



# EPC TEEN BIBLE SCHOOL



*“Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”*

Psalm 51:10, NKJV

**PROGRAM DATES:** July 11-25, 2021

**COST PER STUDENT:** \$425.00

**LOCATION:** EPC Evangelical Church of Philadelphia  
3470 Huntingdon Pike  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

**MISSION:** To encourage and equip teenagers to live a life of faith, character and integrity.

**VALUES:**

– **GRACE**

To personally appropriate and extend the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9*

– **GROWTH**

To live as an authentic follower of Jesus Christ with thoughts and actions rooted in the Scriptures, pursuing Christ-likeness with the help of the Holy Spirit.

*“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Ephesians 4:15*

– **SERVICE**

To serve others according to ones talents and spiritual giftedness.

*“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Romans 12:9-11*

– **FELLOWSHIP**

To connect with other believers and establish meaningful relationships.

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7*

**PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM**

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1. To help students gain an understanding of Christian Biblical principles and ethics, grow spiritually and learn more about God, people and themselves
2. Encourage students to serve others and be sensitive to the needs of the people around them
3. To teach students how to compassionately serve at home, in church and in their community
4. Give the students an opportunity to use and develop their talents through leadership, servitude, and new experiences in a safe environment.
5. Allow students to gain experience and confidence in ministry, whether it’s singing, preaching, praying, or serving others.
6. Develop friendships with other teens from different states who share the same goals and desire to serve Jesus.

## PROGRAM OUTLINE

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During the two weeks of EPC Teen Bible School, students are guided through various lessons, Bible readings, group discussions, practical experiences and activities that assist in the process of learning to grow independently, witness, help others, and worship through:

### After God's Own Heart Lecture(s)

Date	After God's Own Heart Lecture(s)	Instructors
7/12	God's Heart and Character	Pastor Alex Poberezhnyuk
7/13	Identity in Christ	Bogdan Voshchilo
7/14	Biblical authority and the power of faith	Andrew Kravchuk
7/15	Personal God: Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit	Stephen Tarkov
7/16	God's plan for salvation and eternity	Jason Yakimiv
7/19	Hearing God's voice Dealing with Temptations	Pastor Vitaliy Batyuk
7/20	Fruits of the Spirit and spiritual gifts	Pastor Alex Poberezhnyuk
7/22	Repentance, grace, and transforming faith	Yaroslav Mukha
7/23	Created for purpose: Servitude and stewardship	Vlad Soroka

### Practical Christian Principles Lesson(s)

Date(s)	Practical Christian Principles	Instructors
7/12	Building relationships with family and friends	Pastor Alex Poberezhnyuk
7/13	Understanding God's Will and direction for your life	Bogdan Voshchilo
7/14	Dealing with disappointment, discouragement, heartbreak and depression	Andrew Kravchuk
7/15	Personal Relationship with God + Obedience, prayer and worship	Pastor Veniamin Voshchilo
7/16	Claims against God, faith and Christianity	Roman Pasternak
7/19	Establishing Biblical relationships and dating	Pastor Vitaliy Batyuk
7/20	Reflecting your faith (appearance, conduct, and self-talk)	Pastor Alex Poberezhnyuk
7/22	Biblical viewpoint of identity and purpose (masculinity/femininity)	Yaroslav Mukha Roksolana Voshchilo
7/23	Biblical vs. Social Justice	Yaroslav Mukha

