YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS



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WELCOME TO YOUTH ALIVE!

As a Campus Missionary, the time is now, the place is here, and YOU are the one to bring the message of the Gospel to your friends. Whether you attend a public school, private school, online school, homeschool, or are dual-enrolled in college, God wants to use you to start a MOVEMENT for the Gospel through Youth Alive. We believe that God will use you in a powerful way as you move in obedience to the Holy Spirit.

This guide will help you start a Youth Alive Movement in your school, no matter what kind of school it is. Your school is a mission field, and you are called to be a missionary for God. We are standing with you as start and grow this movement—you are not alone! Youth Alive Movements are church-fed, but student-led. You and your friends will start this movement, share the Gospel with your classmates and friends, and then disciple them into the church.

There's never been a better time to share Jesus than right now. That is the mission—sharing the gospel wherever you are at. So, let's run together and start a movement to share Jesus.

-The Youth Alive Team

What is Youth Alive?

Youth Alive is a student-led, church-fed movement that empowers students to share Jesus at school and beyond. Established in 1979, Youth Alive has enabled hundreds of thousands of students to hear the Gospel. Many of these have become followers of Jesus and become a part of the church. Youth Alive is an extension of the local church, and we always work through the local church. We have 4 core components that empower the church to share Jesus with every student in every school:

- **Campus Missionaries** – We empower students in churches to be missionaries to their friends. A Campus Missionary is a student who commits to share Jesus, whatever the Campus of his or her life may be.
- **Youth Alive Movements** – A movement happens when Campus Missionaries work together to share the Gospel at school and beyond.
- **Outreach** – Creatively resourcing Youth Alive Movements, youth ministries, and churches to share the Gospel with student communities through events and initiatives, as well as connecting churches to schools for meaningful relationship.
- **Prayer Mobilization** – Mobilizing the church to pray for students, schools, and Youth Alive ministry.

WHAT MAKES A YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT GREAT?

A great Youth Alive Movement focuses on big wins! The two big wins for a Movement are:

1 **Sharing the Gospel with students and friends who haven't put their faith in God.**

2 **Connecting your friends and fellow students to your local church or youth group.**

To achieve these wins, every Movement needs four things: God-given vision, strong purpose, focused goals, and thoughtful organization.

1. God-Given Vision

The vision of Youth Alive is to present the Gospel to every student in every school. Think about your school and your friends. What is God's vision for them (2 Peter 3:9)? Pray and think about what vision God is giving you for your friends and/or your school. Write down what you are hearing from God:

Who do you want to see come to Salvation?

2. Strong Purpose

The strong purpose of every Youth Alive Movement is to share the Gospel with those who have not put their faith in God and to connect those individuals to your church and/or youth group. What is your campus? Write down your initial thoughts:

What kind of school do you attend?

How can you accomplish the purpose of sharing the Gospel in your school?

3. Focused Goals

Having focused goals gives every Youth Alive Movement something to work towards. When those goals are focused, it gives a Movement specific direction and helps us know if we are successful in our purpose and vision. The kind of Movement you start will help determine the goals you set. Let's start with these goals:

1. My Friends

2. My Team

3. My School

4. My Community

4. Thoughtful Organization

Organization gives you an effective plan and strategy, and guides what your Movement does from week-to-week. Without organization, your Movement could lose momentum and just be a meeting without purpose or direction. The following pages will help you thoughtfully organize as we work together the start a Movement for the Gospel!

YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS PROCESS

This is the process you will follow as you start to envision and establish the Youth Alive Movement God has called you to start. Each step of the process is important, so be sure to take your time in each step to think and plan for the best success!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION?

Discover the type of Youth Alive Movement you are called to and start picturing what it will look like.

STARTING A MOVEMENT

Work towards accomplishing the vision God has given you by getting the movement started.

RUNNING A MOVEMENT

Run and grow your movement by having consistent meetings and conducting outreaches.

SHARING THE GOSPEL AT SCHOOL AND BEYOND

Every student in the United States has rights to share the Gospel. These rights are established by the U.S. Constitution and have been repeatedly protected by the Supreme Court. That means you have the right to start a movement for the Gospel.

