

2021-2022

# KBC.YM - AN INTRO

Welcome to a new adventure.

## Welcome and Welcome Back

Gosh it feels good to write those words. "Welcome" is a word everyone should hear and feel. Welcome to this place. Welcome to this group. I am thrilled to welcome you to a year of adventure with KBC.ym, the dedicated ministry of Knollwood Baptist Church to young people currently in the 6th-12th grades and their families.

These past 18 months have been hard for all age groups. Young people have had to grapple with social isolation, a loss of time, a loss of experiences, a loss of relationships, frustrations of boredom, all on top of the normal stresses of adolescent life. We hope that this new season of youth group can be one part of them beginning to feel like themselves again and beginning to feel like part of a community once again.

-Josh



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## Why KBC.ym?

Adolescent years are tough. Defined more by constant transition rather than consistency, young people carry a lot of stress. It's also one of the key formational moments in a person's life. How we see ourselves both as an individual and in the world around us is formed during these tumultuous years.

KBC.ym exists to be a community that supports young people throughout this key developmental stage in their lives, equipping them for the life they are living and the life to which they are called. We believe that each person is created by God with a calling to something in their life.



Our goal with KBC.ym is to walk alongside these young people as they start to listen to that calling that only they can hear. We talk about our universal calling to love one another and all our neighbors. We begin to help teens see this calling in action by engaging them with service opportunities both near to home and farther away. We learn about God and Jesus as the Bible describes them, wrestling with the questions we encounter in scripture. We celebrate young people for the powerfully gifted individuals they are.

We have high-energy group times and events full of games, activities, and laughs, but we also have mellow times of sharing, praying, and thinking with one another. We gather to celebrate and explore God's place in our lives, to support and uplift one another, and to provide a safe and relaxed space for young people.

# Equipping our young people for the life to which they are called.

KBC.YM'S MISSION  
STATEMENT





## One Group at Three Times

Our group gathers together three times throughout the week, each with a different feel and purpose. Sunday mornings are our most intensive time for engaging with scripture. Sunday evenings emphasize our shared community and faith life. Wednesday evenings are a more relaxed gathering to catch our breath in the middle of the week. While each of these is an essential part in the life of our group, it's not expected that everyone be at everything all the time. We'll love having you with us as often as you're able.

Below is a grid with some basic info on each of our weekly gatherings:

### Sunday Morning Small Groups

Sunday mornings for youth will look a little differently this year. Our time will start with the Noffsinger Coffeeshouse, a dedicated space just for youth facilitated by adult youth volunteers happening parallel to Knollchat (complete with donuts/coffee/hot chocolate/tea, etc.) to ease into the morning. From there, we'll transition into a time of group prayer led by Josh followed by bible study discussion small groups separated by ages (6th grade, 7/8 grade, 9-12 grade) before joining worship at 10:45

SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30-10:30AM

### SND.YG

SND.YG (previously SNYG) is our Sunday evening gathering for the entire youth group. Part fun, part prayer, part discipleship, all community building, this is where we build the bonds of our youth group community. We share a meal together (NOTE: during the ongoing pandemic, this will be outside and distanced), have some fun, spend some time in prayer, and grow together through small group conversations about faith and life.

SUNDAY EVENINGS; Youth Choir starts at 4:30, SND.yg from 5:30-7pm

### WNSD

Conversations with our young people helped us understand just how intensely stressful adolescent life can be and how much of a need there is for some relaxed, unstructured time. So we created WNSD, the "Wednesday Night Slow Down." Low-key and low-pressure, our goal is to have this time be a midweek oasis from the intense hurry of adolescent life. We share happies and crappies about life from the previous week, share things we want to pray about together, and have a little fun.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, , 5-7PM



## What We Do When...mostly

Okay, so that was a lot of information up there and a lot of words crammed together. No worries! We've got a little bit easier space to break down what a regular (because that word still exists, right??) week looks like:

## Sunday Timeline

Most Sundays are mornings and evenings, with a break in between. Every now and then we shake it up a little and have a special Sunday morning activity or a prolonged Sunday evening service project, but mostly they'll look like this.

9am.....	Noffsinger Coffeehouse
9:45am.....	Large Group Prayer
9:55am.....	Sunday Morning Small Groups
10:30am.....	Transition
10:45am.....	Worship
4:30pm.....	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm.....	SND.yg
7pm.....	Pick up

## Wednesday Timeline

Because there are more moving parts, our Wednesday evenings are a little more like fitting pieces into a puzzle. However, our goal is to create a place where parents can drop their kids/youth off altogether and then pick them up together later. Check out the grid there for timing and details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE						
	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00
Birth to 3 years	Playground Pals	Playground Pals	dinner	Childcare	Childcare	GYM
4 years-Kinder	Playground Pals	Kids Connect	dinner	CHOIR	Childcare Birth to 3s	GYM
1st-3rd	Playground Pals	BELLS	CHOIR	dinner	Kids Connect	GYM
4th-5th grade	Playground Pals 4:45- Orff	CHOIR	BELLS	Kids Connect	dinner	GYM
Youth 6-12 grade		BELLS 5:00-5:45	dinner 5:45-6:15	Youth Hang 6:15-7:00		GYM
Adults	Playground Pals with your kids		dinner	PROGRAM	PROGRAM	GYM



## Other Awesome Stuff

KBC.ym operates on a semester-based schedule loosely shaped around the WSFCS yearly calendar, meaning the busiest time of our programming year is during the fall and spring school semesters. Sunday Morning Small Groups are year-round with periods of special Discipleship Series for 8th and 12th graders. SND.yg and WNSD happen weekly from August to the first week of December and then mid-January to May.

