing how it shapes their identity. By high school, they're applying the gospel to daily life and deepening their walk with Jesus.

Across all ages, students are learning that the Bible is one true story, God's rescue plan through Jesus, and that they are a part of it.

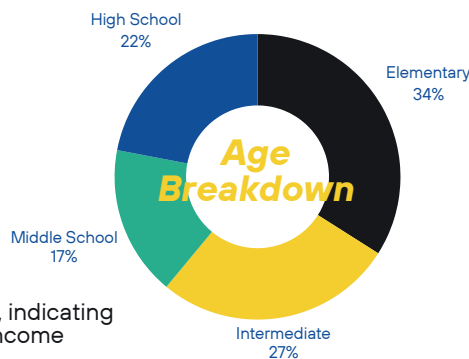


MISSION STATS

83% of our students identify as Black or African American.

71% come from single-parent households, highlighting the importance of strong community.

96% qualify for free/reduced lunch, indicating that most of our students come from low-income families.



While we welcome and serve all who come through our doors, this is simply the community God has entrusted to us and we're honored to minister where He has placed us.

SERV GOALS

This year we implemented our brand new ministry-wide and age group specific SERV goals! Every aspect of our ministry, from weekly programming to investing in college students, is shaped by four core areas of impact: **S**piritual Development, **E**motional Awareness, **R**elational Maturity, and **V**ocational Opportunity. Together, these goals form the foundation for a discipleship model that addresses the whole person, not just one part of their life.

Ministry-Wide SERV Goals

- Spiritual Development* **S** Increase in knowledge of God and aligning their life with Jesus
- Emotional Awareness* **E** Increase in ability to identify emotions and live with them in a healthy manner
- Relational Maturity* **R** Increase in ability to engage with others in a healthy manner
- Vocational Opportunity* **V** Identify and increase skills needed to take next step opportunities

Age Group SERV Goals

Each Thursday, students are grouped by grade level and engage with Scripture, mentorship, and developmentally tailored goals through our SERV framework—Spiritual, Emotional, Relational, and Vocational growth.



Little Littles (1st–2nd) learn to name characteristics of God (S), identify emotions (E), recognize positive traits (R), and build reading skills with sight words (V).

Middle Littles (3rd–4th) begin connecting Bible stories (S), respond to emotions in healthy ways (E), make new friends (R), and grow in reading comprehension (V).

Big Littles (5th–6th) learn the gospel in parts (S), grow in empathy (E), learn traits of a good friend (R), and identify personal interests and skills (V).

Little Bigs (7th–8th) learn to recall the gospel in parts (S), build empathy (E) and reconciliation skills with peers (R), and get familiar with high school opportunities (V).

Big Bigs (9th–12th) learn to relate the gospel to their life (S), develop self-awareness (E), grow in servant leadership (R), and pursue a vision for their future (V).

SERVey Results!

Fall 2024



This year we've seen incredible growth in our students as they have taken meaningful steps in each of our SERV areas. The SERVey results reflect this progress - showing a rise in students who met or exceeded their age-specific goals. Behind every percentage is a story of transformation and we're grateful to walk with each student on this journey of faith, growth, and purpose.

Spring 2025



*** Percentages reflect the number of students who hit or exceeded the desired target of each ministry goal. SERVeyes are verbally conducted by volunteers with each student***

VOLUNTEERS

OUR BOOTS ON THE GROUND



Equipping College Students to Serve with Excellence and Purpose

RECRUITING & TRAINING

Volunteers are essential to Youth Impact's mission, and we're committed to equipping them with the tools, training, and support they need. Each fall and spring, we recruit new college students through two main events: the Impact Ministry Fair and on-campus outreach at the MSC. But our most effective recruiting comes from current volunteers who invite their peers to join them in loving and discipling kids.

New volunteers begin with New Volunteer Training (NVT), an introduction to our ministry's values, rhythms, and methods. Training continues with weekly Sunday night gatherings focused on spiritual, cultural, and professional development, as well as retreats each semester for deeper formation and team building.

Our goal is not just service, but transformation. We want volunteers to grow in wisdom, compassion, and faith as they engage the real challenges of our world. Volunteer training is one of the key ways we pursue that vision.

SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING

Sunday Night Meetings (SNMs) are a key part of our volunteer development, designed to help college students grow Spiritually, Emotionally, Relationally, and Vocationally (SERV). Each week features large-group teaching and small-group discussion, creating space to reflect on who God is, what He's calling them to, and how to live faithfully in a complex world.

Each semester centers on a Worldview theme - like The Bible & the Vulnerable, Biblical Justice, or Reconciliation - challenging volunteers to engage Scripture and culture thoughtfully. Sessions are rooted in the Bible and supported by resources like *Generous Justice* (Tim Keller) and *Making Neighborhoods Whole* (John Perkins), along with guest speakers and panels offering practical insight.

We also provide Equipping content to build skills in mentoring, discipleship, communication, and leadership. Whether learning to share the gospel, reframe poverty, or navigate cultural tension, volunteers are grounded in truth and prepared to serve with wisdom, humility, and hope.



RETREATS

Our retreats for our volunteers offer a dedicated space to step away from the busyness of school, life, and ministry to reconnect deeply with God and one another. This time is shaped around a clear, gospel-centered worldview - helping them understand the big story of Scripture and how it shapes their view of God, themselves, and the world. Through intentional worship, gospel-rooted teaching, reflection, and shared experiences, volunteers are invited to grow in spiritual confidence, emotional wholeness, and relational unity. It's also a time to deepen friendships, strengthen team dynamics, and enjoy the kind of community that fuels lasting encouragement. By the end, volunteers return to weekly ministry rhythms with a clearer sense of who they are, where they belong, and how they are called to serve.

The Three "R"s of Retreats: Refresh, Reconnect, Refocus

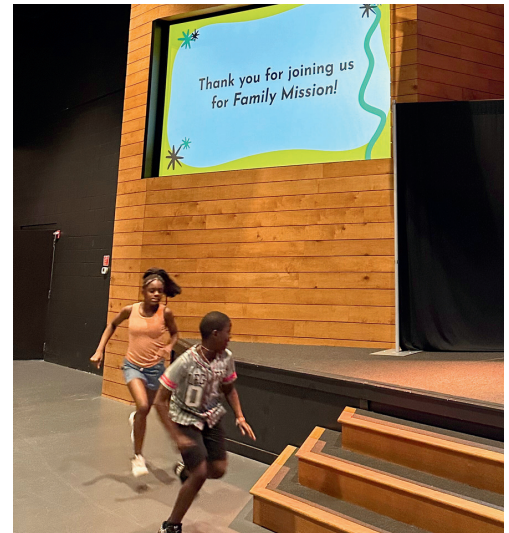


FAMILY MISSION

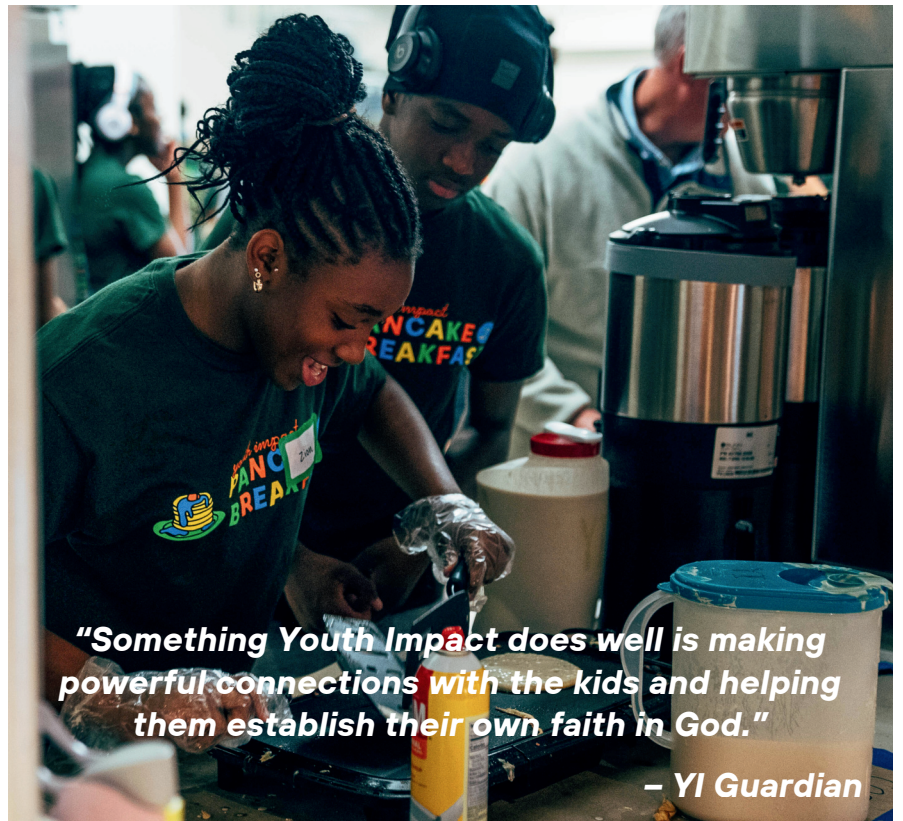
Each fall we host Family Mission, a special evening designed to celebrate the semester and give families a glimpse into the heart of Youth Impact. Through student showcases, stories from volunteers, and a shared meal, families have the opportunity to connect more deeply with the people investing in their children and with one another.

