

YEC

YOUTH EVANGELISM CELEBRATION

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IT'S TIME TO BE BOLD!

THE GOSPEL IS TOO GOOD TO KEEP QUIET

This is not the time to shrink back, blend in, or stay silent. This is the time to stand firm, speak truth, love people, and live like Jesus has truly changed everything...because He has.

Being bold doesn't mean being the loudest person in the room. It doesn't mean having all the answers, winning every argument, or never feeling nervous. Biblical boldness is choosing obedience even when you feel afraid. It is trusting God enough to say "yes" when He calls you to step forward.

Joshua 1:9 says, "Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

That's where real boldness begins. It's not in your personality, popularity, or ability, but in the presence of God. You can be bold because you never go alone.

Your generation is surrounded by people who are searching for something real. They are looking for identity, purpose, belonging, and hope. You know the One who offers all of it. Jesus is not simply one option among many. He is the Savior who forgives sin, changes lives, restores what is broken, and gives eternal hope.

The Gospel is too powerful to hide and too important to keep to ourselves.

You don't need a perfect testimony or a memorized speech. You simply need to be available. God can use your story, your friendships, your compassion, and even your nervous words to point someone toward Jesus. Bold faith can begin with a simple invitation, an honest conversation, an offer to pray, or the courage to say, "Let me tell you what Jesus has done for me."

In Acts 4:29, the early believers didn't pray for an easier world. They prayed, "Grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness." Then they got up and lived out their prayer.

What if we prayed the same thing?

What if this generation decided that fear would no longer control the conversation? What if students across Louisiana walked into their schools, teams, homes, workplaces, and friend groups ready to live and share the Gospel? What if boldness became more than an event theme and became the way we live?

The moment is here. The mission is clear.

It's time to be bold.



YEC: 39 YEARS OF BOLD FAITH

YEC began with a bold mission: to share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ with teenagers and equip them to carry that same hope into the world around them.

Since 1988, students from across Louisiana have gathered to worship Jesus, hear God's Word, respond to the Gospel, and discover that they are part of something much bigger than themselves. Students have come from rural communities and growing cities, from small churches and large congregations, bringing different backgrounds, traditions, and stories. Yet when we gather around Jesus, we become one family with one hope and one mission.

Over the years, styles have changed. Music has changed. Technology has changed. Generations have changed.

But the Gospel has not changed.

Thousands of students and adults have encountered God through YEC. Some have trusted Jesus for the first time. Others have responded through repentance, renewed their commitment to Christ, or answered God's call to vocational ministry. Many who once attended YEC as teenagers are now pastors, missionaries, youth leaders, parents, teachers, and faithful church members helping another generation follow Jesus. We celebrate that history, but we are not finished. We honor what God has done by becoming part of what He is doing now.

YEC 2026 has been prayerfully designed to challenge a new generation of students to live with courageous faith. Through passionate worship, biblical teaching, creative guests, and clear Gospel conversations, our prayer is that every student will encounter Jesus and leave ready to make Him known.

As Louisiana Baptists, our heartbeat is to strengthen local churches and help them make disciples through evangelism, worship, and the Word. YEC is more than a gathering. It is a tool churches can use to reach students, begin Gospel conversations, and mobilize teenagers to live on mission.

Boldness is not something we leave at YEC. We carry it home. So, let's celebrate what God has done. Let's surrender to what He is doing. Let's believe in Him for what He will do next.

Let's pray boldly. Let's worship boldly. Let's love boldly. Let's share Jesus boldly.

This is our moment. This is our mission. It's time to be bold.

This is YEC. This is Kingdom work. Let's geaux!

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, 2026
- 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, 2026
- \$55.00 after Nov. 1, 2026

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 containing 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

11:30 AM-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 Fostering Community.*

See next page for more info.



DING!

Leaders should visit the webpage:

labaptistyouth.com/yec

to sign up for YEC notifications via Text.

You'll receive notifications, reminders,
and updates throughout the event.



Building Brighter Futures for Children Impacted by Foster Care

Our mission is to improve the lives of children impacted by foster care through advocacy, resources, and support. We are uniting community members who want to make an impact and creating a supportive community where children and families thrive.

Join us in our mission to build brighter futures through:

- **Foster Care Support** – Our Foster Care Support programs walk alongside children, parents, caregivers, and caseworkers throughout the foster care journey.
- **Foster Care Closet** – The Foster Care Closet provides clothing, shoes, diapers, baby equipment, hygiene products, school supplies, and other essentials to children and families impacted by foster care and kinship care.
- **YOU+CO Youth Development Program** – YOU+CO provides ongoing support, meaningful relationships, and a sense of belonging for teens and young adults who have experienced foster care.

Be the Bridge

We invite you to join us in this mission, whether through volunteering, hosting a drive, helping with events, or supporting our programs. Your involvement can help build a more connected and compassionate community where every child has the opportunity to succeed.

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PERSONALITIES



LOGAN GRANTHAM

Speaker



DYLAN NOVAK

Guest Speaker



JAY BARBIER

Emcee



FIRM FOUNDATION

Worship



MICAH TYLER

Concert Artist



CLIFF PRESTON

Guest 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 6:00 PM.*** 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 \$55.00 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 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.
- 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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— COLISEUM —

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CONVENTION &
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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
tiffany.slay@aimbridge.com
\$119-\$149 (Group code: **YEC26**)

Holiday Inn Express - Alexandria

2340 N MacArthur Dr.
318-487-9898
toure.jimison@str8hotel.com
\$139

Holiday Inn Express - Pineville

2820 Monroe Hwy.
318-704-6700
aburke@cc-smg.com
\$120-\$139

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
paula@hotelbentleyandcondos.com
\$129-\$139

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
Call for rates

Courtyard by Marriott

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

Candlewood Suites

2344 N. MacArthur Dr.
866-245-1924
wyona.braggs@str8hotels.com
\$139

Comfort Suites

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

TownePlace Suites

3810 Alexandria Mall Dr.
318-619-8420
gertinnaC@immhotels.com
\$159

Fairfield Inn & Suites

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

Best Western

2720 N MacArthur Dr.
318-445-5530
julie@bwalexandria.com
\$120 Double
\$130 Suite
\$115 King



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LEE**



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THE **FORUM**

Developing a Discipleship Strategy

North:

Thurs., February 18, 2027

Fair Park Baptist, West Monroe

South:

Thurs., February 25, 2027

Fellowship Church, Prairieville

Sign Up: LaBaptistYouth.com/Forum

BREAKAWAY THE CHURCH

Louisiana Baptists
Youth Camp
Tall Timbers
Conference Center

May 31 - June 4
John Harper
DWELL

June 7-11
Ric White
Firm Foundation

June 14-18
Matt James
Firm Foundation

June 20-22
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