

# New Jerusalem Baptist Church Youth Ministry

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The importance of:

- Youth ministry is vital to helping teens integrate into the larger, intergenerational community of the church.
- Youth ministry resists the status quo, helping the church stay relevant.
- Youth ministry focuses on inviting those who are not already part of the church into the deeper narrative of God's plan.
- Youth ministry reminds the church that teens are not marginalized members of the body, but co-creators and conspirators in the divine work of the church.
- Youth ministry helps the church focus on the way of Jesus, which goes beyond tradition, dogma, and work.

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Youth events strive to provide...

- a safe, loving, and wholesome atmosphere for young people
- a program which helps young people become firm in their faith
- a variety of worship experiences that help young people connect with God and one another
- teaching about the expression of Christianity
- a means for young people to develop their individual prayer and spiritual life
- assistance for young people in developing values, ethical norms, and a sense of Christian community
- interaction with adults who authentically model the Christian faith
- activities (games, sports, waterfront activities, crafts, etc.) which involve fun and the building of sense of worth

Our hope is that we are raising young people who are committed to Christ, committed to the Christian Church, and have the Christian Leadership experience to make a difference.