



Wow, it is amazing to think that we are approaching the end of the first semester for the 2018-2019 School year. It has been amazing to see the slow but steady change that has been started in the Sonlight PD Youth. First off, the start and end time of the Wednesday night services have changed. The new times are now 6:23pm and 7:45pm. The second thing that has been changed is the physical aspect to the youth rooms. There is stage lighting, verses on the walls, and decorative sound- absorbing panels. The third change that I would like to highlight this year is having a theme for the entire year. As in the image above, we are walking through a series of lessons that have to do with 'Choosing Life'. Either we live a life that follows the world and sin or we live a life that is God- honoring and eternally significant. A few of the lessons that I have taught on this year were; who-what-when-where-why of Discipleship, giving up old sin, past hurts, and pride, developing a mindset of thankfulness, serving and using spiritual gifts, and prayer, to mention a few. However, as we move on in the next semester of the school year the topics are only going to get deeper. I will be talking about things related to sexual purity, partying, alcohol and tobacco use, how to intentionally study the Bible, autonomy (being too opinionated and self-entitled), social media, and death. These topics are going to be difficult and are very challenging to the students. Although, the students need to hear to them, because they are living in them or seeing someone else experience these things.

I encourage you to pray for guidance and wisdom for your student, and for myself and the other adult leaders. Additionally, ask your student(s) what was talked about and how they are feeling about it. This is a great time to grow with your student(s) and disciple them as well. I am currently working on some parent workshops ideas and plans to be able to cover these topics with you as well. These workshop will cover the statistics of these certain topics, what the Bible has to say about it, and what we as adults can do for our students. I am totally for you and the growth of your child or children to reflect Jesus-Christ. More details are in the works when it comes to parent workshops. If you do not know who I am, my name is Nick Gordon and I am the Youth Director Intern here at Sonlight. I have been going to this Church since I was about 11. I know the community, some of the pressing needs, and have been called to serve here in this season of life. If you have any questions or would like to talk, please text or call me @ 260-307-1789 OR email nick23gordon@gmail.com. If I do not answer, I might be in class or at my other job. I will do my best to return a message back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for the opportunity to teach and raise up your child or children as effective Christ-followers and Church members now and future.

Schedule of the next Semester Subject to Change

Month of January:

- 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th Wednesday Night Services

Month of February:

- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Wednesday Night Services
- District All- Nighter Feb 22nd-23rd

Month of March:

- 6th, 13th, 20th Wednesday Night Services
- No Wednesday Night Service on March 27th (Spring Break)
- Thursday March 28th Winter Jam (Fort Wayne)

Month of April:

- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Wednesday Night Services
- Fusion @IWU (9-12th Grade only) April 5th-6th

Month of May:

- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Wednesday Night Services
- May 29th is the Last Wednesday Night Service for 2018-2019 School Year
- Never 2 Young 6th-8th Grade only May 3rd-4th