

# F.R.O.G. Youth Ministry



REAL FUN



REAL FRIENDS



REAL LIFE



REAL FAITH



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# WELCOME

**Greetings** from the Fusion Café! We are glad you want to check things out & find out more about our Youth Ministry. This booklet is designed to help you get to know us better and to find out what we do and why we do it.



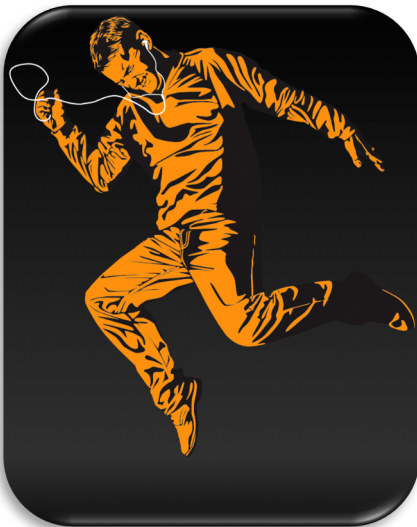
**Teenage life** can be fun, crazy, sweet, scary, confusing, exciting, and full of ups & downs! Our Youth Ministry exists to help teenagers get through life together and to learn how to follow God in the midst of our fast paced culture. The current generation of teenagers is growing up in what is being called the iGeneration which is full of new technology, social media, busy schedules, changing values, shifting economies, global threats, and uncertainty. It is a hopeful, but challenging time.

It can be hard to navigate teenage life, family stuff, school, relationships, the changing culture, and yet still hold onto our faith. That is why teenagers need a youth group to connect with. We have a great Youth Ministry that is designed to meet the changing needs of high school & middle school students in a real and relevant way. We have fun, but we also get deep. We are purposeful, intentional, and relational.

**F.R.O.G.** (Forever Reaching Out to God) is the name of our Youth Ministry. Sure, it is weird, crazy, and a bit silly, but so is life. First, it is about reaching up and connecting with God. Second, it is about new life and how our lives can be transformed by God.

## Welcome to the F.R.O.G. Youth Ministry!

### Here's what we are about...



- **REAL FUN:**  
concerts, trips, parties, movies, music, games, camps, sports, & projects
- **REAL FRIENDS:**  
come make new friends, bring friends, connect & live life together
- **REAL LIFE:**  
love, anger, dating, death, purpose, entertainment, pain, fear, trust, & hope
- **REAL FAITH:**  
forgiveness, sin, God, heaven, and how the Bible applies to everyday life



## Community Breakdown

- Hilliard is a growing suburb of Columbus, Ohio.
- Once a farm community, Hilliard has quickly become a thriving suburban middle-class city with large housing developments & shopping.
- Many people have moved here to raise families
- Columbus Population: 787,000
- Hilliard Population: 28,000
- 88% Caucasian
- 12% Somalian, African American, & Latino
- Hilliard mean household income: \$78,000
- High School Population: 4,700 (3 H.S.)
- Middle School Population: 2,300 (3 M.S.)
- Teenagers enrolled in Hilliard Schools: 7,000+
- Hilliard has a very diverse religious make up and is home to a variety of places of worship



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## VISION

To build a relational youth ministry that helps teenagers:

- Reach Up to know & love God
- Reach In to grow & mature
- Reach Out to serve & love others



## MISSION

To help teenagers in the Hilliard area:

- Connect with God personally
- Follow Christ passionately
- Live out their faith consistently &
- Impact their world courageously



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## BIBLICAL MODEL

**Mass** is where people are introduced to one another and to God. Jesus would often establish his identity with large groups of people. He would meet their physical needs and spiritual needs. The key principles of Mass are: Introduction, Relationship, Investigation, & Evangelism. The main idea is to know God or make him Known. –Matthew 15

