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WHAT'S NEXT?

It's a question that has been a common theme in student ministry. Your students will finish one camp, one DNow Weekend, one mission trip, and complete one Bible study and immediately ask, "What are we doing next year?" or "Where are we going next summer?" or "What's next?" They want to know what's coming. Researchers are trying to define Generation Z and the Alpha Generation because even they themselves are curious about what is to come. Elizabeth Elliot, wife of missionary Jim Elliot (Who, gave his life for the Gospel.) said it like this, "When we're not sure what to do next, do the next thing." Elliot was quoting an old anonymous English poem to bring her comfort as she was trying to figure out what was going to happen in the days ahead.

It's also a question the disciples struggled with after Jesus was crucified and resurrected. In John 21, the disciples were trying to figure out what to do next and had gone back to fishing. Jesus shows up and tells them two things: "Feed My sheep" and "Follow Me."

THAT'S WHAT'S NEXT!

YEC started with the purpose of sharing the Gospel with teenagers and equipping them to share Christ with others. Its goal is threefold. It's a celebration of what God has done in the lives of students, what God is doing in the lives of students, and what God is going to do in the lives of students. The event is designed to be exciting and to help unify students all over Louisiana. We are a family of churches large and small, rural and urban, with each bearing a uniqueness in styles and traditions that although different, make us one body of believers in the Kingdom. As we celebrate the uniqueness of who we are, we also celebrate the unity that we have in Christ! We are part of God's Kingdom! Since 1988, numerous students and adults have heard the Gospel presented through so many ways. Thousands have surrendered their lives and received salvation through Jesus! Others have repented of sin and renewed their commitment to Christ through repentance. Still, others been motivated to walk closer with Christ, share their faith, or surrender to God's call of vocational ministry. God has used this event in some amazing ways, and we know He is going to continue to use it for His glory.

Our prayer as Louisiana Baptists is that the local church would use YEC as a resource and a tool in helping make disciples through evangelism, worship, and the Word. YEC 2024 has been carefully designed with this in mind. Through inviting talented and entertaining guests who intentionally use their gifts to share the Gospel, the hope is to capture the attention of every student and allow the Holy Spirit to work. By gathering churches from across the state, the objective is that students would realize that they are not alone but there are thousands in Louisiana who are part of a larger purpose. We pray that many will experience the power of the Gospel and become motivated to share their faith. We are so glad to have that opportunity with you!

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS YOUTH EVANGELISM CELEBRATION

The Youth Evangelism Celebration (YEC) is an evangelistic and equipping event designed to lead students to Christ and challenge believers to greater accomplishments in Christ. Complete with high energy, inspirational speakers; top Christian vocalists and musicians; life-changing student testimonies; and sensational multi-media presentations, this event will erupt with the powerful message of salvation, and the dynamic journey of discipleship. The Youth Evangelism Celebration is the greatest place, the greatest "front door", for bringing lost students and growing believers!

The Louisiana Baptists Youth Evangelism Celebration is directed by the Youth Ministry Strategist office of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

YEC

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AVAILABLE TO YOU:

YEC APP

Youth ministry leaders and attendees can stay up to date, including push notifications in case of any changes to the schedule. Links to personality social media accounts and more are at your finger tips. Available for Apple and Android. Learn more by visiting:

LABAPTISTYOUTH.COM/YEC



REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

Complete the YEC Registration form and return it with the appropriate registration fee. Seating is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis when your registration is received at the Louisiana Baptist Convention. No seats will be reserved for your church until all registration fees have been paid and are on file. Each church group registering for the conference will receive one wristband for each person registered. The wristband is considered each person's "ticket" to enter the conference and must be always worn on the wrist during the conference.

COST

- Pre-registration deadline is Nov. 1, 2024
- Online registration and forms are available at **labaptistyouth.com/yec**
- Online registrations will receive an email confirmation

ENTIRE EVENT PRICING

Admission to Sunday evening and Monday sessions, including concert

- \$50.00 per person until Nov. 1, 2024
- \$55.00 after Nov. 1, 2024

MONDAY EVENING PRICING

Monday sessions, including concert

- \$45.00 online or at the door

REFUND POLICY

- No refunds after Nov. 1 or at the door!
- Registration can be transferred to another student in the same group

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

DOWNLOAD FORM

Visit **labaptistyouth.com/yec** to download the registration form. Fill out the form completely and mail it, with a check, to our office.

Those registering by mail will receive a confirmation from Louisiana Baptists.

