

Youth News

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1 Timothy 4: 12-13 says: *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers and teaching them.*

We are expected to live out our faith according to Scripture...and we, members of the First United Methodist Church in Elgin, Texas, have an outstanding example of this expectation being fulfilled.

The Crossroads District of the Rio Texas Council, which we are a part of, gives a yearly award to a High School or College student that Acknowledges their Christian Attitude and Actions in Church, School and their Community. Now, recognize that there are 74 churches within the Crossroads District and each church has members that are High School and College age. This recognition - named **The Young Disciples Award** - requires nomination and then the application is reviewed by a committee at the District Level. This year, 6 nominees were in competition for the Young Disciples Award.

Brady Douglas is the 2018 Young Disciples Award Winner. A very short version of his resume includes being President of the God's Workforce Youth Group, Worship Reader, Usher, Youth Representative to Leadership Council, Mission trips, working at Capital Area Foodbank, Housing for Homeless, Burke Center for Youth, and working with a variety of charities over the years. Brady is an athlete and maintains a 3.25 average at Veritas Academy, a rigorous, Classical Christian High School.

But this is not the first time our Church Youth have received this reward. In 2016, The Young Disciples Award was given to our very own Young Disciples. This group have been together since Godly Play at about 6 years old...went through Confirmation Together...and still carry a bond that exemplifies 1 Timothy 4:12. **The 2016 winners of the Young Disciples award were Addison Douglas, Rose Shoemake, Clayton Joesel, Hunter Hayes, Junior Nash and Bonnie Halter.**

God's Workforce Youth Calendar

May 6Church Picnic & Youth.....12 noon

May 13**Confirmation Sunday**.....**11 service**

May 20**Youth**, Fun, Food and Fellowship.....5-6:30 pm
Youth will leave church campus for this Elgin event

May 27.... **Youth**, Fun, Food and Fellowship.....5-6:30pm
Special Guest Speakers on being a Missionary

June 3.....**Joint MPACT Youth Event** 5-6:30pm

June 9 to 13 MPACT Mission Trip

June 17.....**SENIOR SUNDAY**.....**No Youth**

June 24....**Youth**, Fun, Food and Fellowship.....5-6:30pm

June 17th is Senior Sunday – a celebration of our High School and College Grads

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