Here are several of the key rights you will use to start a Movement for the gospel:

- You can talk about the Gospel and your faith at school and beyond. The constitution gives everyone in the U.S. freedom of speech.
- You can gather with other students to share the gospel, pray, and serve others. The Constitution and the Equal Access Act clearly give religious students the right to meet.
- You can pray, alone or in a group, at school and beyond. No one can stop you from praying!
- You can hand out the Alive in Five, Bibles, or Gospel-sharing literature at school and beyond. No one can stop you from giving the Gospel to a friend, and the constitution and Equal Access Act provide protections for this.
- You carry, read, and study your Bible at school and beyond. The Bible is allowed in school! The constitution gives you the right to take your Bible with you wherever you go.
- You can wear shirts, wristbands, jewelry, or other clothing to help you share the Gospel. Unless your school has uniforms or a dress code that doesn't allow writing on clothing, you can wear things that help you share the Gospel and start conversations that lead to Jesus.
- You can meet with school officials if you want to start a traditional public school or public cyber school Youth Alive Club. You will need school permission if this is the kind of Movement God is calling you to start, and the First Amendment of the Constitution gives you the right to meet with school officials.

Which of these methods is the most appealing way for you to share the gospel?

STUDENTS SHARING JESUS AT SCHOOL AND BEYOND

The Campus Missionary Guidebook provides middle and high school students with practical ways to live out their faith and share Jesus at school.

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DECISION TREE

Do you go to a...

Online

Would you like to meet online?

YES

Do you feel called to leadership or to reach your generation?

YES

ONLINE YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT

NO

Do you feel called to reach your close friends or team?

YES

HUDDLE ONLINE

YES

PRAYER MOVEMENT ONLINE

NO

Homeschool

Do you connect regularly with other homeschool students in-person?

YES

Do you feel called to leadership or to reach your generation?

YES

HOMESCHOOL YOUTH ALIVE

NO

Do you feel called to share the Gospel with a specific group of friends, team, or activity you are in?

YES

HUDDLE

YES

PRAYER MOVEMENT

NO

College/ Dual Enrolled

Do you feel called to reach your generation or school?

YES

COLLEGE YOUTH ALIVE

NO

Do you feel called to reach your close friends or team?

YES

HUDDLE

YES

PRAYER MOVEMENT

NO

Traditional School

Do you feel called to leadership or to reach your entire school or generation?

YES

YOUTH ALIVE CLUB

NO

Do you feel called to reach your close friends or team?

YES

HUDDLE

YES

PRAYER MOVEMENT

YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS

There are six different kinds of Youth Alive Movements. What kind of Movement is God calling you to start?

Youth Alive Club

A traditional Youth Alive Club is an official school-approved club that meets on the school campus. In the past, this has been the most common type of Movement. It can meet during school, or just before or after school. Official school clubs often get to make announcements, hang up posters, and use school rooms and resources. Traditional Youth Alive Clubs have focused goals of sharing the Gospel with others through teaching and preaching and doing outreaches to those outside the club.

- ☐ Do you attend a school that has clubs?
- ☐ Do you feel called to reach your friends or generation?

Youth Alive Prayer Movement

A Youth Alive Prayer Movement is a simple and powerful strategy for students to meet together for prayer at school, inviting those who may not know Jesus to pray with them or to receive prayer. A prayer movement doesn't take much time, doesn't have to be an official school club, and doesn't need permission to gather for prayer.

- ☐ Are you unable to start a club due to too many challenges or a busy schedule?
- ☐ Do you have a passion for prayer or want to pray for miracles in your school?

Youth Alive Huddle

A Youth Alive Huddle is a group of students who meet in an "unofficial" way to share the Gospel with their school. Huddles are not clubs—they do not seek school approval, do not officially use school rooms to meet, and do not work through any other official school channels. Huddles often meet outside of school to plan how to share the Gospel in school and beyond by doing outreaches that serve their friends.

- ☐ Are you unable to start a club due to too many challenges?
- ☐ Do you feel called to reach your friends, team or activity group?

Homeschool Youth Alive

A homeschool Youth Alive Club is similar to a traditional public-school club—it just takes place on a different campus. A homeschool club shares the Gospel with a homeschool co-op, neighborhood, or workplaces through teaching and preaching the Word of God and doing outreaches. If you attend homeschool, you still have a campus to reach—your neighborhood, community, co-op, clubs, and friends.

- [ ] Are you Homeschooled?
- [ ] Do you feel called to reach your friends or generation?

