

Parent Information Packet

Upper Room 2024-25

Purpose/Mission:

“The Upper Room exists to serve and worship God by coming to know Him, by worshiping Him accordingly and through serving this community and our world.”

New Testament Reading Plan

This year we are going to highly encourage your students to read through the New Testament with us. One of the MOST valuable things your student should be developing already, which will benefit them more than anything else throughout their lives, is the daily reading of God’s Word. Parents, please make this a priority in your house! Build the habit by expecting your children to read the Bible, but also let them see you reading your Bible. This could be morning devotions, family worship around the dinner table, or sitting down and reading with your children.

R.C. Sproul once wrote, *“No Christian can avoid theology (thinking about God). Every Christian is a theologian... The issue for Christians is not whether we are going to be theologians but whether we are going to be good theologians or bad ones. A good theologian is one who is instructed by God.”*

May your students grow in Christ this year through the committed study of His Word!

To access plan: [w Upper Room New Testament Reading Plan 2024-25.docx](#)

Faith Nights:

This is our typical meeting making up most of our schedule. The purpose of a faith night is to disciple students through teaching and relationship building.

Typical Faith Night:

7:00-7:30: Hangout and eat snacks

7:30-8:00 (official start): Welcome, announcements, and games

8:00-8:40: Worship and message

8:40-9:00: Small groups

This year we are asking students to help tidy up the Upper Room after every faith night. It will only take a couple of minutes. This will be a tremendous help for Marv and me (Pastor Lucas). Please encourage (or volun-tell) your students to sign up. They can sign-up using the link below:

[☰ 2024/25 Upper Room Clean-up Signups](#)

Fun Nights:

These nights are exactly what they sound like, FUN! Fun nights are a great opportunity for students to build relationships with each other, and for leaders to build relationships with your students.

Serve Nights:

Serve Nights give your students a great opportunity to put their faith into action. This is an opportunity for students to bless others, to discover gifts that God has given them, to see & experience other people’s struggles, and to grow in their faith.

Upper Room 2024-2025 Calendar					
Date:	Time:	Event:	Series:	Special Activity:	Notes:
September					
Sun. 1st	11:30-11:45 AM	Meeting		For Parents	
Wed. 4th	7:00-9:00 PM	Fun Night		Kickoff Party	At the Vander Meulen's
Wed. 11th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Means of Grace: An Introduction		
Wed. 18th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Means of Grace: The Sacraments		
Wed. 25th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Means of Grace: Scripture		
October					
Wed. 2nd	6:00-9:00 PM	Fun Night		Boomers!	We are allowed entry from 6-9pm (3hrs.). Students may meet us there or ride from the church parking lot. \$22/student
Wed. 9th	OFF	Rest Night			
Wed. 16th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: General & Special Revelation		
Sat. 19th	All Day	Fundraiser		Tri-Tip Fundraiser	More details to come soon
Wed. 23rd	5:00-8:00 PM	Serve Night		Modesto Gospel Mission Children's Center	We would love parent's help
Sat. 26th	Afternoon	Serve Night		Harvest Party	More details to come soon
Wed. 30th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	Reformation History: John Calvin	Reformation Day Celebration	
November					
Wed. 6th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: Its Composition & Translations		
Wed. 13th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: Its Nature & Qualities		
Wed. 20th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: Why Study it?		
Wed. 27th	OFF	Rest Night		Thanksgiving	
December					
Wed. 4th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: Hermeneutics		
Wed. 11th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	The Bible: Hermeneutics		
Wed. 18th	7:00-9:00 PM	Fun Night		Mall Hunt!!	We would love parent's help
January					
Wed. 8th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 15th	OFF	Rest Night			
Wed. 22nd	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 29th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
February					

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Wed. 5th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 12th	OFF	Rest Night			
Wed. 19th	TBD	Fun Night		TBD (Maybe Alpine)	
Wed. 26th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
March					
Wed. 5th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 12th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 19th	OFF	Rest Night			
Wed. 26th	5:00-8:00 PM	Serve Night		Modesto Gospel Mission Children's Center	We would love parent's help
April					
Wed. 2nd	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 9th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 16th	OFF	Rest Night		Easter	
Wed. 23rd	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
Wed. 30th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD		
May					
Wed. 7th	6:30-8:30 PM	Fun Night		Council vs. Upper Room Softball Game	Held at Brentwood Park in Escalon. Families are invited to come and watch.
Wed. 14th	7:00-9:00 PM	Faith Night	TBD	Senior Celebration Night	
Wed. 21st	7:00-9:00 PM	Fun Night		Final Party	Location TBD
Other Important Dates:					
Spring Retreat	Either: March 13th-15th OR 21st-23rd		Please offer us feedback on what dates would work best (I will be sending out a survey for that). This is going to be a joint retreat with Almond Valley & Immanuel CRCs.		
Hi-Camp	June 8th-14th				

QR Code for Digital Calendar:

This link will bring you to the Google Sheets Copy of the Calendar which will remain up to date.

 **2024-25 Upper Room Calendar.xlsx**

How to stay connected:

1. Remind: Text **@ecrchs** to **81010**
 - a. This is the main way I keep in contact. You will only receive texts from the ECRC Upper Room group (no spam), and you can leave the group anytime.
2. Make sure you are on our email list. If you have received emails from me about the Upper Room, you are already on it. If not, please email or text me your name, email, and that you are an Upper Room parent, and I will get you on that list.


My contact info:

- a. Cell: 209-804-9216
- b. Email: pastorlucas@escaloncrc.org

How you can help:

1. Snack sign-ups

- a. You can access the sign-up through the QR Code (Or physical copy):
- b. Feel free to keep snacks simple. Please anticipate feeding about 20-25 students.

 [2024/25 Upper Room Snack Sign Ups](#)

2. Parent Chaperones for Fun Nights and Serve Nights. I will email the signups for volunteers after the parent meeting.

Upper Room Fundraisings:

We do one per year, the tri-tip fundraiser. Students often raise a large amount of money when they participate in this fundraiser.

For information on how fundraising, scholarships, and using your student's funds work, please scan the QR code:

 [Upper Room Fundraising, Scholarships, and Using Those Funds.docx](#)

Our Leaders:

Men:

- Pastor Lucas Geiger
- Dustin Van Vliet
- Gerrit De Raadt
- Brayden Farr
- Phil Vander Meulen
- Garrett Bryan

Women:

- Ashley Mulder
- Dana Prins
- Grace Farr
- Kristi Koolhaas
- Lynette Drost
- Rachel Bryan

Waiver & Policies:

We take the protection of your students seriously. If you would like to review the **Escalon Christian Reformed Church Children's and Student Ministries Policies** please scan the QR code. Or you may request a hard copy and/or you can find it on the church's website.

<https://www.escaloncrc.org/cap>

Each year we need our students and their parents or legal guardians to sign a **Character Agreement & Liability Waiver**. The final pages of this packet include this form, or you can scan the QR code and print off a copy. Please return this waiver to Pastor Lucas.

 [Escalon Christian Reformed Church Waiver](#)