

Watts Street Baptist Church Youth Ministry

# Home Run

**SUMMER!**



**Knocking it out  
of the park with:  
LOCAL  
Service Projects!  
HOMETOWN  
Fun & Recreation!  
and  
Church HOUSE  
Fellowship!**

Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our **HOME** with them." John 14:23

Summer of 2021!

## Batter Up! Here's your WSBC YG Summer 2021 Line-up...

Saturday, June 5—"The Wattsies" End of Year Youth Ministry Celebration, 5:00-6:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Sunday, June 13—Sunday Night Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Thursday, June 17—Mid-week Service/Learning, Urban Ministries, times TBA

Sunday, June 20—Sunday Night Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Wednesday, June 23—WSBC Wellness Wednesday: Trivia Night, 6:30-7:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Thursday, June 24—Mid-week Service/Learning, TBA

**Sunday, June 27—Sunday Night Youth Group and POOL PARTY, 5:00-7:00 pm, Grace McDaniel's home (supper included!)**

Thursday, July 1—Mid-week Service/Learning, TBA

Sunday, July 4—No activities. Enjoy the holiday week with your family!

Thursday, July 8—No activities. Enjoy the holiday week with your family!



*The Homerun Summer of 2021*

**Sunday, July 11—Bull City Week of Service and Fun orientation, 6:00-8:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot**

**Monday, July 12-Thursday, July 15—Bull City Week of Service and Fun days, 9:00 am—8:30 pm**

**Saturday, July 17—Youth Group LAKE PARTY, times TBA, Rublein Lake House**

Sunday, July 18—No activities. Rest up after a full week!

Wednesday, July 21—WSBC Wellness Wednesday: Circle Conversations, 6:30-7:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

**Sunday, July 25—Youth Group at Durham Bulls game! 5:00-7:30 pm at the DBAP**

Thursday, July 29—No activities.

**Sunday, August 1—Sunday Night Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 pm, Hanchey home (supper included!)**

Thursday, August 5—Mid-week Service/Learning, TBA

Sunday, August 8—Sunday Night Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Tuesday, August 10—Sixth Graders Night Out, TBA

Wednesday, August 11—Youth Sunday preparation night, 5:00-6:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

**Sunday, August 15—Youth Sunday worship service**

**Sunday, August 15—Welcome Sixth Graders Party, 5:00-7:00 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot (Pizza Party included!)**

Wednesday, August 18—WSBC Wellness Wednesday, Ron's Band concert, 6:30-7:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot

Thursday, August 19—Mid-week Service/Learning, Urban Ministries, times TBA

Sunday, August 22—No activities. Rest up and get ready for school!

**Sunday, August 29—Youth and Parents Picnic and Fall Kick-off! 5:00-7:00 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot (we'll let you know later if we feel like it's safe to bring back the Potluck Supper!)**

# Bull City Week of Service and Fun

**WHAT:** For a little while longer, the pandemic prevents us from going off to camp or an out-of-town service/learning trip. But what might God have in store for us right here at **HOME**? Join us for a week of local service projects, guided reflections from the Reach Beyond Mission staff, new insights into Durham's "hidden history", opportunities to hang out with your Youth Group peeps, and outdoor recreation and fun around the Bull City!



The Reach Beyond Mission staff is the organization we had partnered with for a Senior High Service/Learning trip to Texas before the pandemic hit. Reach Beyond Mission seeks to provide life-changing experiences that equip youth with biblical, theological, and social tools to "do justice".

During the week, through a combination of virtual devotions/guest speakers and in-person group activities/guided reflection, we'll examine Luke 4:16-21 where Jesus proclaimed that God's Realm is not just eternal life in heaven, or something we hope will come to all creation someday...but it is also here and now. Today. Join us as we listen for Jesus' call to live into God's Realm today, tomorrow, and into the future.

