Reality
YOUTH MINISTRY

2026 Fall Schedule

SUN AM = Small Groups @ the Barn. Dismiss from sanctuary @ "Hug & Howdy time."
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
YOUTH GROUP = @ the Barn. *Food, fun, singing, teaching, small groups. 5-7pm.
(Most Sunday nights)

*Sign up to EAT @ youth group (QR code on 3rd page).
**Y2K = 4th Sunday of each month (Reality Youth helps serve/teach Grades K-5 in the barn).
****Youth Sunday = 5th Sundays (Reality Youth helps lead worship in sanctuary).*

September
Sept 6 - SUN AM & NO YOUTH GROUP
Sept 13 - NO SUN AM. Family Fall Kickoff @ the Barn (5-7 pm).
Sept 20 - SUN AM & YOUTH GROUP @ 5.
Sept 27 - Y2K & NO YOUTH GROUP due to Family Kilmarnock trip.

October
Oct 4 - NO SUN AM (Pastor Derek preaching in Sanctuary). YOUTH GROUP @ 5.
Oct 11 - Bake Sale Fundraiser 9AM-12pm. SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP (FUSION) @ NKCC
Oct 18 - NO SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5.
Oct 25 - Y2K. YOUTH GROUP @ 5.

November
Nov 1 - NO SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm. (Due Date: Baby#5 - Pastor Derek & Hannah)
Nov 8 - SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm.
Nov 12-14 - *TFF HS Trip (SATURATE in NY). Depart @ 6AM. Return @ 11PM
Cost: $350 - Transportation, hotel and Saturate Fee.
*Led by Pastor John from The Foundation Fellowship.
Nov 15 - NO SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm.
Nov 22 - Y2K. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm. (Thanksgiving Meal).
Nov 29 - Youth Sunday (Pastor Derek preaching in Sanctuary). NO YOUTH GROUP.

December
Dec 6 - NO SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm.
Dec 13 - SUN AM. YOUTH GROUP @ 5 pm (Christmas Party - Bring a $10 gift to share).
Dec 20 - NO SUN AM (Pastor Derek preaching in Sanctuary). NO YOUTH GROUP.
Dec 27 - NO Y2K. NO YOUTH GROUP.
Dec 30 - New Year Eve Party - (6 to 10 pm). Mystery Location - Cost: $30

Mission Statement

Reality Youth Exists to partner with parents in training up the next generation of Jesus Followers.

Vision Statement

Witnessing generations of families following Jesus in New Kent County, and surrounding areas.

Philosophy of Ministry

Reality Youth seeks to both embody and equip families to live out the 5 Marks of a Jesus Follower:

Mark #1: A family sits with Jesus

Mark #2: A family serves like Jesus.

Mark #3: A family sings about Jesus.

Mark #4: A family studies about Jesus.

Mark #5: A family shares about Jesus.

2026 FALL INITIATIVE:

Reality Youth Families sitting together (1st & 3rd Sundays) during Sunday worship services (Mark #1), and taking sermon notes together for family discussion later that day (Mark #5).

Resource:

- Sermon Notes for Teens
- Sermon Notes for Parents

2026 SPRING INITIATIVE:

4 Reality Youth Small Groups formed (2 HS/2 MS Groups) led by 8 Volunteers (married couples, ideal, and mature believers).

Family Resources:

Podcasts:

- Parenting Today's Teens with Mark Gregston
- Focus on the Family
- FamilyLife Today
- Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson

Books:

- Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace - Heath Lambert
- Say What? Five Talks Every Teen Needs to Hear - Derek Nicksich
- Shepherding a Child's Heart - Tedd Tripp
- Good News for Parents - Adam Griffin
- Parenting - Paul Tripp

Internet/Media:

- Commonsense Media - Review website for Movies, TV, Books, Gaming, Social Media
- Covenant Eyes - website filtering, search engine accountability, blocking software
- Accountable2You - website filtering, search engine accountability, blocking software
- FamilyLife.com - marriage and parenting resources.
- online.hillsdale.edu - Free Classical Christian Education courses.

Counseling:

- Association of Certified Biblical Counselors - biblicalcounseling.com
- Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation - https://www.ccef.org/
- 4 Free Sessions w/ Derek & Hannah before referral (Marriage; Parenting; Teens)

Leaders and Positions:

1. Derek Nicksich - Youth Pastor (dnicksich@newkentcc.com)
2. Hannah Nicksich - Assistant
3. Kelly McNeer - SUN AM & Youth Group Leaders
4. Jessica Ladd and Jessica Mannino - Fundraiser Directors
5. Sheila Harris and Tara Shore - Food Directors

Recruiting

Safety & Security (2-4, rotating basis)

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MS Small Group Leaders (2 Couples per group, ideal))

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HS Small Group Leaders (2 Couples per group, ideal)

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Prayer Team

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Youth Conference Coordinator

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Summer Trip Coordinator

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