

# Reflecting on a Year of Youth Ministry

As 2025 comes to a close, the Youth Ministries Council (YMC) celebrates another impactful year of serving and empowering our Youth. From retreats and fundraisers to global gatherings and summer camps, our journey has been filled with growth, connection, and joy.

## Monthly Highlights

### February

- *Campership Sunday* took place on February 9, with events held both in local congregations and virtually via Zoom.

### March

- The Zephyrhills Congregation hosted a weekend Youth Retreat. The Retreat was held March 7-9.
- At the Priesthood Retreat, Jen Anderson and Debbie Bartlett led fundraising efforts, raising \$353 through a raffle. Jacob and his children raised an additional \$140 through a silent art auction.
- Debbie also organized an online Easter candy fundraiser.

### June & July

- Jr. High and Sr. High Camps kicked off the Camping season, followed by Junior Camp and SPEC.
- Campers bonded quickly and made core memories. We hope to see everyone return next summer!

### August

- Council members participated in the Global Youth Event on August 29, led by Humberto Tinsman. Breakout rooms by language facilitated rich discussions and idea sharing. Follow-up meetings are scheduled for November 21 and February 27.

### October

- The Zephyrhills Congregation hosted a weekend Youth Retreat. The Retreat was held October 10–12 at Zephyrhills Congregation.

### November

- On November 8, Youth partnered with Clearwater Congregation to serve lunch at the Mission Center Conference, raising funds for Summer Camps.
- YMC will also attend the upcoming Global Youth Event on November 21.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

### January

- A Youth event is planned for January 16–18 at Bluff Springs Campgrounds, led by Jacob and Sean Ward.

### Summer Camps

- *Sr. High Camp*: June 14–20 | Directors: Melissa Nations & McKenzie Jenny
- *Jr. Camp*: June 21–25 | Director: Betsy Stormer
- *Jr. High Camp*: June 28–July 4 | Director: Shannon Floto
- *SPEC*: July 11–18 | Jen Anderson will be on staff; leadership TBD