

# THRIVE!

At Thrive! We know the Junior High years are really tough! Our **mission is to come alongside families to actively prepare junior high students to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ!**

In a world where parents and kids want to “just make it through jr. high ALIVE” . . . we know that God has empowered us to do more than that! He wants our students to Thrive! in their walk with Him!



In order to do this, our ministry is committed to these **core values:**

- having Bible centered teaching that encourages students to find and follow Jesus Christ
- being developmentally appropriate & culturally relevant
- preparing students for decision making
- encouraging real and quality Christian friendships
- growing relationships with student's families
- developing a service mindset that flows out of relationship with Jesus Christ
- providing a safe environment with trustworthy adults

## Sunday Mornings

Jr. high- sit with your family! We meet on Sunday evenings to allow students the opportunity to worship with their families on Sunday mornings. We value learning to worship as an adult by being with other adults in worship. We also encourage parents to help their students explore their gifts and serve 1x/month in our church body on Sunday mornings.

## Sunday Nights are for Jr. Higher!!!

On Sunday nights we have a BLAST with peers while we grow in our relationship with God and one another. We do this through student led worship, wacky games, engaging and interactive large group teaching and small group Bible study. Our curriculum is focused around the themes of faith, relationships and choices.



## Monthly Hang Time events!

We love to have Fun . . . Wild and Crazy fun!! One time a month we meet to “Hang” out together either at a student's home or at a local venue. Our goal during these times is for relationship building and well, a time to be a kid! We work hard to make these times fun while not breaking your family budget.



## Retreats

What would a youth group be without retreats?! Thrive has two retreats each year:

a one day fall retreat in October and a weekend retreat in February called

*Winter Xtreme*. The goal of each retreat is for the kids to get away from the pressures of everyday life and grow in their walk with God and friends.



## Parent Information

One of our goals is to provide parents with excellent communication about what is happening at Thrive! Each semester we will have a parent meeting to communicate curriculum and goals for that semester. Each week after a Thrive meeting, parents receive an email update with calendar information, announcements and our “Last Night @ Thrive!” section. In this section, we provide a brief glimpse at what we talked about and how you can carry it over into building your home of faith.