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## WEEK ONE

Week 1							
	Sunday (7/11)	Monday (7/12)	Tuesday (7/13)	Wednesday (7/14)	Thursday (7/15)	Friday (7/16)	Saturday (7/17)
Lecture Instructor		Alex Poberezhnyuk	Bogdan Voshchilo	Andrew Kravchuk	Stephen Tarkov	Jason Yakimiv	
Topic of Study		God's Heart & Character	Identity in Christ	Biblical Authority + Power of Faith	Personal God	God's Plan for Salvation + Eternity	
8:00-8:30 am		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	
8:30-9:00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00-10:00 am		After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading	
10:00-10:15 am		Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	Announcements	After God's ♥ Bible Reading
10:15-11:05 am		Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I	Lecture I	
11:05-11:15 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	Church Clean-up
11:15-12:05 pm		Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II	Lecture II	
12:05-12:15 pm		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	10 min. Break	
12:15-1:00 pm		Practical Christian Principles <i>Building Relationships with Family &amp; Friends</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>God's Will &amp; Direction for your Life</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>Disappointment, Discouragement + Depression</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>Personal Relationship with God + Obedience</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>Claims against God, Faith &amp; Christianity</i>	
1:00-1:45 pm	Opening Ceremony	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Downtown Street Ministry (Philadelphia, PA)
1:45-2:00 pm		Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Video Discussion	Video Discussion	
2:00-2:20 pm		Survey	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	
2:20-3:20 pm		Group Discussion	Godly Men/Women Discussion	Group Discussion	Choir Practice	Godly Men/Women Discussion	
3:20-4:20 pm	Lunch	Practical Electives	Workshop	Practical Electives	Group Debate	Christian Professionals Workshop	Dinner
4:20-4:50 pm	Program Orientation	Group Service Preparation		Group Service Preparation	Group Service Preparation		
4:50-5:50 pm		Choir Practice	Choir Practice	Choir Practice	Choir Practice	Sight & Sound Theater: Jesus (Lancaster, PA)	
5:50-6:30 pm			Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
6:30-7:00 pm			Group Service Preparation	Godly Men/Women Discussion & Activity	Group Service Preparation		Church Service
7:00-8:00 pm	Local Service	Sport Activities	Youth Service		Church Service		
8:00-9:00 pm							
9:00 pm							
Student Pick-up Time	7:00 pm	9:15 pm	9:15 pm	10:00 pm	11:15 pm	8:30 pm	10:00 pm

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## WEEK TWO

Week 2							
	Sunday (7/18)	Monday (7/19)	Tuesday (7/20)	Wednesday (7/21)	Thursday (7/22)	Friday (7/23)	Saturday (7/24)
Lecture Instructor		Vitalik Batyuk	Alex Poberezhnyuk		Slav Mukha	Vlad Soroka	
Topic of Study		Hearing God's Voice	Fruits of the Spirit + Spiritual Gifts		Repentance, Grace + Transforming Faith	Purpose: Servitude + Stewardship	
8:00-8:30 am		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship		Morning Prayer & Worship	Morning Prayer & Worship	
8:30-9:00 am		Breakfast	Breakfast		Breakfast	Breakfast	
9:00-10:00 am		After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading		After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading	After God's ♥ Bible Reading
10:00-10:15 am		Announcements	Announcements		Announcements	Announcements	
10:15-11:05 am		Lecture I	Lecture I		Lecture I	Lecture I	
11:05-11:15 am		10 min. Break	10 min. Break		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	
11:15-12:05 pm		Lecture II	Lecture II		Lecture II	Lecture II	Church Clean-up
12:05-12:15 pm		10 min. Break	10 min. Break		10 min. Break	10 min. Break	
12:15-1:00 pm	Trip to Guest Church (Students Participate in Service)	Practical Christian Principles <i>Establishing Biblical Relationships &amp; Dating</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>Reflecting your Faith</i>		Practical Christian Principles <i>Biblical Viewpoint on Masculinity/Femininity</i>	Practical Christian Principles <i>Biblical vs. Social Justice</i>	
1:00-1:45 pm		Lunch	Lunch	Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ)	Lunch	Lunch	
1:45-2:00 pm		Video Discussion	Video Discussion		Video Discussion	Video Discussion	
2:00-2:20 pm		Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz		Bible Quiz	Bible Quiz	
2:20-3:20 pm		Group Discussion	Practical Electives		Group Discussion	Workshop	
3:20-4:20 pm		Practical Electives	Godly Men/Women Discussion		Workshop	Practical Electives	
4:20-4:50 pm		Group Service Preparation			Choir Practice	Godly Men/Women Discussion	
4:50-5:50 pm		Choir Practice	Choir Practice		Formal Dinner Faith Bible Quiz Competition	Dinner	Picnic with Parents & Host Families
5:50-6:30 pm		Dinner	Dinner				
6:30-7:00 pm			Preparation for Service				
7:00-8:00 pm	Local Church Service	Spartan Race Sport Activities	Youth Service		Church Service		
8:00-9:00 pm							
9:00 pm							
Student Pick-up Time	9:00 pm	9:15 pm	9:15 pm	11:00 pm	9:15 pm	8:30 pm	Sunset

## BIBLE READING

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### Daily Bible Reading & Bible Quizzes

Since the foundation of our school is the living Word of God, all students are encouraged to study the Bible on a deeper, personal level and apply it to their daily living. Students will read and study passages in scripture relating to becoming men and women after God's own heart. These passages will encourage students to examine their own heart and discover ways they can imitate a "heart after God's own heart" in their personal walk with the Lord. They will also read passages about Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith. These passages will give students an overview of the person and heart of Christ.

