

# Youth Retreat Youth Ministry Greetings

**Theme: "It's Gonna Be Big...!"**

Song: Big - Pastor Mike McClure

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> Now to GOD who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to GOD's power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to GOD be glory in the church and in CHRIST JESUS throughout all generations, for ever and ever!  
Amen.

Glory to GOD in the church!  
Glory to GOD in the Messiah, in JESUS!  
Glory down all the generations!  
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Dear Youth Group Leader,

We, at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) are excited that you are considering joining us at this year's Youth Retreat. The BGCVA's Youth Retreat 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 retreat 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 retreat. **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 retreat 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

## Retreat Schedule

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023**

8:00 AM Registration  
Exhibitors & Vendors Open  
College Fair and Health Clinics

10:00–11:00 AM OPENING SESSION  
Welcome  
Inspirational Message:  
Rev. Joseph A. Fleming

11:00 AM–1:00 PM **MINISTRY IMPACT SESSIONS:**  
**It's Great To Be ME! (BOXED LUNCH)**

1:00 PM Activity: Choir and Worship & Praise Leader

2:30 PM **MINISTRY BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
Activity: Spoken Word/Oratorical Contest  
Young Authors/Artists Club

4:00 PM HOTEL CHECK-IN

4:30 PM Activity: It's Gonna Be Big...! Bible Study with  
Dr. Jennell & Dr. D. Shawrod Riddick

5:30 PM **DINNER**

6:30PM COLLEGE FAIR & DIVINE NINE STEP SHOW

8:00 PM YOUTH EVENING WORSHIP  
The Proclaimed Word:  
Rev. Primas Paige

The Announcements & Closing Prayer  
The Prayer & Praise—Share Your Testimony

9:30 PM LATE NIGHT MOVIE  
Activity: BGC's Got Talent  
PlayStation & Social Media Dance Challenges

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023**

8:00–9:00 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST  
The Preached Word:  
Pastor Tamela Wise

9:00 AM COLLEGE FAIR AND HEALTH CLINICS

10:00 AM **MASTER CLASS: To Be Young, Gifted and Black**  
**Youth: Dr. Jennell & Dr. D. Shawrod Riddick**

11:30 AM **MINISTRY BREAKOUT SESSIONS**  
Activity: Spoken Word/Oratorical Contest  
Young Authors/Artists Club  
Activity: Choir and Worship & Praise Leader  
Activity: PlayStation & Social Media Dance Challenges

1:00 PM **LUNCHEON**  
The Preached Word:  
Dr. Gregory M. Howard

2:00 PM **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**  
Travel Safely!

# Youth Retreat Group Registration

Church Name & Location \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration Deadline: March 15	# of Persons	Subtotal
In-person Registration: \$125.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Virtual Registration \$125.00 per person	_____	\$ _____
Late Registration \$175.00 person (After Deadline)	_____	\$ _____

LIST ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTENDING BELOW (Children and Youth in grades 1-12)

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			
4. _____			

LIST ALL ADULT CHAPERONES ATTENDING BELOW (Ages 25 and older)

\*Registration does not include

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	<u>MOBILE PHONE</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

Hotel Room Reservations\*

Make all checks payable to: BGCVA:

☐ Church Check

☐ Money Order

☐ Online Registration via Eventbrite

\*You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of payment.\*

**All Event Registration Fees are Non Refundable. Online Registrations will incur an additional service fee**

**\*\*\*No credits and no rain checks.\*\*\***

Mail: BGCVA

1214 West Graham Road

Richmond, VA 23220

Attention: Youth Retreat 2023

Online: [www.bgcva.org/events.html](http://www.bgcva.org/events.html)

804-228-2421 (O) 804-228-1998 (F)

[youth@bgcva.org](mailto:youth@bgcva.org)



## Youth Retreat Youth Event Waiver & Release Form

Note: Each Person Attending Must Complete This Form And Return  
(Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian sign)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Evening

Name of Insurance Company Provider \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please make certain all registrants bring an insurance card and meds to the retreat. Each registrant must keep their meds with them at all times.\*\*

Please list of any other medical restrictions from activities the registrant might have:

Please list any MEDICATIONS or FOODS the registrant is allergic to:

Vaccination Information (Bring proof of vaccination card): Circle one — Moderna Johnson & Johnson Pfizer  
Dose 1 Dose 2 Booster

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

"Having been made aware of the activities the registrant will be doing, I hereby consent to the registrant's participation at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia's (BGCVA) Youth Retreat. I voluntarily release and forever discharge BGCVA from any and all liability, claims, actions, or rights of action that is in any way related to the registrant's participation in the retreat activities to include transportation. I agree to indemnify and hold BGCVA harmless from any and all costs or damages, including attorney fees, incurred in connection with the registrant's participation in retreat activities. I further agree not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim or cause of action against BGCVA arising from the registrant's participation in retreat activities. In addition I hereby consent to the registrant being filmed during the Youth Retreats and give the BGCVA permission to use that film for any type of publication.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of minor registrants. However, if parents or guardians cannot be reached, or if I, the below signed registrant is 18 years of age or older, I hereby give BGCVA permission to act on my behalf in seeking and administering medical treatment. I agree to release BGCVA from any liability in acting on my behalf in this regard and rendering such medical treatment. I assume the risk and financial responsibility for any injury resulting from the registrant's participation in conference activities."

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 **\$125.00 per person**; this cost includes all meals, all activities, retreat materials for the retreat. There is a late registration cost of **\$175.00 per person**.

**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 \$129.00 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=1661979192291&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call the hotel at (757) 622-6664 and reference: BGCVA Mega & Youth Retreat.

**What should I wear during the retreat:** Dress is casual (no revealing clothing) for the retreat. 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.

## Youth Retreat Activity Registration

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
<b>Choir</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Praise Dance Workshop</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Worship &amp; Praise Leader</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Spoken Word/Oratorical Contest</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Young Authors/Artists Club</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Share Your Testimony</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Play Station Challenge</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	
<b>Social Media Dance Challenge Before and After</b>			
1. _____		2. _____	

**BGC's Got Talent—BGC's Got Talent** is a ministry showcase/talent show where church ministry groups (mime/step/dance/song/poetry/prose) are given an opportunity to display their gifts/ talents in front of the entire retreat family.

1. _____	2. _____
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