Our goal is simple: connection and celebration. Family Mission creates space for parents, volunteers, and staff to come together and reflect on what God is doing in the lives of students. We aim to see at least 50 families attend each year, and each one represents a relationship being built through weekly discipleship.

We are incredibly grateful for the way Grace Bible Church Midtown already comes alongside us to make this night possible. From kitchen volunteers to brisket sponsorships to Midtown Kids making centerpieces, their support helps us create a warm, welcoming space for families. Thanks to Midtown for being part of the work—and for helping make Family Mission such a meaningful night each year.



"Going to Family Mission is a great way to interact with the other Mission Buddies and my children love it when we go as a family."



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Since 1994, Pancake Breakfast has been one of Youth Impact's most meaningful traditions - a community gathering and annual fundraiser that brings together students, volunteers, families, and supporters for a morning of fellowship, food, and storytelling.

Each spring, our college volunteers and their Mission Buddies work side by side to serve pancakes, welcome guests, and celebrate what God is doing through this ministry. It's more than a fundraiser; it's a visible picture of discipleship in motion and a joyful opportunity to reflect on how lives are being shaped through the gospel.



While the event is free to attend, donations received help fund Youth Impact's annual operating budget - fueling our weekly after-school programs, discipleship training, and outreach to students in Bryan and College Station. Whether you're a long-time supporter, parent of a volunteer, friend of staff, or just learning about us, Pancake Breakfast is a great way to see the heart of Youth Impact up close. We'd love to see you there next April!



SUMMER PROGRAMS

A Season of Growth, Fun, and Purpose

Summer at Youth Impact is anything but slow. While the school year winds down, our mission to invest in students continues through a variety of impactful programs designed to keep students connected, growing, and supported. Whether it's camp, career prep, or community nights, summer at Youth Impact continues to shape lives and deepen faith - all while having a whole lot of fun.

SUMMER MISSION

We don't want summer to go by without seeing our Mission kids! To stay connected with our students during the summer months, Youth Impact hosts Summer Mission - a monthly evening gathering open to all ages who participated in our Mission program during the school year. Held at the Lincoln Center in College Station, these events provide a fun and meaningful space for students to engage through games, devotionals, snacks, and crafts. Although most of our college-age volunteers have left town, Summer Mission continues to foster relationships and spiritual growth in a relaxed, community-centered environment.

SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

For students 16 and older, our Summer Work Program is a 6-week job readiness initiative that builds healthy, biblical attitudes toward work. With the guidance of a personal coach, students set and pursue personal, professional, and employment goals while learning valuable life and job skills that prepare them for long-term success.

CAMP

Every summer, we take a group of 10-18 year old students from our after-school program to Stoney Creek Ranch for five unforgettable days of adventure, friendship, and learning about the unconditional love of God.



PRAAYER PARTNERS

At Youth Impact, we believe discipleship is a community effort and prayer is one of the most powerful ways to be involved. Our new Prayer Partners initiative invites individuals of any age or stage of life to be matched with one of our 120+ college-aged volunteers. As a Prayer Partner, your commitment is simple but meaningful: regularly lift up your volunteer in prayer as they lead Bible studies, mentor students, and build relationships in the community.

