

Youth Ministry Sermon Curriculum/Calendar 2026

Quarter 1: Foundation/Stewardship - January - March

Month: January

2nd Sunday of January

Date: Sunday, January 11

Teaching Title: “Written Vision, Visible Faith”

Activity Focus: Vision Boards

Primary Scripture:

Habakkuk 2:2–3 – “Write the vision and make it plain...”

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Proverbs 29:18*
- *Jeremiah 29:11*
- *Psalms 37:23*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *God cares about direction, not just discipline*
- *Vision is spiritual, not just motivational*
- *God reveals purpose step by step*
- *Faith gives shape to the future*

Big Idea for Youth:

✍️ God has a plan for my life, and He invites me to see it, speak it, and walk toward it.

4th Sunday of January – NO YOUTH SERVICE/WEATHER/OIL BLESSINGS

Date: Sunday, January 25

Teaching Title: “Following the Light God Gives”

Primary Scripture:

Matthew 2:9–10

Supporting Scriptures:

- *John 8:12*
- *Psalms 119:105*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *God doesn't reveal everything at once*
- *Obedience often starts with one step*
- *God's light always leads closer to Jesus*
- *Faith means moving even when clarity feels incomplete*

Big Idea for Youth:

✍️ When I follow the light God gives me today, He leads me where I need to be tomorrow.

Month: February

2nd Sunday of February

Sunday, February 8 – Superbowl Sunday
Saturday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day
Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday
February 18 – March 29 – Lent (40 days repent/reflect/renew)

Date: Sunday, February 8

Teaching Title: “Black Hands Helped Carry the Cross”

Primary Scripture:

Mark 15:21

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Galatians 6:2 – Bear one another’s burdens*
- *Luke 9:23 – Take up your cross daily*
- *Isaiah 52:7 – Blessed are the feet that bring good news*

Teaching Emphasis: The lesson connects Black presence in scripture to the ongoing calling to serve, uplift, and stand with others.

Big Idea for Youth:

✦ Black presence has always been part of God’s saving story – and service is part of our spiritual inheritance.

4th Sunday of February

Date: Sunday, February 22

Teaching Title: “Royal Roots: The Queen Who Chased Wisdom”

Primary Scripture:

1 Kings 10:1-13

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Proverbs 4:7 – Wisdom is the principal thing*
- *James 1:5 – Ask God for Wisdom*
- *Proverbs 3:13-15 – Wisdom is more valuable than riches*

Teaching Emphasis: Stewardship includes nurturing our minds, honoring curiosity, and pursuing education as a spiritual act. Black identity in scripture includes royalty, intellect, and power.

Big Idea for Youth:

✦ Seeking wisdom is part of our royal spiritual heritage.

Month: March

2nd Sunday of March

ALL MONTH – DIME CHALLENGE
March 29 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Date: Sunday, March 8 (Daylight Savings Time)
Teaching Title: “Search Me, God”

Primary Scripture:
Psalm 51:10

Supporting Scriptures:

- 1 John 1:9
- Ezekiel 36:26

Teaching Emphasis:

- God cleans and renews hearts
- Repentance leads to growth
- God gives fresh starts

Big Idea for Youth:

👉 God forgives me and helps me start again.

4th Sunday of March

Date: Sunday, March 22
Teaching Title: “Taking Up My Cross”

Primary Scripture:
Luke 9:23

Supporting Scriptures:

- Romans 12:1
- Galatians 2:20

Teaching Emphasis:

- Following Jesus requires commitment
- Sacrifice leads to transformation
- Jesus leads by example

Big Idea for Youth:

👉 Following Jesus means putting Him first.

Quarter 2: Discipling/Equipping - April - June

Month: April

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday

April 3rd – Good Friday

April 4th – Holy Saturday

April 5th – Resurrection Sunday

2nd Sunday of April

Date: Sunday, April 12

Teaching Title: “He Is Risen”

Primary Scripture:

Matthew 28:6

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Luke 24:5–7*
- *1 Corinthians 15:20–22*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *Jesus conquered death*
- *Resurrection brings hope*
- *New life is possible*

Big Idea for Youth:

👉 Because Jesus lives, I can live with hope.

4th Sunday of April

Date: Sunday, April 26

Teaching Title: “Living the New Life”

Primary Scripture:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Romans 6:4*
- *Colossians 3:1–3*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *Salvation changes us*
- *Growth is ongoing*
- *God makes us new*

Big Idea for Youth:

☞ Jesus changes who I am and how I live.

Month: May

May 10th – Mother’s Day/Women’s Day

May 24th – Pentecost

2nd Sunday of May

Date: Sunday, May 10

Teaching Title: “Power to Be a Witness”

Primary Scripture:

Acts 1:8

Supporting Scriptures:

- John 14:26
- Romans 8:11

Teaching Emphasis:

- God gives power through the Holy Spirit
- We are not alone
- Faith is meant to be shared

Big Idea for Youth:

☞ God gives me power to live for Him.

4th Sunday of May

Date: Sunday, May 24

Teaching Title: “Led by the Spirit”

Primary Scripture:

Galatians 5:25

Supporting Scriptures:

- Romans 8:14
- Proverbs 16:9

Teaching Emphasis:

- God guides our steps
- Listening matters
- Obedience builds trust

Big Idea for Youth:

☞ The Holy Spirit helps guide my life.

Month: June

June 14th – Annual Salad Fest

June 21st – Father’s Day/Men’s Day

June 28th – Beginning of Simply Worship – Ends July 19th)

BLOOMING BUD SUMMER SURVIVAL GUIDE – NO YOUTH SERVICE

2nd Sunday of June

Date: Sunday, June 14

Teaching Title: “Built Together”

Primary Scripture:

Ephesians 2:19–22

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Hebrews 10:24–25*
- *1 Corinthians 12:12*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *We grow better together*
- *Church is a family*
- *Everyone matters*

Big Idea for Youth:

👉 I belong in God’s family.

4th Sunday of June

Date: Sunday, June 28

Teaching Title: “Using What God Gave Me”

Primary Scripture:

1 Peter 4:10

Supporting Scriptures:

- *Romans 12:6*
- *Matthew 25:14–15*

Teaching Emphasis:

- *God gives gifts on purpose*
- *Serving honors God*

- *Everyone can contribute*

Big Idea for Youth:

👉 *God gave me gifts to serve others.*