Date	After God's Own Heart Devotional	Heart of Jesus	Bible Reading Plan/APP Bible Project (NT in a year)	Quiz Date
7/12	<b>A heart that is committed to seeking God</b> Psalm 27	<b>Who Jesus Is</b> John 1	NT Overview Video 2 Timothy 3:14-17	7/13
7/13	<b>A heart that hungers for God's Word</b> Psalm 119	<b>Birth of Christ</b> Luke 2	Matthew 1	7/14
7/14	<b>A heart of integrity and purity</b> Psalm 1, 19	<b>The Core of Jesus' Teaching</b> Luke 4	Matthew 2	7/15
7/15	<b>A heart that is vulnerable and repentant</b> Psalm 51	<b>God's Love for the World</b> John 3	Matthew 3	7/16
7/16	<b>A heart that listens and obeys</b> Psalm 32	<b>Jesus' Miracles &amp; Authority</b> John 5	Matthew 4	7/23
7/17	<b>A heart that fears the Lord</b> Psalm 112	<b>Jesus' Power Over Death</b> John 11	Matthew 5:1-26	
7/18		<b>The Christian Life</b> John 15	Matthew 5:27-48	
7/19	<b>A heart that is humble</b> Psalm 25	<b>Jesus' High Priestly Prayer</b> John 17	Matthew 6	7/24
7/20	<b>A heart that trusts in God alone</b> Psalm 62	<b>The Crucifixion of Christ</b> Luke 23	Matthew 7	7/26
7/21		<b>The Rise and Ascension of Jesus</b> Luke 24	Matthew 8	
7/22	<b>A heart that rejoices in the Lord</b> Psalm 16	<b>He is Worthy</b> Revelations 5	Matthew 9:1-17	7/27
7/23	<b>A heart that is full of gratitude</b> Psalm 118	<b>Follow His example</b> Ephesians 5	Matthew 9:18-38	No Quiz
7/24	<b>A heart that worships and glorifies</b> Psalm 103	<b>Life in the Spirit</b> Galatians 5	Matthew 10:1-23	No Quiz

## **DISCUSSIONS**

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### **Group Discussions:**

Students will have group discussions relating to issues and topics specific to personal growth through the lens of the gospel and God's word. Students will enjoy fellowship, prayer, encouragement and friendship while exploring difficult, controversial topics in our culture regarding holiness, identity, purpose and life's pursuits.

- Understanding my identity: Gender and Sexuality
- Protecting my heart and body: Sex and pornography
- Protecting my mind: Influence of social media, music, movies and TV
- Protecting my person: Alcohol, drugs and addictive substances
- Learning to deal with: Stress, depression and thoughts of self-harm

### **Guy/ Girl Discussions**

Students will have separate discussions relating to issues and topics specific to each gender and God's role. Students will enjoy fellowship, prayer, encouragement and friendship while exploring difficult, controversial topics in our culture regarding purity, gender roles and responsibilities, femininity/masculinity and other topics which students may want to discuss.

- Godly Women Discussion Series
  - God-given purpose and ability to influence
  - Body-image struggles, insecurities and embracing suffering
  - Approach to dating and intimacy
  - Feminine responsibilities and benefits in the family unit
  - Emotional maturity (learning to manage emotions)
- Godly Men Discussion Series
  - God-given purpose and authority
  - Struggles, temptations, and embracing suffering
  - Approach to dating and intimacy
  - Masculine responsibilities and benefits in the family unit
  - Dealing with emotions (learning to be vulnerable and open)

### **Video Discussions**

Students will watch variety of videos on topics related to character and faith building and discuss them as a group. These discussions are encouraged to stimulate thought and conversation regarding today's cultural standards and biblical viewpoints.

