

# Youth Ministry Session



At the 124th Annual Session And Congress of Christian Faith Formation

**JUNE 25– 29, 2023**

**SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE HOTEL**

**NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

# Informational Packet

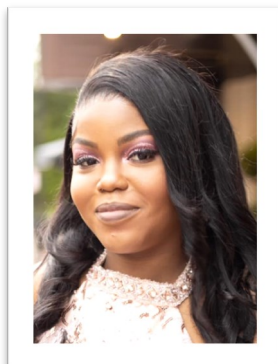
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*Mark 10: 13-16*

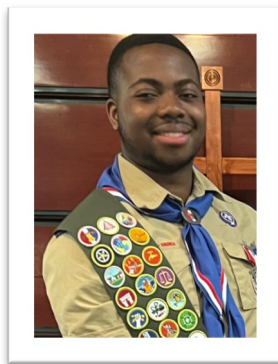
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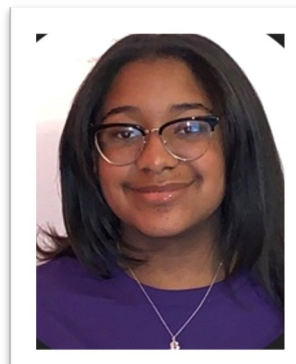
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Dear Youth Group Leader,

We, at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) are excited that you are considering joining us at 124th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation . The BGCVA's Youth Ministry is intentionally designed for young people to encounter GOD in such a way that will spark their interest in developing a deeper relationship with CHRIST. As a youth leader, this Annual Session is an opportune time to shepherd and guide your youth on their spiritual journey.

This packet will help you get a better picture of what you and your group can expect to experience at the Annual Session. Please be sure to read through all of the information carefully, so you can give your group clear directions before and during the event. If you have any questions about the registration process or the session itself, feel free to contact us at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia State Office.

In God's Service,  
Baptist General Convention of Virginia Youth Ministry

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The retreat is held at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510.

**Does my church need to send adults leaders:** Yes! A church may bring as many adult leaders as they wish. However, we require that churches have a ratio of 1 male leader for every 1-3 male youth and 1 female leader for every 1-3 female youth.

**Is there a registration cost:** Yes, the early registration cost is \$150.00 per person; this cost includes all meals, all activities, retreat materials for the retreat.

**Where is check-in:** Check-in will be near the hotel lobby front desk.

**What about the accommodations:** Each church must make their own reservations with the Hotel.

The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel is located at 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, Virginia 23510; and the phone number is (757) 622-6664. The hotel provides double room (2 queen-size beds) accommodation at \$145.00 per room night (plus taxes and fees). There must be at least 1 adult (age 25 and above) staying in each room with the children and youth registrants unless there is a connecting room. In this situation, the adult can stay in the connecting room. For larger groups, sleeping bags are encouraged. There is NO CO-ED visitation permitted during the retreat. Use this link to book your room reservations: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1677200385835&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call the hotel at (757) 622-6664 and reference: BGCVA Conference June 2023.

**What should I wear during the Annual Session:** Dress is casual (no revealing clothing) for the session. Bring comfortable clothing and shoes.

**Do adult leaders have to fill out the medical waiver also:** Yes, all persons (children, youth & adults) in order to attend the retreat must completely fill out the medical waiver. The medical waiver should be turned in along with the retreat registration.

**What do churches do about children and youth taking medication:** Adult leaders should be aware of any medical condition that may affect their students. Children and youth should carry and administer their medication at all times. In case of emergency a medical professional will be contacted.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023**

2:00—6:00 pm.....Registration  
6:00 pm.....Intergenerational Musical & Youth Explosion



**DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FROM MONDAY—THURSDAY**

ACTIVITY: CHOIR AND WORSHIP & PRAISE LEADER

MINISTRY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ACTIVITY: SPOKEN WORD/ORATORICAL CONTEST YOUNG AUTHORS/  
ARTISTS CLUB

MORNING ACTIVITIES

COLLEGE TOURS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, RECREATION, SIGHT SEEING  
THE PRAYER & PRAISE—SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

ACTIVITY: BGC'S GOT TALENT

PLAYSTATION/NINTENDO SWITCH & SOCIAL MEDIA DANCE CHALLENGES

MASTER CLASS: TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK

MINISTRY BREAKOUT SESSIONS

ACTIVITY: SPOKEN WORD/ORATORICAL CONTEST YOUNG AUTHORS/  
ARTISTS CLUB

ACTIVITY: CHOIR, PRAISE DANCE AND WORSHIP & PRAISE

YOUTH EVENING WORSHIP

LATE NIGHT MOVIE, DANCE, GAMES

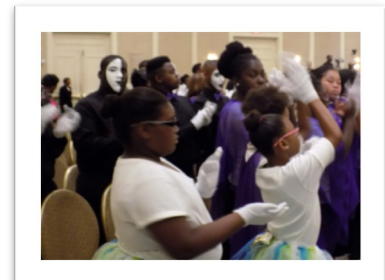
VISITS TO HISTORICALLY BLACK SITES

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!



**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

8:00 am.....Registration  
**College Tours—NSU and ODU**  
7:00 pm.....Evening Worship



**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023**

8:00 am.....Registration  
**Community Service Project @ First Baptist Church Bute Street**  
7:00 pm.....Convention President's Night

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023**

8:00 am.....Registration  
**Election of Youth Officers**  
7:00 pm.....Youth Ministry Leading Evening Worship



**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**

8:00 am.....Registration  
12:00pm.....Gala Celebration  
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**The Youth Registration Fee of \$150.00 per person includes activities and supplies for persons participating in the Youth Ministry Sessions as well as transportation to the College Tours and Community Service Project at First Baptist Church Bute Street. Please send your Registration fee monies with your Annual Session Registration form.**

# BGCVA Youth Ministry Transportation/Trip/Performance Permission Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission to the Baptist General Convention of  
parent/guardian

Virginia (BGCVA), to transport my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to and from the following  
child/youth

places/events:

- Old Dominion University on Monday, June 26, 2023  
place/event date
- Norfolk State University on Monday, June 26, 2023  
place/event date
- First Baptist Church Bute Street on Tuesday, June 27, 2023  
place/event date

I understand by allowing BGCVA to transport my child to and from the above mentioned places/events, I agree to release the BGCVA, its agents and employees, from and against any and all liability, loss, damages, claims or actions to the maximum extent permissible by law, arising out of such transportation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

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