



Fire &
Water
student ministries

Thank you for your interest in Fire & Water Student Ministries!

To fully enjoy your time here and get the most out of it, we offer one piece of advice, get involved! Take part in the discussions, play the games, sing loud (even if you don't know how the song goes), do everything you can to be a part of the night.

In these pages we have provided some ways in which you can get involved and find out more information about what happens here outside of Sunday Night.

If you have any other questions, please ask. We want this to be the best night it can be for you, and we need help doing that. Anyone will be willing to help, especially the adults that are here.

Take a moment, read about what we have to offer, and dive into the fun!
Enjoy!

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Welcome To Fire & Water



Where are you located?

Our ministry is based out of Fishers United Methodist Church, which is found at 9691-E116th St. (exit 205 at I-69). Head in door 4 (on the south side of the church) and look for The Wharf.

Will I know anyone there?

Although we cannot guarantee you will know someone here, odds are someone you know or have seen at school will be here. Very rarely do we have someone show up who knows absolutely no one.

When is the best time to show up?

Our main activity is Sunday nights, it's called "The Refinery" for jr. high and "Drink Deep" for sr. high. The doors open at 5:30 with the event actually starting at 6:00. Here we have games to get to know each other, a time where we worship together, faith-based lessons that are age appropriate and times of discussion. We also have After Hours from 7:30-8:30 where students hang out in the Wharf (our room) or play sports in the gym (for fun, not prizes).

This is the best way to get a good first impression of who we are.

Do I need to be a member of your church to be involved?

Not at all! A fair number of our students, and even some of our leaders, are not members of Fishers UMC. We believe that all churches are on the same team and love working together with each other and with other students.

Is there food?

Yes. In an effort to help students who are busy on Sunday afternoons there is a free meal at 5:30.

Is there anything I need to do to be involved?

In one sense, no, there is absolutely nothing you need to do. There are no forms or fees to be a part of what we do.

In another sense, there is a ton you can do to be involved. Many people do not like being at a new place because they don't know anybody there or what is going on. There is an easy fix to that, get to know people and take part in whatever is going on!

Do we need to share the same beliefs?

We here at Fire & Water recognize that we do not know everything there is to know about God, that's why we meet and talk about Him, to find out more!

No one has all the answers, so we do our best to ask questions to help people think about what they believe and why. We invite you to give it a try.

To find out more about what we believe and stand for, check out the back page.

What do you do?

That's a big question, and not something that can be answered in a single paragraph. To get a better understanding of what we do, look inside.



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For More Information

Personal Development

Here at Fire & Water we believe that everyone should be growing in their faith. To help with that process there are many resources available in the Wharf on the dock.

Quiet Time Journal - A simple little book. There's space to write what you have read in the Bible that day and what it meant to you, plus a place to record what you have been praying.

Bible Reading Plans - We have a variety of Bible reading plans to help you read the entire Bible. They range from one year to three and you can read the Bible in the order it was written, from cover to cover, or we have one plan that jumps around each day. We also have Bibles available on the dock for anyone who would like one.

Personal Study Books - What does the Bible say about money? Want to learn about the life of Jesus in 31 days? There are a variety of study books that are both topical and by book of the Bible. Some are very in-depth allowing for deeper learning, some are nothing but questions for you to ponder.

Bible Study - Want to learn more about the Bible but don't want to do it alone? FIRE Bible Study for jr. high is every Wednesday night at 7:00 in the Pier. WATER takes part in Home Bible Studies, groups of sr. high students meet throughout the week in homes or other various places and in different locations. All Home Bible Studies are completely student led allowing students to discover the Bible for themselves (don't worry, we have meetings to help students learn how to be a part of successful Home Bible Studies).



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Opportunities

Serving

Here at Fire & Water we believe that serving is very important to our spiritual growth and understanding who Christ is. We have many different opportunities for students to serve.

Serving Teams - Students at FIRE & WATER are encouraged to serve in different ways, be it on the drama team, worship team or also on our student leadership team. Applications for these teams can be found on the dock in the Wharf.

Supermarket Sweeps - Every Thursday at 3:30 sr. high students buy groceries for the Come To Me Food Pantry. We need all the hands we can get to shop and box up food for those who need it.

Third Thursday - On the third Thursday of every month jr. high students travel to Hamilton Trace continuing care community to serve and spend time with the senior citizens who live there. We play BINGO, build relationships with seniors, and give away a lot of chocolate bars! we meet there at 3:30. To be picked up at school, a parent needs to contact Liz by 8:30pm the Wednesday prior.

Mission Trips - Every summer the jr. high and sr. high students take mission trips to various parts of the country, serving in a variety of places from rural communities to inner-city services. We spend time together during team trainings to prepare for serving and for team building. Permission forms must be filled out to be a part of these trips.



Throughout the year we take different trips and retreats as well as lock-ins for spiritual growth (and sometimes just to have fun). Along with our mission trips here are a few we take part in, but not the only ones we do.

Winter Retreat - Over Martin Luther King weekend we take a trip together, jr. and sr. high, to a camp and spend a few days rejuvenating and learning more about who God is. Two days being poured into spiritually while also having fun together playing games, hanging out and building relationships.

30 Hour Famine - Sr. high students get sponsors then fast from food for 30 hours, raising money for hungry people overseas. As they say, misery loves company, so we do this together at the church, spending the night at Fishers UMC and end the fast by taking part in a meal that is served in other parts of the world.

Believe - A conference for jr. high students only. In April we head out and spend time with hundreds of other jr. high students spending time having fun and learning about God's love for us.

Real World - Getting away is wonderful, but being disciples of Christ means learning how to live our lives for Christ where we live. So that's what this retreat is about. In the fall, sr. highs get together and take part in this retreat during school, living together from Wednesday to Saturday cooking our own meals and cleaning up after ourselves, all while discussing spiritual matters and learning how to live for Christ in our every day lives.

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Trips and Retreats



Here at FIRE & WATER our name stands for something, the words fire and water are acronyms for the core values we share, values we believe that all Christians should be living out every single day as disciples of Christ.

Fellowship - The importance of being in community together.

Ignite - The passion of worship we all share.

Refine - Changing and growing into the people God designed us to be.

Equip - Sharing Christ with others in our words and actions.

"...I will refine them like silver and test them like gold." - Zechariah 13:9

Worshipping - Giving God our everything, living our lives completely sold out to Him.

Allying - We are more than mere acquaintances, we are family.

Teaching - God reveals Himself to us by His Word, we must study it to know Him more fully.

Equipping - We are to put our faith into action, serving others and showing God's love.

Reaching - We are to tell the entire world the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"Whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never become thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." - Jesus (John 4:14)

At FIRE & WATER we understand the importance of pouring into students lives and do not want to leave that just anyone. All adults who serve in our ministry fill out an application and go through a meeting with our leaders and a national background check. They are also given resources to grown and become better equipped to serve our students. Our leaders are always trying to better themselves as ministers to students and have been published in GROUP magazine (a publication for youth pastors/leaders) and have written for books in the Everyday Youth Ministry series and work for the Simply Youth Ministry Conference.



Thank you for taking the time to learn a little more about us. We hope to see you soon here at FIRE & WATER. If you have any other questions that were not answered by this brochure or by the other ways to get more information mentioned on p.2, please feel free to contact us:

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