



# Effort Baptist Church

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**Sunday Worship Services:**

- 9:30 Blended
- 9:30 Contemporary
- 11:00 Contemporary

**Sunday School Schedule:**

- 9:30 am Nursery to Adults
- 11:00 am Nursery to 5th Grade

**Statement of Purpose:**

The purpose of Effort Baptist Church is to make every person a **Fully Devoted Follower of Christ** through Bible Study, Missions, Worship, Ministry, & Prayer.

## FDFX

August 26, 2008

Dear Parents and Students,

We have some exciting changes that will be taking place this fall in our student ministry. We are strongly committed to the spiritual growth of teenagers here at Effort and we are striving to provide a more inviting and challenging atmosphere. Included in this packet is a schedule of Sunday night activities that will lay out what your child will be doing each week. You will notice that one of our first big changes will be our monthly local mission projects.

At Effort we have a strong commitment to missions. This summer alone over seventy teenagers participated in mission trips across the county and around the world. In the past most Effort mission trips were almost always in the summer so we have decided to dedicate one Sunday a month to missions. We could participate in anything from raking leaves, to painting a house, to shopping for underprivileged children, and much, much more. The first Sunday of every month the high school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) will participate in a mission and the second Sunday of every month middle school (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) will do theirs. We believe that this will have an incredible impact on our community and our students. I have included a consent form in this packet for these trips.

The next change we are making is to separate the middle school and high school students, to teach a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at the same time is nearly impossible. Our hope is that by splitting them we will be able to provide more relevant teaching for all students. As always, both age groups will still meet on Sunday night from 5:00-7:00pm and they will both check in at the front doors of the Family Life Center. From there each age group will go to their separate rooms. In order to make this transition possible we will be utilizing the Sanctuary on Sunday nights for worship and our message and then the FLC will be used for Life Groups, free time, REC, and snack shack.

The last change, which is more of an addition, is that we have added nine student leaders to help create smaller and more quality Life Groups. We are looking for this to be one of the greatest changes of all. I appreciate your time and commitment to the Verge Student Ministry. Please don't forget to fill out the enclosed Verge Participant Information form for our database and the consent form for our local mission projects. Please have your teenager drop both forms off in the black box in their class rooms as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [kris@effortchurch.org](mailto:kris@effortchurch.org) or leave me a message at the church office (434) 589-8962. Thank you and I look forward to a great year!

Peace,  
Kris Clifford

### Building the Future

*"I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

	1st Sunday		2nd Sunday		3rd Sunday		4th Sunday		(5th Sunday)	
P.M.	Middle	High	Middle	High	Middle	High	Middle	High	Middle	High
4:00		extra mission time if needed	extra mission time if needed				Band small group time with Kris			
5:00	Worship(AC)	Mission	Mission	Worship(AC)	Worship	Free Time	REC	Worship	Prayer night or Longer Worhsip or Competition night or Celebration etc..	
5:30	Message			Message	Message	Small Group	Small Group	Message		
6:00	Small Group			Small Group	Small Group	Worship	LGG/Worship	Small Group		
6:30	Free Time			Free Time	Free Time	Message	Message	REC		

**Notes**

\*\*Everyone will enter and check-in at the Foyer of the FLC, regardless of where they begin the night

**Key**

LGG = Large Group Game in the Sanctuary

AC = Acoustic Worhsip

REC = Organized Rec Games

	Worship and Message in the Sanctuary
	Small Groups in FLC Classrooms
	Free Times & REC in FLC Gym and Verge Room
	Missions off Campus
	No Activity & No Adult Supervision Available

## **The Verge Activities**

**Sunday Morning Classes** – On Sunday mornings at 9:30am we have bible study classes that are in a teaching format. We split up in to three classes. We have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, a 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade class, and a 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade class. In these classes we go through different books of the bible, we cover the major stories, we used topical bible studies, and even some apologetic material. This is a great place for a student to begin to dig deeper into scripture.