**The Crowd** is where worship and teaching would happen. The Main idea is to love God. Regular gatherings of believers occurred often and they would meet to sing praises to God, to pray, and to learn from God's Word. They lived in community with one another. –Acts 2

**Discipleship** is applying God's Word, being accountable, and growing deeper in our faith. The goal of spiritual growth is to be like God or become more like Christ. In addition to the Mass and Crowd, Jesus had 12 disciples that he trained more closely. The Twelve Disciples would often meet with Jesus privately for deeper spiritual growth and development. –Mark 3

**Leadership** development is designed to help people serve and use their gifts and talents for God. The main idea is to serve God by doing ministry. Jesus had an inner circle of leaders that he was developing in addition to the 12. At times, Jesus would take Peter, James, & John aside to accompany him on special ministry opportunities. –Matt. 17

**Mentoring** is about choosing to invest more deeply in those who have a desire to do ministry. It involves a higher level of responsibility and focuses on multiplying our leadership. At times, Jesus would single people out for a specific object lesson or personal illustration. –John 21



## MINISTRY MODEL

**Amplify** is all about being loud, cranking up the volume, being heard, getting amped, pumped up, making an impact, and amplifying the message of the Christ. Amplify is our Mass ministry emphasis.

**Fusion** is a powerful reaction. It is a scientific term that describes the collision of atoms in which energy is released. Fusion is also a type of music that incorporates a combination of musical genres. Fusion is our Crowd ministry emphasis that combines several purposes into one program. It is the mixing of several key elements of our youth group: Friends, Fun, & Faith.

**Resonate** is a musical term that describes how sound waves vibrate and reflect. It is also is a term that describes when something rings true in our heart. Resonate is all about spiritual growth, our hearts resonating with God's truth, and our lives resonating his love to those around us. It represents our Discipleship emphasis.

**The Mix** is an important part of the musical process. It involves fine-tuning, tweaking levels, adjusting effects, filtering noise, & combining all the instruments to get the ideal sound. In many ways, leadership is very similar in getting the right people connected in the right roles and executing a plan that maximizes everyone's potential. The Mix is all about leadership development & putting students' gift mixes and talents into practice.

**Download** is a common term used to describe retrieving information or content from an online source. In this case, Download is our mentoring ministry emphasis that focuses on students downloading information & life experience from a trusted adult who is investing in them.



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## AMPLIFY

**Amplify** events are designed to help students reach out to their friends and amplify the message of God's love in a fun creative way. They are student lead events that are built to help teenagers be introduced to Christ for the first time & to develop a personal relationship with Him. Amplify events are held every other month throughout the school year and include things like: a Bonfire, Night at the Movies, Scavenger Hunt, Mass Chaos, Murder Mystery.

**Fast Food** nights are monthly social times at local restaurants. Teenagers love to eat and hangout and these are great nights for students to bring friends. It is a casual fun environment for new students to get introduced to our group, connect, and build friendships. These nights are also called Wild Card Weeks because the location is always changing. Sample locations: Chipotle, Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A.

**Sports** events are a new ministry that we are developing to help combine athletics and faith. Phase 1 will be launched this summer on Saturday mornings at a local park with the goal of reaching out to new students. 5-on-5 Basketball will be the main focus at first with Touch Football, and Volleyball possibly being offered as well. One of the players will share a brief spiritual challenge at each event.

**Park** nights are large group social gatherings throughout the summer (May-August). They usually revolve around the theme of a specific field game like: Disc Golf, Kickball, Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, Gold Rush, Local Swimming Pool, or End of School Bash.

