



Carmel UMC Youth Ministry
7 Year Curriculum Plan

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About This Plan

This document is a 7 year rotating Curriculum Plan developed by a team of educators based on feedback by the church and through the work of the consultant Ministry Architects.

This tool will be used to help the youth ministry of Carmel United Methodist Church cover the topics that the church identified as most important for our youth to know. Some topics are not covered in these 7 years, but will be covered during other times (summer break, mission trips...) that are not a part of this plan.

Topics that are not currently covered in this curriculum, but will be worked into the curriculum on a yearly basis during appropriate times,

1. Advent, Lent, Holy Week & Easter need to be organized around the liturgical calendar for that year
2. Topics like the Reformation & Methodist History, the Early Church, The Old Testament, Bible 101 and others should be taught during summer breaks, small groups or retreat experiences
3. Leave Flexibility to cover other topics & important issues that arise (natural disasters, terrorism...) as needed

This document provides a clear scope and sequence for youth leaders to follow, as well as a guide for parents and church members seeking information as to what will be taught throughout the developmental process.

Thanks to all who helped come up with topics and especially to the educators who volunteered their time to help make this a reality.

Confirmation: 6th Grade

<p><u>Unit 1 – They Matter</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gifts and Talents<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. ID Spiritual Giftsb. Talents that Honor God2. Body of Christ<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Relationship to Bodyb. Parts Interconnectc. 1st Corinthians 12 <p><u>Unit 2 – Fruit of the Spirit</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who is the Holy Spirit?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Trinityb. The Holy Spirit Lives in Usc. The Holy Spirit's Job Description2. Call to Action<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Hear the Callb. The Holy Spirit Guides You <p><u>Unit 3 – Safe</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grace<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. General2. Esteem Confidence<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. General <p><u>Unit 4 – God's Will First</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The 10 Commandments<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. General2. Trust & Obedience<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Gethsemane <p><u>Unit 5 – Serve in Missions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How to Serve<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Spiritual Gifts2. Why We Serve<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. We're Called <p><u>Unit 6 – God Loves and Forgives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grace<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Definition2. Death and Resurrection<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Basis of Faithb. Jesus's Death and Why3. God's Character<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Grace vs. Mercyb. Ask for Forgivenessc. God I Wish You Knew4. Our Worth in God's Image<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Created in His Image5. Sin is Sin<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. We are All Sinners	<p><u>Unit 7 – Spiritual Disciplines</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prayer and Fasting<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. How to Pray and Listen to Godb. Why Should We Fast? Why NOT too fast (weight lost)c. Why Should We Pray?2. Daily Devotions<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Bible 101 <p><u>Unit 8 – Personal Relationship with Jesus</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gospel Teachings<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Fishers of Menb. Cross Daily2. Spiritual Disciplines<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Prayerb. Study3. Jesus's Character<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Power of Godb. Gracec. Forgiveness <p><u>Unit 9 – Major Teachings of Christ</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parables<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Vineyard2. Serving<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Greatest in Kingdom3. Cost of Following Jesus<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Relationshipsb. Rich Young Rulerc. Not Easy <p><u>Unit 10 – Additional Topics</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Advent (December)2. Lent (fluctuates depending on year)3. Methodism4. Apostle's Creed
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Middle School: A 2 year rotating curriculum

<p>MS YG - YEAR 1 Narrative Arc => Who is Jesus? <u>Unit 1 - Major Teachings of Jesus</u> 1. Lord's Prayer a. Understanding b. Daily Bread <u>Unit 2 - Major Teachings of Jesus</u> 1. Sermon on the Mount a. Beatitudes b. Love Enemies c. Prayer <u>Unit 3 - Major Teachings of Jesus</u> 1. Parables a. Good Samaritan b. Sower c. "Lost" Prodigal Son/Loving Father d. Plank in Eye <u>Unit 4 - Personal Relationship with Jesus</u> 1. Spiritual Disciplines/Habits a. Worship b. Solitude c. Confession 2. Walk the Walk a. Others First b. Forgive as Forgiven c. Judge-be Judged 3. No Perfect Christians a. Doubts are OK b. Learn from Mistakes c. Need Dependence</p>	<p>MS YG - YEAR 2 Narrative Arc => Fruit of the Spirit God Loves and Forgives - They Matter <u>Unit 1 - Who is the Holy Spirit?</u> 1. God on Earth a. HS lives in us (again) b. HS job description (again) 2. Biblical Examples <u>Unit 2 - What Are the Fruits?</u> 1. Love and Joy 2. Peace and Patience 3. Kindness and Goodness 4. Faithful and Gentle 5. Self-Control <u>Unit 3 - Call To Action</u> 1. God Leading You a. Hear the call (again) b. HS guides you (again) 2. Work through others 3. Resisting Temptation <u>Unit 4 - Practical Applications</u> 1. Serving a. Bible Stories of Serving i. Widow's Gift ii. Foot washing b. Why We Serve i. Connect 2 God ii. Build Bridges c. Servant Leadership i. Foot washing 2. Risk Taking Dating Relationships 3. Bullying 4. Substance Abuse 5. Taming the Tongue</p>
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High School: a 4 year rotating curriculum