CHECK

Make checks payable to Louisiana Baptist Convention and mail to:

YEC

Louisiana Baptist Convention
PO Box 311
Alexandria, LA 71309-0311

ONLINE

You may register online with a credit card at **labaptistyouth.com/yec**. A processing fee will be assessed in addition to the per person registration costs.

PHONE

Telephone reservations CANNOT be accepted. Due to reserved seating, it is beneficial to all participants to pre-register by mail or online.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION/ CHECK-IN

Youth ministers or a designated adult leader are the only people permitted in the on-site registration/check-in area. We ask that no more than two adults per group enter the registration area. Each group will receive a packet containin wristbands and other important information.

SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

2:00 PM	Registration Opens
6:00 PM	Coliseum Doors Open
7:00-10:00 PM	Session 1

MONDAY

8:30 AM	Coliseum Doors Open
9:00-11:30 AM	Session 2
11:30AM-2:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Coliseum Doors Open
2:00-4:00 PM	Session 3
4:00-6:00 PM	Supper
6:00 PM	Coliseum Doors Open
7:00-10:00 PM	Session 4 / Love Offering** / Concert

** All ending times are approximate due to invitation times*

*** Benefiting The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministry, based in Monroe, LA. See next page for more info.*



This year, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries is celebrating 125 years of providing love, care, and hope in Christ to children and families in need. The Children's Home provides a positive Christian witness through our residential child and family care programs, foster care and adoption ministries, Granberry Counseling Center, Ministry Care Residential program, Women's Learning Center, Compassion for Kids, and Orphans Embrace. Our campus is located in Monroe, LA, but we serve children and families across the state.

As a result of the support from our churches and the witness provided by various ministries at the Home, many children and family members experienced the joy of salvation in Christ and were baptized in local churches. Many others made new commitments to the Lord. Thank you, Louisiana Baptists, for meeting needs and changing lives in Jesus' name through your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries.

To learn more, visit LBCH.org or schedule a tour of our campus by emailing mcoker@lbch.org

PERSONALITIES



MAIN SPEAKER
ZANE BLACK



WORSHIP BAND
**CRESCENT CITY
WORSHIP**



COMEDIAN
JARON MYERS



SESSION DISCUSSIONS
CLINT DAVIS



MONDAY NIGHT CONCERT
REND COLLECTIVE



HOST/EMCEE
BRANDON ALLEN

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SUNDAY NIGHT SURPRISE MUSICAL GUEST.

FOOD TRUCKS

Several great food trucks will be available on Monday. This is a great option for groups who prefer to avoid the crowd in town and have time to hang out and eat!

**Entertainment Center open for lunch*



SHARE WITH ADULT SPONSORS

- 1. Registration begins at 2:00 PM.** *You do not NEED to be there at 2:00. Doors open at 6:00pm.* It is advantageous to pre-register. If you have no changes to your group, you simply show up, receive your packet, and move on. Changes (additions, deletions) can be made at the door, but no refunds will be made. You may also register at the door for \$50.00 per person.
- 2. Parking is free at the Coliseum.** However, depending on the size of your vehicle(s), you may be asked to park in designated areas. Bus parking is available.
- 3. Students must attend with an adult sponsor.** It is recommended that you have at least 1 sponsor for every 5 students.
- 4. Adult Encouragers are needed.** At the conclusion of each session, students will be invited to make a decision for Christ and come forward. We ask youth ministers and adults to assist with this time and will provide clear instruction at the beginning of Session 1 on Sunday. Encouragers may be a college student or adult AND be an approved youth worker from your church.
- 5. NO INFANTS OR CHILDREN 6 YEARS OR UNDER!** The primary purpose of YEC is to reach teenagers with the gospel and the sessions are carefully designed to be attractive to teenagers (i.e. higher volume, lights, etc.). We want to keep distractions to a minimum. In addition, children also take a seat from a student. Please make other arrangements for your children.
- 6. Ask your adult sponsors to sit with your youth during the conference** to help to minimize distractions and to be sensitive to how your teens are responding to the message. Plan to stay for the duration of each session. Groups getting up to leave are a HUGE distraction. Besides, it's rude and sends a negative message to the speaker or musician on stage!
- 7. Make sure you plan plenty of time to debrief** what's been learned, celebrate the commitments made, and establish accountability/prayer partners in your group before returning home.
- 8. Hotel/Motel Thoughts...** The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Bureau gives the Youth Ministry Strategy Office great assistance in securing the lowest possible rates and the most available room blocks for YEC. The local lodging properties are individually owned and operated and choose to cooperate with us because it's good business. Help us maintain this relationship by making sure that your students conduct themselves in a polite and cordial manner. When students are up late running the hallways, and being rowdy at all hours of the night, someone is going to call the manager. That reflects negatively on you, your students, your church, and the conference. There's a time and place to be rowdy and go crazy! The hotel where you're staying is not that place. Remember that you and your group are representing your church and Christianity, please act accordingly.
- 9. No outside food or drinks will be allowed** into the Coliseum. Concessions will be available for purchase.
- 10. Security Check:** All bags and purses WILL BE checked upon entering the venue.