## WORSHIP/ CHOIR

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### Worship

Students along with leaders will lead morning worship services with songs of praise, prayer, testimonies and messages.

Week #1						
Monday <i>July 12th</i>	Tuesday <i>July 13th</i>	Wednesday <i>July 14th</i>	Thursday <i>July 15th</i>	Friday <i>July 16th</i>	Saturday <i>July 17th</i>	Sunday <i>July 18th</i>
Administration Leads	Group #1 Leads	Group #2 Leads	Group #3 Leads	Group #4 Leads		Church Service Trip
Week #2						
Monday <i>July 19th</i>	Tuesday <i>July 20th</i>	Wednesday <i>July 21st</i>	Thursday <i>July 22nd</i>	Friday <i>July 23rd</i>	Saturday <i>July 24th</i>	Sunday <i>July 25th</i>
Group #1 Leads	Group #2 Leads	Trip to Six Flags	Group #3 Leads	Group #4 Leads		Ending Ceremony Service

### Choir

All students will participate in choral singing. The class will sing in the local church as well as when traveling to other churches. Group leaders will participate alongside the students and encourage them.

### Service in Church

A required part of the school program is the attendance of the local church service for personal encouragement and fellowship with other Christians. Students take part in both the church and youth services by preaching, singing, and sharing testimonies. Students will also participate in daily morning service through worship and prayer. (Each group must prepare 3-4 numbers: song, testimony, and sermon). Group leaders will assist and take responsibility for encouraging group participation.

### Prayer

Students have daily prayers, where they uplift each other, pray for needs, and praise God. We will also have an organized prayer with the brothers present for specific needs and requests. Administration will have a daily, separate morning prayer as well.



## MINISTRY ELECTIVES AND WORKSHOPS

### Ministry Electives

Students will participate in ministry electives.

Date(s)	Elective	Practical Practice	Instructors	Location
7/12 7/14 7/19 7/20 7/23	Apologetics	Participate in closing ceremony	Yaroslav Mukha + Andrew Kravchuk	Main Classroom/ Cafeteria
	Teaching Children & Sunday school	Teach a lesson to children	Lili Soroka + Nadia Panochko	Craft Room
	Preaching/Sharing Testimony	Participate in closing ceremony	Pastor Alex Poberezhnyuk	Library
	Choir Conducting	Conduct Choir	Pavlo Pristatsky + Daniel Pristatsky	American Choir Room
	Leading Worship/ Group Singing	Lead general worship for closing ceremony	David Soroka + Jennifer Petrenko	Sanctuary
	Evangelism/ Witnessing Ministry	Go out and evangelize	Roman Pasternak + Walter Babiy + Timothy Krasun	Prayer Room
	Hosting/Leading a Bible Study	Lead a Bible Study group	Pavlo Shostak + Ruvim Poznyur	Brother's Room (Upstairs Chapel)

### Workshops

Students will participate in a variety of elective workshop such as nutrition, financial stewardship, cooking, baking, floral arrangements, car basics: changing oil and tires, First Aid & CPR training, clothing care/sewing and much more. Students will also attend a workshop with a police officer discussing law, alcohol, drugs and legal consequences.

Date(s)	Workshops	Instructor(s)	Location
7/13	Baking	Natalie Gogan	Kitchen
	Beauty: Hair Styling	Galina Kobrenk	Prayer Room (upstairs corner room)
	Personal Finance Management	Roman Pasternak	Cafeteria
	Healthy Living: Exercise	Bogdan Voshchilo	Gym
	Car Basics	Vlad Soroka	Outdoors
	Life Skill: Sewing	Lesya Yakimiv	Craft Room
7/22	Cooking	Inna Knyaz	Kitchen
	Beauty: Hair Styling	Galina Kobrenko	Prayer Room (upstairs corner room)
	Florals	Olya Kravchuk + Maryana Mukha + Lili Soroka	Cafeteria
	CPR + First Aid	Vlad Korchuk	Gym
	Car Basics	Vlad Soroka	Outdoors
	Clothing Care	Lesya Yakimiv	Craft Room
7/23	Cooking	Oksana Pristatky	Kitchen
	Beauty: Skin Care	Annie Pasternak	Prayer Room (upstairs corner room)
	First Aid	Inna Knyaz	Library
	Healthy Living: Exercise	Dyanna Voshchilo + Oriana Pyavka	Cafeteria
	Car Basics	Vlad Soroka	Outdoors
	Florals	Olya Kravchuk + Maryana Mukha + Lili Soroka	Craft Room

## **Christian Professionals Workshop**

Students will have an opportunity to meet with Christian professionals who serve the community in a variety of fields, including health, law enforcement, education, social work, business, vocational trade, engineering, computer sciences and so many more. They will hear personal testimonies of these professionals' journeys in choosing their careers/jobs. Through this workshop, we hope to encourage teens to seek education, training, and opportunities based on their God-given passions and giftedness.