Apart from these consistent weekly gatherings, we plan special events almost monthly ranging from primarily social (AllNighter) to service-intensive opportunities. We also have a few yearly events that we plan for every calendar year, including a couple retreats, some fun activities, and more.

- **BEACH RETREAT** - We take our high school students for a beach retreat every Labor Day Weekend. A time of fun, sun, group building, and worship together at the start of our year.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKEND** - A weekend full of time spent just with our middle school folks a little closer to home. We focus on group building together to begin fostering the bonds of our youth group community. (This will be a full-day event in Fall 2021)
- **SPRING RETREAT** - A weekend retreat for everyone in the spring at an actual retreat center! We reserve a retreat center in NC and spend the weekend together doing some spiritual practices, faith formation, adventuring, and beginning our preparations for Youth Sunday later in the spring.
- **ADOPT-A-STREAM** - One of our ways of serving our neighbors is doing our part in taking care of our natural home here in Winston-Salem. Our group takes care of a creek bed off Old Walkertown Road, where we get down in the creek cleaning every fall and spring.
- **BROOM HOCKEY** - A KBC.ym tradition for all current youth and alumni, this happens every year around Christmas time. We rent out the Fairgrounds Annex hockey rink, break out the grippiest tennis shoes and brooms, and hit the ice late into the night for a fun time!
- **YOUTH SUNDAY** - My (Josh's) absolute favorite thing about KBC.ym, this is when we invite our young people to lead our congregation in a worship service completely planned by the youth.

## Serving Together

A major aspect of our ministry with young people is empowering them to be active servants in our community. In partnership with a variety of local organizations and ministries, we try to offer some type of service opportunity each month. In the past we have served with the SECU Family House, Second Harvest Food Bank, City with Dwellings, Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries, and are hoping to identify new partners in our community in the upcoming year. This fall we plan to incorporate our service activities into our time together on Wednesday evening once a month as part of a partnership with SPARK, a local organization that connects local nonprofits with groups looking to serve.





## Communication Is Key

Our goal is to always maintain clear and open communication between KBC.ym and our parents. As partners in the spiritual formation of these young people, effectively communicating is paramount. From communicating details about events to information on how to continue conversations at home, our goal with all communications is to make you as parents feel adequately equipped for this journey with your youth.

Below is a the different avenues through which we will communicate with you and your youth. Some are weekly, some are as-needed, all of them (hopefully) keep us all on the same page.

### Weekly Emails

We send 2 weekly emails from KBC.ym on Monday and Thursday afternoons. The Monday email is only for parents and will provide a recap of the latest SND.yg session, some talking points for continuing the conversation, as well as a brief rundown of all happenings that week. The Thursday email is our general news email, sent through Constant Contact, and will contain announcements, news, sign-ups, and all things KBC.ym.

### Social Media

Social Media is the communication medium of the moment. We have 2 active social media pages to stay up-to-date on KBC.ym. The first is a closed Facebook group of current youth, parents, and alumni for general news and information. We also operate a private Instagram page to share photos and videos of our adventures, as well as announcements for upcoming things. Both of these are searchable through the handle "KBC.ym" but must be requested to have access.

### Remind Message

Both KBC.ym and the Youth Music program have a Remind group message that we use for more immediate communication via texts sent directly to parent and youth phones. For example, if we need to cancel SND.yg at short notice because of weather, we will send a Remind message. We do not use this for daily communication, so it will not spam your messaging inbox. Opt-in to this messaging service by texting the following:  
Youth Group: @kbcym to the number 81010  
Youth Music: @kbcyouthc to the number 81010

# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Collaborative Sunday School 9:30am-10:30am  KBC.ym Youth & Parent Gathering 5:30-6:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> SkyWild Day Trip Greensboro Science Center 1:30-6pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6th Grade Gathering KBC Campus 6-7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Summer's End Park Meetup Miller Park 7:30pm-9pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Blessing Sunday Noffsinger Coffee House & Sunday Morning Small Groups Begin	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7:30pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					Beach Retreat (HS) Destination TBD	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Beach Retreat (HS), cont'd. Destination TBD  SND.middle Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm			Welcome Back Wednesday KBC Campus 5-7pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm			WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm			WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm			MS Day Retreat 9am-9pm
26	27	28	29	30		
SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7:30pm			WNSD KBC Campus 5-7:30pm			

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	4	5	6 WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm	7	8	9 KBC Family Retreat W-S Montessori Campus
10 SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	11	12	13 WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm	14	15	16
17 SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	18	19	20 WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm	21	22	23
24 NO SND.yg	25	26	27 Trunk-or-Treat KBC Campus 5-7pm	28	29	30

# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> Hallow's Eve- Stravaganza Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> WNSD KBC Campus 5-7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>13</b> AllNighter Here, There, Everywhere 8pm-8am	
<b>14</b> SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Community Thanksgiving KBC Campus 5-7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> SND.yg Noffsinger YB 5:30-7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

