

Soma Eastside Church Youth Ministry Interim Plan

Summary: A 6 month plan to maintain the care and growth of the Soma Eastside Youth Ministry until the search team is able to hire a new Youth Pastor.

Leaders: Warren Mainard, Leah Mainard, Colleen Volk, Bryan and Megan Graff, Deana and Greg Rumsey, Scott Kizer, Stephan Peck, Matt Pommer & Michele Hare.

Numbers: According to our numbers in Planning Center, we currently have approx. 30 rising 6-8th Graders (AKA- Middle School Ministry) and 44 rising 9-12th Graders (AKA- High School Ministry.)

Volunteer Needs:

- 1) SEY: EVENTS Volunteers- Adult leaders who can help for specific one time events. (Examples- Back Yard Worship Night, Serve & Swerve Day, Candy-Palooza, Turkey Bowl & Friends-Giving) (Need 6-8 volunteers)
- 2) SEY: GATHER Volunteers- (Beginning September 26th) 1st & 3rd Sunday Night of the month. This is our main “youth group” experience. Working to help serve pizza, connect with students, lead games, facilitate a break-out group. Volunteers meet at 5:30pm. (Need 6-8 volunteers)
- 3) SEY: GROUP Volunteers- (Beginning October 10th) 2nd and 4th Sunday Night of the month. This is our “small group” experience. We will need at least two adult leaders for each of these small groups. MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls. (Need 8 volunteers).
- 4) SEY: GROW- (Beginning November 7th) Sunday mornings during the sermon time for the worship service. This is our “Sunday Morning Youth Lesson” experience. (Need 6-8 volunteers).

Vision: Soma Eastside Church has a tremendous opportunity to create a dynamic, engaging, Biblically focused, Christ honoring, discipleship oriented ministry to students as we prepare for the next Youth Pastor to fill this position. With a spirit of humble enthusiasm and a team-oriented approach, we will see many students engage or re-engage with the Soma Eastside Youth Ministry.

Program Descriptions:

SEY: GATHER – All Middle School & High School students gather together on the 1st & 3rd Sunday night of the month at Soma HQ for a night of food, hanging out, games, worship, Bible teaching and break out groups! Gather this fall will include Youth Messages focused on keys to rekindling our relationships with Christ, family and friends.

SEY: GROUP – Students will huddle up with other students their age to go deeper with God and one another on the 2nd and 4th night of the month at Soma HQ. Grab some food and then connect with your crew! Current Groups: MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls. Groups will focus on reigniting community within our Student ministry and putting our faith into practice at home, school and in our lives.

SEY: GROW – On Sunday mornings, students will meet together after corporate worship (during the sermon) for a time of interactive Bible teaching. As we did before Covid, we will designate one Sunday per month for Students to worship with their families for the entire service. Groups will be divided into HS and MS. Grow groups will loosely mirror the same themes that the children’s ministry is studying (this fall it will be Genesis).

Calendar:

August:

August 22nd - Back Yard Worship Night (High School + Rising 9th-12th) (At the Rumsey’s) 7-9pm
August 29th – Rising Middle School Party – Michele Hare will be leading this event specifically aimed at welcoming all of our rising 6th graders to the Middle School ministry!

September:

September 12th- SOMA Sunday at SAMBICA (MS & HS students- Bring your Swimsuits for Waterfront Fun!)
September 26th- SEY: GATHER - Fall Kick Off (Building or in the Parking Lot?) (6-8pm)

October:

October 3- SEY: GATHER - (Middle School and High School) (6-8pm)
October 9- SEY Serve & Swerve Day (Serve at Soma HQ for a few hours and then have races in the parking lot with large tricycles, skateboards, etc. Include food too)
October 10- SEY: GROUP - (MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls) (6-8pm)
October 17- SEY: GATHER - (Middle School and High School) (6-8pm)
October 24- SEY: GROUP - (MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls) (6-8pm)
October 31- Candy-Palooza (Fun Night filled with tons of candy, games and candy-related games. Extra prize for dressing up like a type of candy!) (6-8pm)

November:

* *NOTE: Start offering SEY: GROW on Sunday Mornings*

November 7th- SEY: GATHER - (Middle School and High School) (6-8pm)
November 14th- SEY: GROUP - (MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls) (6-8pm)
November 20- Turkey Bowl & “Friends-Giving” (FRIENDS themed)
November 21st- SEY: GATHER - (Middle School and High School) (6-8pm) (That’s A Wrap Night: Operation Christmas Child: Small Groups compete to fill the most boxes. Finish with a Rapping Contest) (6-8pm)
November 28th- SEY: GROUP - (MS Guys, MS Girls, HS Guys, HS Girls) (6-8pm)

December:

December 5th- SEY: GATHER - (Middle School and High School) (6-8pm)
December 12th- SEY CHRISTMAS PARTY! (6-8pm)
Christmas Service Activity (Date TBD)

FALL TEACHING & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GATHER/GROW Theme: CLOSER: Spiritual Intimacy > Social Isolation

Description: In a time where people are asked to keep their distance, God is asking us to draw near. Together, we will learn how God wants us to grow closer to Him, our friends, our family and our church.

October 3- SEY: GATHER – Closer To God: Abide
October 10- SEY: GROUP - Closer To God: Pray
October 17- SEY: GATHER - Closer To God: Walk
October 24- SEY: GROUP - Closer To God: Word
November 7th- SEY: GATHER – Closer To Friends: Masks
November 14th- SEY: GROUP - Closer To Friends: Authentic
November 21st- SEY: GATHER – Closer To Family: Thanksgiving
November 28th- SEY: GROUP – Closer To Family: Forgiveness
December 5th- SEY: GATHER – Closer To Church: Body
December 12th- SEY CHRISTMAS PARTY! Closer: When Love Came Near

GROW Studies: Sunday Mornings at Soma Eastside

(Note: As we relaunch this Sunday morning Youth Bible Study, we will be focusing on Jesus, the center of our faith. We will be using a curriculum called The Kingdom Of God from Feed.Bible)

November 7th- SEY: GROW – The Kingdom of God: How did God fulfill his promises to Israel and the world?
November 14th- SEY: GROW – The Kingdom of God: Who is Jesus of Nazareth?
November 21st- SEY: GROW – The Kingdom of God: What was the gospel that Jesus proclaimed?
November 28th – FAMILY SUNDAY (Students in Worship Service)
December 5th- SEY: GROW – The Kingdom of God: How did Jesus die?
December 12th- SEY: GROW – The Kingdom of God: What happens after Jesus died?
December 19th- SEY: GROW – Christmas Bible Study
December 26th- FAMILY SUNDAY (Students in Worship Service)

FAQ's

How do I get involved? Email Warren- warrenmainard@gmail.com

What is our Covid19 Policy? We will follow the same policies as the church. You should be able to find that on our website soon.