You don't need to be local or have extra time to serve, just a heart to pray and support someone making a difference each week. As Paul wrote, "Brothers, pray for us" (1 Thess. 5:25). We echo that request and invite you to join our prayer movement.



Sign up today to be paired with a Youth Impact volunteer. Let's pursue this mission together through prayer.

Visit our website to sign up to be a Prayer Partner!

www.grace-bible.org/youth-impact

WE ARE YOUTH IMPACT

At the heart of Youth Impact is an incredible community of dedicated individuals who bring passion, care, and leadership to every part of our ministry.

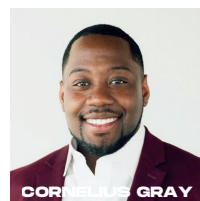
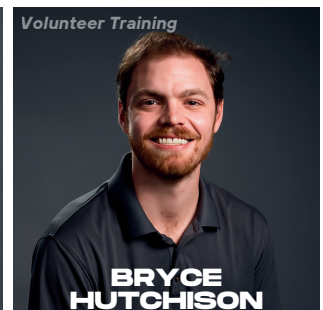
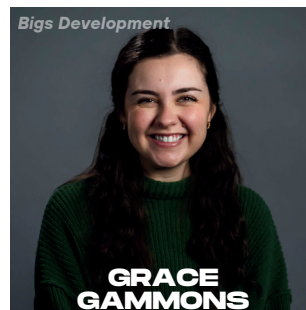


PERMANENT STAFF

Our permanent staff team is led by Micah Hoevelman, Director and Youth Impact Pastor, who has faithfully served in various roles for 17 years. Alongside him, Jackie Wood serves as Volunteer Coordinator, bringing 6 years of commitment to supporting and organizing our incredible volunteer base.

'24-'25 FELLOWS

We are also blessed to have Fellows who serve as part of a unique two-year discipleship program. Though Fellows come and go, they bring valuable perspective and gifts to the ministry. In addition to their roles, our Fellows play an important part in leading and supporting our leadership team (Big Dogs).



ADVISORY COUNCIL

This year we established our Advisory Council. This group is composed of wise and guiding friends of Youth Impact and community members who advise our Director in shaping the future of the ministry.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

While Youth Impact flourishes through the service of many, we remain deeply rooted within Grace Bible Church. We are proud to be a ministry fully connected to and supported by the church's mission and vision.

Together, this community of staff, Fellows, volunteers, and supporters creates a nurturing environment where students are encouraged, equipped, and empowered to grow in faith and leadership.



Our leadership team is made up of 10 college-age volunteers: one guy and one girl from each age group who are prayerfully selected for their commitment and character. They help guide each of our five age groups, all of whom serve with passion and dedication throughout the year.

The Big Dog role is a year-long leadership opportunity for volunteers who understand the heartbeat of Youth Impact and desire to invest in other volunteers. Big Dogs are given a base structure by Staff, but have the freedom to bring their program to life with their partner and fellow volunteers. They are deeply committed to serving their volunteers and students in our programs.

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Colby Wilkens

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Quinn Merrick
Jack Costenbader

BIG DOG DEVELOPMENT

This position is designed to develop leadership skills and to cultivate a rich spiritual life. Big Dogs grow in their understanding of core beliefs - addressing fears, building trust, and exploring theology - while seeking clarity on their personal calling, purpose, and God-given giftings. They intentionally practice spiritual disciplines such as Sabbath rest, prayer, fasting, solitude, generosity, scripture engagement, participation in church community, confession and accountability, serving others, witness, and praise.

Big Dogs are called to feed their souls, nurture their physical well-being, and care for others around them. Through ongoing discipleship with staff and intentional personal reflection, they mature as leaders equipped to inspire and guide those they serve. This role requires humility, discernment, and a heart for motivation, producing leaders who are ready to invest deeply in their community and grow personally and spiritually throughout the year.



FUNDRAISING & OUR BUDGET

At Youth Impact, we believe that forming young leaders and walking with kids in the name of Jesus is sacred work and we can't do it alone. As a ministry of Grace Bible Church, we are covered by the guidance and authority of its elders, but much of our financial support comes from people who have seen the fruit of this ministry and want to be part of it. Every gift given is a reflection of belief in what God is doing here - through college students, through families, and through the long, slow, faithful work of discipleship.