**The Verge** – Sunday night from 5:00-7:00 is the Verge, our most exciting and important youth program of the week. Students check in at the front doors of the Family Life Center and from there they move into different places each week. The first Sunday of every month High school students will be doing a local mission project, and the middle school students will do theirs the second Sunday of every month. On the Sundays when there is no mission project we have worship with a youth band, a message relevant for students, life (small) groups split up by age and gender to discuss the message and life, and then free time where we have xbox 360, Wii, basketball, volleyball, a snack shack, musical instruments, and so much more for the students to do.

**Tuesday Night Celebrate Recovery** – This is a class designed for teenagers (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) who are dealing with any kind of habits, hurts, or hang-ups. We try to deal with the more difficult situations of life and find healing for them. Teenagers who struggle with issues of death, addiction, divorce, abuse, neglect, and so on are invited to this class. There is a teaching section at the beginning of this class and then students move in to gendered, age appropriate small groups where they further discuss the issues facing them and find hope and healing for those areas.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** – Wednesday night bible study is a bible study but it is conducted in more of a discussion type atmosphere, where students get to ask more questions and express their curiosity. This is also a great place for students to go deeper in their walk with God. There are two classes on Wednesday night, one for middle school and one for high school. They both begin the night together in worship and then split into their classes.

**Retreats/Camps** – Retreats and Camps are some of our most life-changing opportunities for students. These are times where students can get away from the normal everyday life to experience more. Not only are these opportunities some of the most fun students will ever have but they will also be the times to experience God the most. We take two retreats in the fall one for girls and one for guys. Then we take two retreats in the spring, one for middle school and one for high school. In the summer we have two weeks of camp. We take all of our retreats and camps to Watermarks Camp in Scottsville, Va.

**Parents:**

Here is a brief description of various things your teenager can be apart of here at Effort Baptist Church! Be sure to check the box on the bottom of the Verge Participant Information form if you would like to be contacted about any of these services.

**Missions:** We participate in both foreign and United States mission projects. We have an annual mission night in late January where we present the year's mission projects for the upcoming summer. Projects could include anything from helping the homeless, building homes, feeding the hungry, nurturing and minister to children as well as preaching, teaching and evangelism. "We strongly believe that it is through changing the world of the volunteer that the world itself will be changed." (Serve Management)

**Volunteering Kid Zone:** If you enjoy working with children from preschool to fifth grade. Teams include Praise and Worship, Drama (great for actors and actresses), Tech Crew (great for those who like to work behind the stage with props and technology) and Small group helpers.

**Babysitting for Effort:** Great for those mature teenagers aged sixteen and over. It does require a commitment. It involves caring and entertaining children from nursery to preschoolers whose parents are participating in church activities. Church activities could include but are not limited to weekend and weekday Bible studies, Ladies Latte, scrapbooking, adult retreats, conferences and special services.

**Working After School:** Great for those mature teenagers aged sixteen and over. It occurs Monday through Friday from 4:00-6:00pm. We work with school kids from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. We have snacks, help with homework, play games and participate in lots of fun activities. We follow the Fluvanna School schedule for holidays and inclement weather.

**Working Summer Program:** Great for those mature teenagers aged sixteen and over. You must enjoy working with children from first to sixth grade. It occurs in the summer, Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm. Activities include snacks, play games, and lots of off campus activities.



**SUNDAY LOCAL MISSIONS  
PERMISSION SLIP, MEDICAL CONSENT & VIDEO RELEASE**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**

Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicines that your child takes: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please read the following statement and sign:***

*I understand that my child may be transported by Effort bus, van or automobile to the local mission site, and I hereby give my permission for my child's transportation. In case of emergency, if I cannot be contacted, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Effort Baptist Church Associate Pastor, Rev. June Clifford, Youth Minister-Kris Clifford, or Rhon Williams, to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and/or to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child, as named above. I also acknowledge that my child will be involved in some activities that have a certain amount of inherent danger. I give my son/daughter my permission to participate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Photograph/Video Release:***

*I grant permission to Effort Baptist Church to take video or photography of my child. I understand that these may be used for promotion, marketing, advertising or training purposes. The video/photography footage will not violate the rights of any organization or person. I hereby hold Effort Baptist Church harmless from any and all present and future claims for compensation.*

**Please initial:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_