### **HOSPITALITY:**

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#### **Meals**

Breakfast will be prepared by church cooks while lunch and dinner will be catered to EPC Teen Bible School daily from a restaurant. Food that is catered will be a mix of European and American food. On trips, pizza, hoagies, etc. will be ordered. Food sensitivities and allergies will be accounted for each student individually.

#### **Lodging**

Those out of state, will stay with a friendly, God-fearing host family.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

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### **Trips**

Students take a trip to another church to serve and encourage other Christians by participating in the church service and have fellowship with local Teens.

- "Sight and Sound" theatre to see the play "Queen Esther"  
*Lancaster, PA on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>*
- Downtown street ministry to minister to others  
*Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>*
- Visit guest Church to participate in service  
*Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>*
- Six-Flags Great Adventure Park  
*Jackson, NJ on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>*
- Astoria Restaurant to participate in the Bible Quiz Competition  
*Philadelphia, PA on Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>*

### **Transportation**

The host family, group leaders or administrators will be providing transportation to and from school for each student. On trips, all students will be transported on a big bus by a licensed bus driver.

### **Street and Visitation Ministry**

The students will be going downtown of Philadelphia, where they will give out tracts and witness to people about God. This gives them the opportunity to not only tell unbelievers about Christ, but also gain experience and confidence in serving others. Students will also visit elderly and sick to bring encouragement and hospitality to those whom are in need. They will also have an opportunity to hear testimonies of elderly "faith heroes".

### **Sports/ Spartan Race**

Due to the intensity of the school program, it will be hard to find much free time. However, when the opportunity arises, students can enjoy playing soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Tournaments will be held during sports evenings. This year we also hope to have our students go through a physical obstacle course/ "spartan race" to illustrate the physical aspect of any spiritual battle.

### **Counseling**

Throughout the learning process, there might come a time when the student will be in need of advice, encouragement, or counseling of a spiritual leader. We will have church pastor and deacons who will be ready to listen, offer support, and pray for the students and their needs.

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE**

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### **Student Supervision**

Within our program we have 12+ full-time volunteers such as the directors, administrators, group leaders, etc. who will be present throughout the whole program from morning to evening with the students. All students will also be divided into 4 groups (14-15 students per group) with 2 group leaders (one male/one female) overseeing them. Group Leaders are responsible for constant oversight of every student in their group and discipline. We strive to have organization, discipline and take all appropriate measures to ensure student safety and appropriate behavior.

### **Discipline**

Each student received a written document with all rules, regulation and appearance appropriate for school conduct. We have a three-“strike” rule. If a student receives three misconduct “strikes”, they will be counselled with directors, senior advisors and possibly excused from the program. Other discipline measures for minor misconduct will be cleaning kitchen and bathrooms, copying chapters from the Bible, or being kept out of a “fun” activity such as six flags, or other trips.

## **OPENING CEREMONY AND ORIENTATION**

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### **Opening Ceremony**

All students, group leaders and administrators must be present for the opening service on **Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Evangelical Pentecostal Church, 3470 Huntingdon Pike Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006**. Students are requested to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the service. After the ceremony, students and our guests will be served lunch. Students will then go through orientation for the program. After the orientation, students will have an opportunity to meet their host families and go home with them.

### **Orientation (JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 AT 4 PM)**

- Welcoming word- Pastors and Senior Advisor
- Meet the Administration
- Introduce the theme: After God’s Own Heart
- Program Overview- Director & Program Organizer
- Discipline: Rules and Regulations- Director
  - o Separate boy and girls for discussion about dress code
- Meet the Group Leaders
  - o Each group leader introduces themselves (ice breaker)
- Meet your groups
  - o Students will split into groups and play some ice breaker games