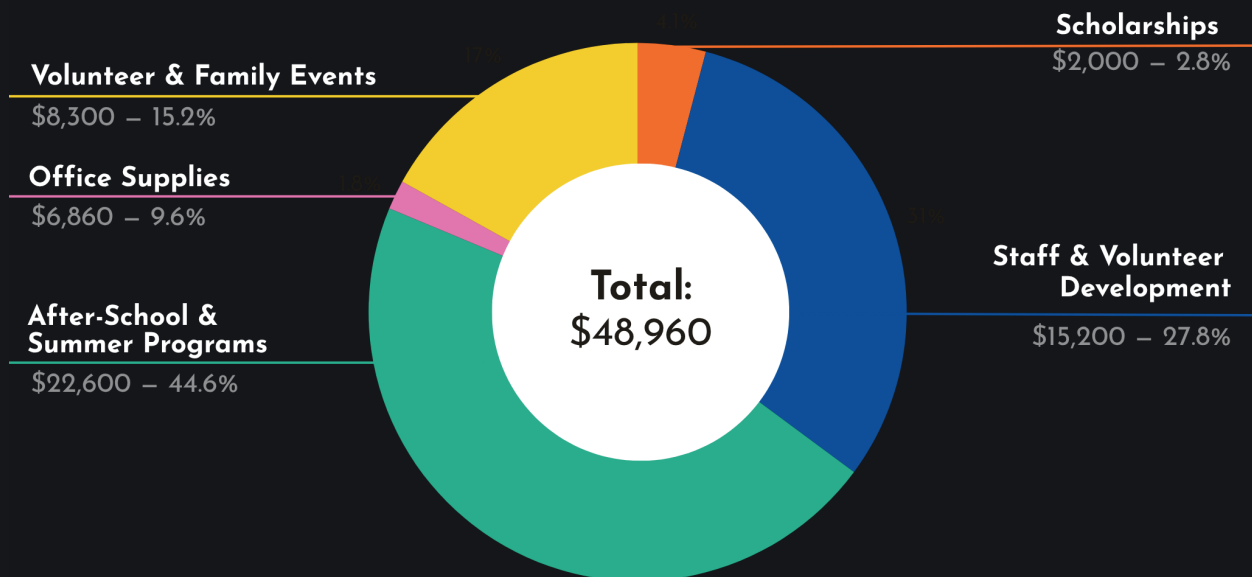
We invite those who love Youth Impact - former volunteers, parents, community members, and friends - to give not just to a budget, but to a vision: of kids known and pursued, of college students deeply disciplined, and of a community marked by generosity. Our monthly donors help sustain the everyday rhythms of ministry, and others give seasonally or to specific needs. All of them, together, make this work possible.

Giving is more than financial - it's a spiritual partnership. It's a way to say, "I believe in what God is doing here, and I want to be part of it." Whether someone gives \$10 or \$1,000, their gift becomes a seed of hope, growth, and transformation in the lives of both those who serve and those who are served.



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ANNUAL BUDGET



THANK YOU!

As you come to the end of this catalog, we want to pause and say - thank you.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Youth Impact. Thank you for caring about students, for believing in the power of mentorship, and for recognizing the beauty of long-term discipleship in our local community.

Whether you're a long-time friend or someone discovering this ministry for the first time, your presence matters. Every page of this catalog represents real lives being transformed - through relationships, through the gospel, and through the faithful partnership of people like you.

To our donors: your generosity fuels this ministry in ways we can never fully express. You're not just funding programs - you're planting seeds of hope, healing, and spiritual growth in the lives of hundreds of students and volunteers. Because of you, kids are being known, loved, and discipled. Because of you, college students are stepping into purposeful leadership. Because of you, the gospel is being shared every single week.

We don't take your support for granted. You are a vital part of this story.

So again - from every staff member, every volunteer, every student, and every family connected to Youth Impact - thank you. Thank you for seeing us. Thank you for believing in what God is doing here. Thank you for being part of the impact.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MONTHLY DONORS

Your consistent support of Youth Impact each month makes more of a difference than we can express. We are deeply thankful for your partnership with us.

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