

POWER UP YOUR REALITY!

It's time to stop just talking about faith and start living it like it matters—because it does. Turn on the switch. Power it up. Let your life reflect the reality of the Gospel in a world that's desperate for something real.

You don't need a theology degree or a perfect script to share Jesus. What this generation is craving isn't polished speeches—it's authenticity. Real stories. Real hope. Real transformation. When we talk about Jesus, we're not pitching a product—we're introducing the Savior who turned our lives upside down in the best way possible. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." That's not just inspiration—that's fuel for boldness. The Gospel isn't just a message—it's the power of God that brings dead hearts to life!

And here's the best part: You're not doing it alone. The Holy Spirit is already at work—through your voice, your story, and even your stumbles. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to be willing. Be ready, like 1 Peter 3:15 says, to give an answer for the hope within you—with gentleness, with love, but without an apology.

So go ahead—flip the switch. Power up your faith. Make it your reality, then step out and share it boldly. The world needs what you've got.

YEC: A MOVEMENT OF HOPE, UNITY, and BOLD Faith

YEC was born with one bold mission: to share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ with teenagers—and to equip them to share that same hope with the world around them. From the very beginning, the vision was threefold: to celebrate what God has done, what He is doing, and what He will do in the lives of students across Louisiana! This isn't just an event—it's a celebration of a movement. YEC brings students together from every corner of our state—rural and urban, small churches and large, traditional and modern—united as one family under the name of Jesus. Though we each bring different styles, backgrounds, and stories, we celebrate the beauty of our diversity and the powerful unity we share in Christ. We are part of God's Kingdom—together!

Since 1988, thousands of students and adults have encountered the Gospel at YEC in unforgettable ways. Many have surrendered their lives to Jesus for the first time, while others have recommitted their hearts through repentance, grown deeper in their walk with Christ, or responded to God's call into vocational ministry. God has used YEC in powerful ways—and we believe He's just getting started. YEC 2025 has been prayerfully and intentionally designed to inspire and mobilize a new generation of Gospel-charged

students. With dynamic worship, passionate communicators, and engaging guests who creatively share the message of Christ, our goal is simple: that every student would encounter the power of the Gospel and be compelled to boldly live it out.

As Louisiana Baptists, our heartbeat is to see local churches empowered through YEC—to use it as a tool for disciple-making through evangelism, worship, and the Word. And when students gather and realize they're part of something bigger—a movement of thousands all across Louisiana—faith becomes real, and boldness becomes contagious. We're honored to partner with you. Let's believe big. Let's pray boldly. Let's point students to Jesus—and watch God move like never before!

THIS IS YEC. THIS IS KINGDOM WORK. LET'S GEAUX!

THE LOUISIANA BAPTISTS YOUTH EVANGELISM CELEBRATION IS DIRECTED BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY STRATEGIST OFFICE OF THE LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION.



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REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

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, 2025
- 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, 2025
- \$55.00 after Nov. 1, 2025

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

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

2:00-3:30 PM Session 3

3:30-6:00 PM Supper

6:00 PM Coliseum Doors Open

6:30-9:00 PM Session 4 / Love Offering** / Concert

- * All ending times are approximate due to invitation times
- ** Benefiting The CenLa Crisis Pregnancy Center in Alexandria, LA.
 See next page for more info.



Be the Difference. Bring the Hope. Cenla Pregnancy Center

Sometimes life takes an unexpected turn. For a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, it can feel scary and overwhelming. That's where **Cenla Pregnancy Center** steps in — offering a safe place filled with kindness, compassion, and hope.

Here's what they do every single day:

- Confidential Care Everything is private and safe.
- **⊘** Compassionate Support No judgment. Just love, respect, and listening ears.
- ▶ Real Answers Honest, accurate info about health and options.
- Always Free No cost, no pressure. Just help when it's needed most.

Why does this matter at YEC?

Because YOU can be part of this mission. At this year's YEC, we're taking up a **love offering** to support the life-changing work of Cenla Pregnancy Center.

Every dollar you give helps provide hope to women, resources for families, and the chance for babies to have a brighter future.

Your generosity = real impact.

Together, we can show Central Louisiana that this generation is serious about love in action.

Let's step up. Let's give big. Let's change lives.

To learn more about our services or how you can be involved in our ministry, visit cenlapc.com or call 318-314-3061

RSONALITIES



anthony vargas

Speaker



BRYAN DRAKE

Emcee / Illusionist



CRESCENT CITY WORSHIP

Worship



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Concert Artist

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 preregister. 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 \$55.00 per person.
- 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.
- Students must attend with an adult sponsor. It is recommended that you have an adequate number of sponsors for your 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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 & VISITORS BUREAU

LOCAL HOTELS

Alexandria LaQuinta Inn and Suites

6166 West Calhoun Dr. 318-442-3700 Call for rates

Four Points by Sheraton

2301 MacArthur Dr. 318-619-3300 \$119-\$149

Holiday Inn Express

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

Holiday Inn Express- Pineville

2820 Monroe Hwy. 318-704-6700 Call for rates

Sleep Inn and Suites-Pineville

3411 Monroe Hwy. 318-640-8505 Call for rates

Super 8 by Wyndham

2001 North Bolton Ave. 318-484-9155 Call for rates

Hotel Bentley

200 Desoto St. 318-442-2226 martha@hotelbentleyandcondos.com Double Queens: \$129/night plus tax Singles: \$119/night plus tax

Hampton Inn and Suites

6124 West Calhoun Dr. 318-445-4449 sharon.thornton@hilton.com \$119

Home 2 Suites

3800 Alexandria Mall 318-704-6450 amanda.normand@hilton.com \$165

Courtyard by Marriott

3830 Alexandria Mall D 318-445-2415 shanna.worth@marriott.com \$119

Country Inn & Suites

2727 Monroe Hwy. 318-641-8332 Call for rates

Comfort Suites

6015 Old Boyce Rd. 318-445-9800 Call for rates

TownePlace Suites

3810 Alexandria Mall Dr. 318-619-8420 gertinnaC@immhotels.com \$129-\$134

Fairfield Inn & Suites

2830 South MacArthur Dr. 318-449-9000 Call for rates

Best Western

2720 N MacArthur Dr. 318-445-5530 \$95-\$115



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JUNE 15-19 JAY BARBIER WERCALLED

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