Online Youth Alive Movement

An Online school Youth Alive Club is for students who attend school online or who are active in online communities like discord, twitch, reddit, etc. Online school clubs usually meet online; either through a school provided online classroom, a video meeting service such as Zoom, or through a social network like Discord. An Online school Youth Alive Club shares the Gospel through teaching and preaching, as well as finding creative ways to do outreach.

- [ ] Do you attend online school?
- [ ] Do you feel called to reach your friends and generation?
- [ ] Do you feel called to share the gospel online or through social media?

College Youth Alive

If you are dual enrolled in college as a high school student, you can start a Youth Alive Movement on that college campus to share the Gospel and invite your fellow students to church. A college Youth Alive focuses on sharing the gospel through teaching and preaching, as well as doing outreaches.

- [ ] Are you dual enrolled and attend a college campus?
- [ ] Do you feel called to reach your college campus?

Which of these movements stands out to you the most? Why?

What is God speaking to you about this?

THE CORE TEAM

Every Youth Alive Movement needs a core team to be successful. A core team is a close group of like-minded followers of Jesus who want to work together to share the Gospel.

As a part of the core team there are qualities that lead to a strong, successful Movement. Remember to lead by example and set the culture of your Movement. Core Team members don't have to be perfect—none of us are! Still, the Core Team should pray and strive for the following qualities:

- Faith in God – Living a life of faith in God is key. Grow in the spiritual practices that help you stay close to Him and help you continue to learn to hear His voice.
- Growing – You don't have to be perfect and you don't have to know every answer. Just keep growing and stay connected and committed to the things that help you grow (church, youth group, personal Bible reading and prayer, etc).
- Dependable – Be prepared and show up, regardless of whether there are five people coming or fifty.
- Humble – Check yourself often. This is about the Holy Spirit and what He wants to do in and through you on your campus. Be confident, not in your own abilities, but in God's mission. Help others around you grow and learn to lead and find their confidence in God too.
- Team player – Communicate, work together, help each other, and have accountability. Remember that everyone has gifts they bring to the table and that you are stronger together.
- Resilient – Don't give up! Bring the hard things to God and don't grow weary in doing good. Ask for help when you need it.

If you don't know who will be on your Core Team, use the space on the next page to brainstorm. When you have some solid ideas for Core Team members, add their names to the Youth Alive Movements Vision Board.

Who will the members of your core team be?

Who can you ask to join you in this Movement from your youth group?

Are there students in your school or community from other churches who would be great to serve on a Core Team?

CONSISTENT MEETINGS

No matter what kind of Youth Alive Movement God has called you to start, you will need to have consistent meetings if your Movement is going to be successful. Something is consistent if it is reliable or dependable—you can trust that it's going to happen the same way or the same time. To be credible means to be trustworthy and believable. Youth Alive Movements need to be both consistent and credible. If your meetings become unreliable, people may lose interest in the Movement or feel like they are wasting their time.

To keep people involved in the Movement you need to meet:

- The same day
- The same time
- The same place
- Every week.

Meeting Time:

Be strategic in the time, day, and place you choose to meet for your Movement. Different Movements have different meeting needs or requirements. In general, pick a time and place that works for you, your team, and to get as many people involved as possible. Above all, be consistent with the time you choose! Avoid last minute changes or cancellations as this can hurt the momentum of the Movement.

What are some of the best days and times for your Youth Alive Movement to meet?

Where will you meet?

Take a few minutes to think about these questions and fill out that section of the Youth Alive Movements Vision Board.

FAQ'S OF YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS

What if there's already a Christian Club or group in my school or campus?

Chances are good that there's enough people in your school who don't know Jesus for more than one Christian club or group to handle. So even if there's already a club, work to get your Movement going anyway. If there's already a traditional Christian Club, consider starting a prayer movement or a Youth Alive Huddle.

Do my team members have to come to my church?

No. It's important to work together with others, even if they go to different churches. At the same time, it is important that the members of your core team believe the same basic things about God, salvation, and the church. Talk with your pastor to ensure your beliefs align with theirs. It doesn't have to be exact, but it does need to be Biblically based.

When do I start the Movement?

The best time to start a Youth Alive Movement is at the beginning of the school year. At the same time, if God calls you to start a Movement at ANY time of the year, you should begin as soon as possible. The longer you wait, the less time you will have to share Jesus.

