

# Newsletter

## GET CONNECTED

### Sunday School

Sundays 9-10 am

### Life Groups

Wednesdays 7-8 pm

### Ignite

Sundays 6-8 pm

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHT *Kaylin Zang, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade*



My name is Kaylin Zang, and I am a freshman in high school. My faith has grown so much since I came back to Bright in sixth grade. One thing that has helped me grow is that we have three different people who teach on different weeks. This gives me the opportunity to hear different perspectives on what they have studied and how God has spoken to them through His Word. It really inspires me because I get to learn something new each week. Every Saturday, I look forward to going to church because I know I will learn more about God and what He wants to teach me. I also like to read ahead in my Bible so I can study the lesson before church. As I read, I write down notes about things that stand out to me or that I think are important. My faith has taught me that even when things do not go as planned, God allows everything for a reason. I trust Him and know that He has a purpose, even when I do not understand it. The people who teach us each week inspire me through the stories they share and the lessons they help us understand. Most of all, I know that I am a child of God. Because of that, I know He loves me, forgives me, and will always be with me.

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

### *Bryan Begley, Ignite Volunteer*



Back to School.

Depending on who you are, those words are either exhilarating or excruciating. No matter the emotions, I would bet that part of the reason for it comes down to one word: prepared. So, that is what I'd love to share with you this month. What is the best way to prepare for the new school year? Oh, and by the way, there is a message in here for **Parents** too.

Those of you who attended camp this summer remember that the theme was “Stand” and it was built upon what we call the Armor of God in Ephesians 6 (I would strongly encourage you to read that for context). Do you want to be prepared for all that school will bring your way this year? The classes? The drama? The fun? The pressure? It won’t come from stocking up on all the school supplies or the new wardrobe.

**The best preparation will come from making a commitment to fully clothe yourself in the Armor of God.**

That word “fully” is really important. Twice in the passage, Paul says to put on the “full armor of God.” The message is clear; trying to leave off any parts leaves you vulnerable to the attacks of the Enemy (Satan). With the space I have here, though, I want to highlight one of them. Paul closes his list of armaments with this:

“And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

To be clear, Paul is talking about the Bible. The only weapon on his list is the only one we need: the Bible. When we commit to knowing and studying the Bible, specifically when we are Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, God uses that to prepare us for anything that comes our way. It becomes the filter for all our decisions. This school year you will face decisions every day. You will have textbooks that reject the truth, peers who will try to pressure you to do dumb stuff, a culture who will lie to you about who you are and where you find value. God’s Word equips you to handle all of that because it reveals what is true.

So, here is my challenge for the new school year: Prioritize studying the Bible. Commit to knowing it more, knowing Jesus more, and telling more friends about Him. Develop a daily habit of reading the Bible on your own. But don’t stop there. We were made to study the Bible in community with others. Bennett, Kayla, and the Student Ministry team provide many chances to do that. Commit to being there and MAKE IT A PRIORITY. When some of Jesus’ followers were starting to leave Him, He asked His disciples if they were going to leave too. Peter said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life” (John 6:68). In other words, it would be pretty dumb to choose anything or anyone else over knowing Jesus and knowing His words.

- Why in the world would you let a part-time job keep you away from Ignite? Or Life Groups?
- Why in the world would you let playing on a travel team be more important than Sunday morning worship?

Those things are fine, even good, when properly prioritized. But they are never more important than “sharpening your sword” in community with others. None of those other things equip you for the attacks of the Enemy.

Here is the deal. The Enemy wants to ruin your school year. He wants to attack you with doubts, with temptations, and with fear. He will lie to you every time. He wants to convince you that “being popular” is more important than being holy. You cannot defeat him on your own. He is way too strong for any of us. However, when you are forgiven by Jesus and fully armed by the Holy Spirit, the Enemy doesn’t stand a chance. Arm up! And have a great school year.

**Oh, and Parents.** They take their cues from us. How they see us prioritizing our time studying God’s Word as individuals, families, and in community will play a big role in how much they choose to value it now and into their future. What we allow them to choose over time studying Scripture with others will communicate to them what we think is more important. So, let’s make wise choices in where we spend our time and where we encourage them to spend theirs. Let’s commit to the “sharpening” of our swords as a matter of urgency and priority.



## THE WELL - HIGH SCHOOL CAMP @ MAHONING VALLEY

Another awesome year of summer camp at Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp!

The Well wrapped up the summer and left students with meaningful memories, lasting friendships and growth in their faith. We look forward to another summer of camps in 2027! Don't worry high schoolers...we have many more events coming up this 2026/2027 school year until then! Make sure to check out the back page and register for the upcoming Fall High School Retreat hosted in Gatlinburg, TN during fall break October 8th - 11th!





## UPCOMING EVENT - FALL HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

High school students, get ready for an unforgettable weekend in the Smoky Mountains!

This October, we're heading to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for our Fall High School Retreat. Surrounded by the beauty of the mountains, we'll spend the weekend focused on meaningful worship, Biblical teaching, and honest conversations that help you grow in your faith.

Alongside that, there will be time to relax, explore, and build stronger friendships with other students.

This retreat is a chance to step away from the normal pace of life and refocus—growing closer to Jesus, strengthening your faith, and connecting with others who are doing the same. Whether you've been part of Student Ministry for years or you're considering coming for the first time, you'll find a place here. Don't miss one of the most impactful weekends of the year. Sign up today under the events page @ [brightcc.org](https://brightcc.org) to reserve your spot!

Cost \$100. REGISTRATION AND WAIVER MUST BE COMPLETED



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 HIGH SCHOOL- GYM

**LIFE GROUPS 7-8 PM**  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL- GYM  
 HIGH SCHOOL- STUDENT CENTER



**BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH 6-8 PM**  
 MS & HS STUDENTS  
 SOUTH PARKING LOT FIELD

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