SHARE WITH STUDENTS & PASTORS

1. **YEC is designed to be an evangelistic event.** Encourage your students to bring lost friends. Begin PRAYING NOW by name for the lost teenagers whom you will bring.
2. **Stress to your teens that their wristband is required** for admission to the conference. Each person should wear his or her wristband to all sessions.
3. **Encourage your students** to conduct themselves in a manner that would honor God. Set specific behavior guidelines. Remind teens that they represent your church, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and more importantly Jesus Christ. Security officials have permission to escort any person from the premises that purposely disrupts the conference or performs actions that could cause potential harm to another.
4. **Instruct your students** if they become separated from your group to meet you in the foyer at the registration/check-in area.
5. **During the event** students should be encouraged to remain in the arena. Brief intermissions are announced mid-program.
6. **Encourage your students to bring extra money.** Available for purchase at YEC are t-shirts, artist CDs and other promotional material.
7. **Dress for the event is appropriately casual.** Sometimes it is necessary to wait outside for the doors to open. Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately to stay warm.
8. **Stay in your seat during worship!**



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CONVENTION &
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LOCAL HOTELS

Alexandria LaQuinta Inn and Suites

6166 West Calhoun Drive
318-442-3700
lqalexsales@gmail.com (Bernadette Corbin)
40 Double Queens \$72.00/night plus tax

Four Points by Sheraton

2301 MacArthur Drive
318-619-3300
Tiffany.slay@aimbridge.com (Tiffany Slay)
20 Suites \$149.00/night plus tax
120 Double Queens \$134/night plus tax
40 Singles \$119/night plus tax

Holiday Inn Express

2340 N MacArthur Dr., Alexandria
318-487-9898
Call for rates

Holiday Inn Express - Pineville

2820 Monroe Hwy.
318-704-6700 (Free breakfast is included)
hipineville@gmail.com (Victor Patel)
30 Suites \$119/night plus tax
64 Double Queens \$119/night plus tax
60 Singles \$119/night plus tax

Sleep Inn and Suites - Pineville

3411 Monroe Hwy.
318-640-8505
sleepinnpineville@gmail.com (Victor Patel)
30 Suites \$189/night plus tax
42 Double queens \$99/night plus tax
54 Singles \$ 79/night plus tax

Super 8 by Wyndham

2001 North Bolton Avenue
318-484-9155
Super8motel2007@yahoo.com (Varsha Patel)
60 Double Queens \$89/night plus tax
10 Singles \$71/night plus tax

Hotel Bentley

200 Desoto Street
318-442-2226
Paula@hotelbentleyandcondos.com (Paula Austin)
18 Double Queens \$129/night plus tax
112 Singles \$119/night plus tax
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Hampton Inn and Suites

6124 West Calhoun Drive
318-445-4449
Sharon.thornton@hilton.com (Sharon Thornton)
Call for availability and rates

Home 2 Suites

3800 Alexandria Mall
318-704-6450
Amanda.McElroy@hilton.com (Amanda McElroy)
Call for rates

Courtyard by Marriott

3830 Alexandria Mall D
318-445-2415
Shanna.worth@marriott.com (Shanna Worth)
Call for rates

Country Inn & Suites

2727 Monroe Hwy., Pineville
318-641-8332
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Comfort Suites

6015 Old Boyce Road
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amanda@chromehm.com (Amanda McElroy)
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TownePlace Suites

3810 Alexandria Mall Drive
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Fairfield Inn & Suites

2830 South MacArthur Dr.
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THE **FORUM**

RELATIONSHIPS ARE ESSENTIAL

Temple Baptist, Ruston

Thurs., Feb. 20, 2025 • 9:00am - 2:00pm

[Learn More at LaBaptistYouth.com/Forum](https://LaBaptistYouth.com/Forum)



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BREAKAWAY

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June 2-6, 2025

Breakaway 2
June 9-13, 2025

Breakaway 3
June 16-20, 2025

Breakaway 4
June 26-28, 2025

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