## WHEN/WHERE:

- Sunday, July 11—Orientation Night, 6:00-8:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot
- Monday-Thursday, July 12-15—Bull City Week of Service and Fun, 9 am—8:30 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot
- Friday, July 16—Day off (**no activities**)
- Saturday, July 17—Celebration Day at the Rublein Lake House, times TBA

## DAILY SCHEDULE (MONDAY-THURSDAY):

9 am	Gathering, Morning Devotions with Reach Beyond Mission staff
10 am	Go out in small groups for local service/learning projects and bag lunches
2 pm	Durham history tours, recreational activities, play/rest time
5 pm	Group activities led by Reach Beyond Mission staff
6 pm	Supper
7 pm	Guest speaker, group reflections
8:30 pm	Dismiss



**HOW MUCH?** Cost for the week is \$75. Please make checks out to: *Watts Street Baptist Church*. **Payments and Activity Participation Agreement forms are due by Sunday, June 20.** As always, please don't let the cost of this event prohibit you from going. Pay what you can and scholarship funds can cover the rest.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water bottle, bag lunch, closed-toe shoes, work gloves, sunscreen, bug spray, pandemic mask, great attitude!

**WHAT IF I HAVE A SCHEDULING CONFLICT?** One of the pros (and cons) of a stay-at-home service week is that we can accommodate scheduling conflicts. We want you to participate as much as you can. Ideally, participants will commit to the whole week (like if we were going off to camp) so that we get the most out of the experience—but don't let a conflict or two keep you away. Just let Kelly know what you can do.

**WHAT ABOUT COVID-19?** We strongly encourage all participants to be fully vaccinated beforehand. Our service/learning project partners may require volunteers to be vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated, please communicate with Kelly and we'll work together to determine the best way for you to participate. At this point, we can also expect to continue wearing masks and following our pandemic protocol. When we eat together, we'll spread out and be outside as much as possible.

**HOW ADULTS CAN HELP!** Parents and adult volunteers, we need your help **BIG TIME** to make this week a success! We need folks to hang out and work/play/participate with us, provide transportation, prepare/serve evening meals, etc. Kelly will send out an online sign-up form with volunteer slots for each day. Whether you can give the whole week or just a few hours, we need you! (P.S. If you'd like to help with in-person activities with the youth but haven't been trained/screened with the WSBC Volunteer Policy, please contact Kelly and we'll make arrangements!)

God, it seems you've been our **HOME** forever;  
long before the mountains were born,  
Long before you brought earth itself to birth,  
from "once upon a time" to "kingdom come"  
—you are God.

Psalm 90:1-2, The Message



## More "Home Grown" Fun and Fellowship!



### Sunday Night Youth Group This Summer...

5-6:30 pm in the Urban Ave. parking lot. We'll continue to meet outside, wear masks, and social distance. We'll build community together through games, activities, and theme discussion/prayer, continuing our focus on discipleship. Hope to see you there! (Check the calendar for a few dates when we are going "on location" and a few others when we will not meet.)



### Saturday, July 17—LAKE PARTY!

At the end of our Bull City Week of Service and Fun, we'll celebrate with a Lake Party, hosted by the Rublein family. Watch your "Watt Happening!" emails for times, driving directions, and other details!



### Sunday, July 25—Durham Bulls Game

Thanks to our good friends, Jere and Janie Judd, we have tickets to the Durham Bulls game on July 25. We'll meet at the front gate at 5:00 p.m. and conclude by 7:30 p.m. If you'd like a ticket, sign up with Kelly...it's first come, first serve! And if you see Jere and Janie, be sure to tell them,



### Sunday, August 15—Youth-led Service of Thanksgiving

This is our opportunity to thank God for the memorable summer of 2021 and to share with our church family about our experiences together.

**Mark your calendars**...we'd like to have everyone in the youth group take part!



### Sunday, August 15—Welcome Sixth Graders Party!

5:00-7:00 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot. Behold...the Class of 2028?!? Come on out for an outside Pizza Party and let's welcome the next generation of WSBC youth group peeps!



### Sunday, August 29—Youth and Parents Picnic and Fall Kick-Off!

5:00-7:00 pm, Urban Ave. parking lot. (We'll let you know later if we feel like it's safe to bring back the Potluck Supper!)



## 2021 Summer Youth Ministry Events

Watts Street Baptist Church

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