*"Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.... And they praised the God of Israel." -Matt 15:30-31*



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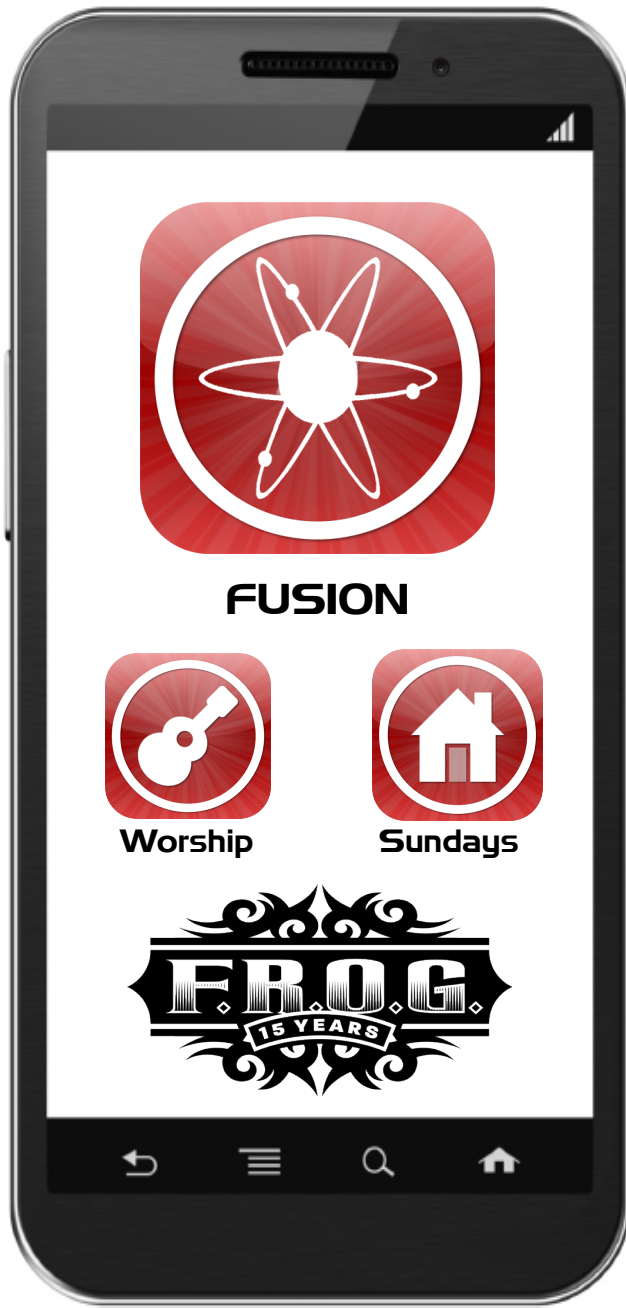
## FUSION

**Fusion** is the name of our main youth group night held at the Fusion Café. This is the core of the youth group experience and focuses on teaching, worship, and community. Fusion nights are designed to help students learn spiritual truth, love God more deeply, & connect with one another. Key elements include: building a strong spiritual foundation. These nights are geared to be culturally relevant, inspiring, challenging, and practical.

**Worship** nights are held every other month and are hosted by our students & leaders in the Morph 180 Worship Band. These live worship events are centered around connecting more deeply with God in celebration & heart reflection. These student lead interactive worship nights are set in a Coffee Shop style atmosphere and often revolve around a specific spiritual theme: Focus, Refresh, Celebrate.

**Sundays** we encourage all students to participate in the main worship service and sit together. Being connected with the broader church body is vital to our students' long-term spiritual health and to the life of the church. The focus of our Sunday morning service is also teaching, worship, and community in a large group context.

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...." –Acts 2:42*



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## RESONATE

**Resonate** is the name of our main Discipleship emphasis and focuses on helping students grow spiritually and helping them become more like Christ in their attitude, heart, and choices. Key elements include: Developing Dependence on God & Moral Growth. Resonate incorporates 3 major components.

**Life Groups** are the heart and soul of the youth group and are where deep relationships & true community happen. Life Groups are designed to help students build community, to apply the Bible to real life, and to hold each other accountable to follow God. These grade specific groups are co-lead by student and adult leaders and meet bi-weekly.

