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Youth & Young Adults **2025 ASM Report**

Friday Night Youth

- Youth started off for the year on Friday 17 January and for we have journeyed through stories of the Bible from Genesis, from Creation to Jacob & Esau in Term 1. Term 2 opened with a movie night watching the new Christian movie, The Forge and the rest of the term we journeyed through the first half of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-6 and ending the term with an outing to Bounce.
- Term 3 we journeyed through the Exodus under the theme of Darkness to Light, reflecting on how God works in and for us even through the difficult and dark times and leads us to light. We made sandwiches for Mobile Meals to show how we can be the light in our communities.
- Term 4 we opened the term with some fellowship activities and with a series Here Comes the King, looking at what it means for Jesus to be the King as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We will end the term off with an outing to Total Ninja.
- These lessons were paired with games and even crafts, such as shirt painting and bracelet making, to help us remember the lesson of the stories.
- Attendance averaged at 15–20 teens per session, seeing a significant drop during the exam seasons.
- We attended a Youth Worship evening which was held at St Stithians College on Friday 28 March. It was an amazing time of worship with other teenagers from surrounding churches.

Highlights:

- Youth Worship Night @St Stithians
- Bounce Outing in June
- Outreach Sandwiches in October



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Sunday Teen Church

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- Teen Church runs every Sunday during the public-school terms. The online lessons are uploaded on the BMC YouTube channel all year round, including during school holidays. The link is sent out on the BMC broadcast groups and the Youth WhatsApp group.
- Our lessons are on the same themes as the church.
- Our attendance averages at 25-35 weekly for each service, which has been a huge increase from last year. As expected, we do see a drop in attendance during the exam seasons.
- We struggled with having enough leaders this year as majority of them were in matric. But having the interns has helped to ease this burden.
- Teen Church resumed on Sunday 19 January 2025 and has been a rollercoaster. We have split the groups into 2 age groups as numbers have increased.
- We had our leaders training on Saturday 18 January. It was a good time of brainstorming ways to engage with the teens more while being reminded of the responsibilities of leadership.
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Highlights:

- The spiritual growth of the youth and their engagement on Sundays.





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Confirmation

- We confirmed 25 young people this year into the church on Sunday 14 September.
- The classes ran in-person each Sunday afternoon except during school holidays and June exams.
- We had one Young Adult assisting with the classes this year.
- The Confirmation Camp held in August was a time for the confirmands to really get out and devote the weekend to building their relationship with God and each other. We saw the group growing greatly in fellowship and many highlighted the impact that the camp had on them.
- It was an amazing journey for these young people, and we pray that their continued journeys may be fruitful as they commit themselves to God and His Church.

Highlights:

- Confirmation Camp @Magalies Retreat
- Confirmation Service



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Young Adults

- We had a closing supper for both the Sunday and Thursday groups on Sunday 8 December. This was a good time of fellowship and reflection of the year past.
- The Young Adults small group which runs in Thursday evenings online has been good and consistent as well but saw a lull in attendance due to other commitments by the members. It is attended by 9 young adults. We have 2 members leading the group as of April 2025 – Vuyelwa Nkumanda and Tabile Mapekula.
- Our Sunday Y.A. group continues to meet weekly on Sundays at 6pm in-person. We have been slowly going through a deep dive into the Gospel according to Matthew and have been challenged by the teachings of Jesus. This group has grown as a community and organises fellowship outside of regular meetings.



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Highlights:

- Fellowship of the small group

Other

- We were blessed to take 9 youth along with our interns on camp in December 2024 to Altelekker Campsite. This was a joint camp with 2 other churches. Everyone had a great time worshipping God and learning from leaders and each other about discipleship and following Jesus.





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- We have started assisting with the St Stithians Junior Boys Preparatory Boys for God school ministry group which meets on Friday morning during their 1st break.





- We had a Parent's Workshop on 28 June 2025 which was unfortunately not well attended. Those who did attend have shown interest for more sessions like these as they gained much insight from the guest speakers.
- Holiday Club had a good turnout of 32 leaders outside of the Children and Youth staff. The week went well and was enjoyed by both the leaders and children who attended.





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- Neon themed Joint Spring Dance held in September



- A few of our children and teens joined the Circuit MCYU Social in September. It was a good time of fellowship with other young people in the circuit.



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Challenges

- We are not seeing much interest from youth and parents in programs planned to foster spiritual and social development outside of the weekly Sunday Church or Friday Nights. As we seek to build on these 2 aspects of the young lives and their community within the church, we do need the support of leaders and parents to encourage holistic participation in church activities targeted at young people.
- We still struggle with volunteers particularly with the I I am service where we get our biggest group of teens.

Please continue to keep the Youth and Young Adults Ministry in your prayers.

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