HS YG - YEAR 1	HS YG - YEAR 2
<p><u>Unit 1 – Jesus</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jesus' Character<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Power of God through Jesusb. Gracec. Others Firstd. Forgivenesse. Acceptance <p><u>Unit 2 – Spiritual Disciplines</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Worship<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. With Communityb. What is Worshipc. Ways to Worshipd. Avoiding Idolatrye. Attitude and Purpose <p><u>Unit 3 – God's Will First</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Seeking Wise Council<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Mentoringb. Christian Friendsc. Pastoral Council2. Resist Temptation<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Materialismb. Sexc. Drugs & Alcohol (substance abuse)d. Cheating/Lyinge. Stepping on others	<p><u>Unit 1 – God's Will First</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Listening/Discerning (prayer)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Nature of God through Bible Study & Prayerb. How to Pray (Lord's Prayer) and other advicec. Quiet time/meditation2. Trust and Obedience<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Life Applicationsb. Biblical Referencec. Jesus in the gardend. Biblical Examples of<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Joseph (OT)ii. Jobiii. Mosesiv. Joshuav. Esther <p><u>Unit 2 - Safe</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tolerance<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Value Diversityb. Accountabilityc. No Gossip2. Acceptance<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Bible Knowledge Levels <p><u>Unit 3 – Jesus</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Lord's Prayer<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Memorizationb. Understandingc. Daily Breadd. Meaning/why do we say it?2. Sermon on the Mount<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Beatitudesb. Hate/Divorcec. Worryd. Prayere. Love Enemies
<p><u>Unit 4 - Safe</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grace<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Doubt Bible Storiesb. Common Doubts2. Small Group Instruction<ol style="list-style-type: none">c. Needs to be a safe and confidential place to shared. When would that confidence ever be broken by a leader? When it is for the safety of the youth or others	<p><u>Unit 4 - Spiritual Disciplines</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sacrificial Giving<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Importanceb. How Much?c. Types of Givingd. What is Sacrificiale. Commitment

HS YG - YEAR 3

Unit 1 – Safe

1. Esteem/Confidence
 - a. Body/Sex Issues
 - b. In God's Image
2. Small Group Instruction
 - a. Mentoring/Peer

Unit 2 – Jesus

1. Parables
 - a. Kingdom
 - b. Wise/Foolish Builders
 - c. Widow
2. Serving
 - a. Last Supper
 - b. Greatest/Least
 - c. Student/Teacher

Unit 3 - Spiritual Disciplines

1. Confession/Submission
 - a. Acts of Confession
 - b. What it looks like
 - c. Why confess?
 - d. What is submission?
 - e. What is Trust and Obey?
 - f. Why take communion?

Unit 4 – God's Will First

1. Peer Pressure (positive and negative)
 - a. Dealing with negative
 - b. Avoiding situations where peer pressure is likely
 - c. Looking for positive
 - d. Being a positive

HS YG - YEAR 4

Unit 1 - Spiritual Disciplines

1. Daily Devotions
 - a. Why Daily?
 - b. How Much?
 - c. Not Just the Bible
 - d. Meditation
 - e. Sharing Impact
2. Prayer and Fasting
 - a. Prayer and Perseverance
 - b. Attitude of Prayer
 - c. Prayer is 2-way
 - d. Prayer Sharing
 - e. Asking Others
 - f. Fasting: what it is and what it is not

Unit 2 - God's Will First

1. Greatest Commandment:
 - a. Examples of God's love in
 - b. Biblical Ref to love God
 - c. Biblical Ref to love others
 - d. Life Application
 - e. Can't love God & hate brother
2. Greatest commandments
 - a. What are they?
 - b. Why those 10?
 - c. How do they help us?

Unit 3 - Safe

1. Sanctuary
 - a. Privacy
 - b. Confidentiality
 - c. Real

Unit 4 – Jesus

1. Cost of Following
 - a. Deny Yourself
 - b. Relationships
 - c. Persecution
2. Personal Relationship w/
 - a. Cross Daily
 - b. Fishers of Men
 - c. Prodigal

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