**Donut Club** is a once a month breakfast & Bible study group on Sunday mornings for 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is designed to help middle school students connect with God and each other on a deeper level. A customized topical approach is used to address topics like: peer pressure, identity, spiritual growth, & salvation.

**Truth 4 Life** is a new seasonal Bible study ministry emphasis that takes place in student's homes. These 6-8 week studies are gender specific and are designed to help girls & guys go deeper with topics just for them like: self-esteem, body image, womanhood, manhood, & character.

*"Then he selected twelve of them to be his regular companions, calling them apostles. He sent them out to preach, and he gave them authority to cast out demons." –Mark 3:14-15*



## THE MIX

**The Mix** is our Student Leadership team and is designed to give students a high degree of ownership & responsibility in the youth group. These students help lead and plan our Mass events & Worship nights, as well as co-lead our Life Groups. The key element is to serve God by serving others. This team meets for training and planning once a month throughout the school year and is also in charge of teaching over the summer.

**Morph 180** is the FROG Worship Band made up of student & adult musicians. This is a new team designed to lead our bi-monthly worship nights. It gives student musicians a chance to use their gifts and talents to help their friends connect & worship God together. Morph 180 is about helping students experience & celebrate life change or spiritual metamorphosis.

**ALT** is our Adult Leadership Team made up of awesome volunteers with a love for God & a heart for teenagers. This core group of volunteers helps run the youth ministry and is all about meeting teenagers needs and helping them grow & connect with God. This team meets quarterly for training & planning and weekly for prayer.

**Projects** are service oriented ministry opportunities for students to put their faith into action. They include local service projects in town and onsite as well as out of town mission trips. Service projects are set up quarterly and are designed to give students hands-on ministry experience.

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." –Matthew 28:19-20*



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## DOWNLOAD

**Download** is the name of our main Mentoring program and is divided into two main tracks.

**One-on-One** is the name of our new individual mentoring program that is in development. Students who are serious about their faith and are committed to growing & serving can request to meet one-on-one with a Life Group Leader or other trained adult in the church body. Students can choose to participate in 3 main tracks and meet weekly with a mentor. Each track is 8 weeks long and is designed to help 3 types of students: new & young believers in Christ, students who want to start or lead a ministry on their school campus, and students who are considering full-time Christian ministry as a career.

Track 1: Foundations- New Believers

Track 2: Lighthouse- Campus Ministry Development

Track 3: Satellite- Career Ministry Development

**Internships** are available for a more formal type of mentoring. College students seeking course credit can apply for a summer internship in youth ministry. This 3 month paid program is designed to give future youth leaders a wide variety of hands-on youth ministry experience. It is set up to partner with a Christian University and is customized to fit the needs & talents of the person.

*"Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said." -John 21:16*



# TRANSITION EVENTS



Transition Events are designed to help students move to the next level & take their faith deeper and wider.

**ICE CAMP WINTER RETREATS:** these are a weekend retreats for high school and middle school students to bring friends, play, have fun in the snow, get to know our group, mix with other youth groups, be introduced to Jesus, and experience worship & teaching. (Jan-Feb)

**CAMPS & FESTIVALS:** Camps & Festivals can be super fun, but it can also be a great time of growth. The idea is to move students deeper from regular worship and teaching to sharing their heart and life with one another and developing community. (Jun-Aug)

**SUMMER MISSION TRIPS:** These are great week-long work project trips that involve serving in the local community all day and then enjoying fun activities, teaching, training, and worship at night. It is a great mix of labor, people interaction, play time, spiritual growth, and going & doing ministry. Kalamazoo, MI (Jun-Aug)

**DARE2SHARE CONFERENCE:** This weekend evangelism training conference is designed to challenge students to boldly share their faith and provides in-depth training and a hands-on evangelism experience. It pushes them to step out of their comfort zone and use the gifts that God has given them. Columbus/Dayton, OH (Jan-Mar)

