

# **GRACE PRESBYTERY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

## **Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC)**

Late each January (sometimes early February), the Senior High Youth of Grace Presbytery gather at Austin College in Sherman for SHYC: a high energy weekend of challenging theme presentations, thought-provoking and encouraging small groups, interest groups, music, worship, and of course, energizers. SHYC is planned by a Planning Team of adults and youth from across the presbytery in partnership with the Austin College ACTivators. Registration materials are generally available by December 1.

## **GAP Weekends**

GAP Weekends, formally known as Spring Youthquakes, are open to youth who are currently in grades 6 through 8. Come join other youth from Grace Presbytery this coming March at GAP Weekends. It is a time to grow in faith in Jesus Christ, to enjoy being with other Presbyterian youth experiencing the beauty of creation, worshipping God, mission project, singing, energizing, canoeing, low ropes, hiking, archery, sharing in small groups, seeing old friends, and making new ones.

## **Youthquakes**

Youthquakes are retreat weekends with other 6th – 8th grade youth from all over the presbytery at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer and Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, TX. During the weekend, youth will experience worship, small groups, fellowship and FUN together. Groups travel to and from camp together and stay in cabins. Event leadership is provided by the Austin College ACTivators and Grace Presbytery's High School PULSE leadership team.

## **Spring and Fall Worship Celebration**

The Youth Worship Celebration is an opportunity for the youth of the presbytery to gather to praise God and give thanks. Worship and music leaders are invited from various Grace Presbytery congregations. Speakers are usually members of the senior class, and communion servers are youth from across the presbytery who have been elected by their church to serve as elders and deacons. The YMC recruits a special planning team to organize this service.

# **LEADERSHIP CONNECTIONS**

## **PULSE**

PULSE is the youth leadership development ministry of the presbytery. PULSE sponsors a series of workshops (September, October, November, January, February and March) that prepare youth to be leaders in their church and within the presbytery. PULSE members are called upon to share their skills by leading Youthquakes and serving as leaders at other events sponsored by Grace Presbytery.

PULSE is open to youth in grades 9-12. Information and application materials are available in June.

## **DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS**

### **Synod Youth Workshop**

Sponsored by the Synod of the Sun and Grace Presbytery. Synod Youth Workshop is a unique conference limited to 375 high school youth (Entering 9th grade through Graduate) and adults (23 years and older). Time is balanced between small group and large group activities and discussions designed to give space to encounter God and others.

[www.synodyouthworkshop.com](http://www.synodyouthworkshop.com)

### **Triennium**

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is an international gathering of Presbyterian and Reformed young people that takes place at Purdue University. Grace Presbytery sends a delegation to each Triennium and offers all churches in the presbytery spots to attend. Multiple participants from a church will be accepted as spaces in the delegation are available.

[www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)

### **Montreat**

A Montreat Youth Conference is a gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of fellowship, worship, and recreation.

[www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org)

### **JHAMS - Junior High and Middle School Week at Austin College –**

This affordable summer conference will include four days of group gatherings, energizers, small group experiences, speakers, music, a service project, and a lake trip while living on campus in dorm rooms! This event is sponsored by Grace Presbytery, Austin College and First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth's Regional Children & Youth Conference committee. Leadership will be provided by both Austin College ACTivators and members of PULSE. Look for more details and registration information in February.

[www.jhamsatac.org](http://www.jhamsatac.org)

### **Mo Ranch Summer Youth Conferences**

Hundreds of youth participants gather together in the Hill Country for an unforgettable Mo-Ranch experience that's filled with new friends, spiritual enrichment, worship, study and recreation.

[www.moranch.org](http://www.moranch.org)