How do I lead & give my core team responsibilities?

Giving out responsibilities is called delegating, and the best way to do it is to assign roles. Assign social media to someone, put another in charge of food. Try to match the roles to things your team members are naturally good at. Depending on the Movement, you will work through this during the Core Elements part of organizing. If you need help, reach out to your youth pastor or Youth Alive Missionary.

What if people ask questions that I don't know the answer to?

You don't have to have an answer to every question, it's okay to say, "That's a really good question, let me do some research and get back to you." If you aren't sure, your youth pastor/leader is a good person to ask, or you can check the "beliefs" section of www.ag.org.

What if I'm struggling to get things going?

Ask for help! You can ask your youth pastor/leader for help at any time.

YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS VISION BOARD

A vision board helps you get all the “big picture” elements of your Youth Alive Movement down on paper. This will help you start to plan and strategize the movement God is calling you to start and grow. Begin by putting down the type of Youth Alive Movement you are being called to start, your vision, and your purpose. You will come back to this vision board as you continue to work your way through the Youth Alive Movement Essentials.

NAME:	SCHOOL/TYPE OF SCHOOL YOU ATTEND:

WHAT TYPE OF YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO START AND GROW?

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THIS MOVEMENT? Your vision is what you want to SEE happen in your school, friend group, or neighborhood.	**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR MOVEMENT?** Purpose includes the major things your Movement will DO to accomplish the vision.

WHO ARE THE CORE TEAM MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BEST DAYS/TIMES FOR US TO MEET?	**WHERE WILL OUR MOVEMENT MEET?**

YOUTH ALIVE CLUB



starting

YOUTH ALIVE CLUB

A Youth Alive Club is an official school-approved that meets at school. This is the most common kind of Youth Alive Movement. It can meet during school, or just before or after school. If you attend a traditional public school that has clubs, a Youth Alive Club may be the best option for you. Official school clubs often get to make announcements, hang up posters, and use school rooms and resources.

The goals of a Youth Alive Club are:

- **Gospel-focused** – including a presentation at every meeting that gives attendees the opportunity to place their faith in God.
- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone.
- **Prayer** – Giving space for each person to present prayer requests and praying with faith for God to answer those requests.
- **Mission** – Creating outreaches to serve the school or another club, group, or team while sharing the Gospel. Ideally, a club will complete one outreach for each full month (9) of the school year.

You've already completed the Youth Alive Movement Essentials. Now use these Documents to help you start and run a Youth Alive Club:

Youth Alive Club Documents:

1. Getting Started
2. Pro Tips for a Youth Alive Club
3. Youth Alive Club Prep Sheet
4. Interest Sheet
5. Principal Meeting Guide
6. Equal Access Act
7. Core Team Assignments
8. Yearly Planner
9. Promoting a Youth Alive Movement
10. Youth Alive Club Constitution
11. Overcoming Obstacles

GETTING STARTED

1. **Start with prayer.** Pray for wisdom, favor with administration, your teachers, your peers, and for God's will to be accomplished in and through you.

2. **Collaborate.** Build your team! Team members should include:

   - Your youth pastor/leader.
   - Key students who want to help lead the club. This is your core team, and they should share your heart to reach your school.
   - Students who want to attend/participate in the club—be sure to collect signatures.
   - A host teacher/club advisor. Think of a Christian teacher in your school who would be willing to allow your club to meet in his or her room. Ask the teacher to help. See "Pro Tips" for more help on finding a teacher/advisor.
   - Plan the club together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.

3. **Meet/talk with your principal.** Schedule an in-person meeting to explain the purpose of your club and to gain permission to start the club. See "Pro Tips" for a more detailed guide on meeting with a principal. Be prepared for an interview-like meeting with answers and proper documents (Interest Sheet, YA Club Prep Sheet, Equal Access Act, etc.). If you don't get an answer in that meeting, be sure to follow up with the administration in a timely manner.

4. **Promote your club.** When you have been given the "okay" to start your YA Club, promote your club through the proper school channels, as well as through social media and personal invitations.

5. **Plan and hold your first meeting.** Meet with your core team to plan out your first meeting, as well as your first month's outreach. Be sure to meet with your core team regularly to plan your meetings and outreaches.

6. **Keep communicating.** It's important to keep information flowing between your core team, club attendees, youth pastor, teacher, and school administration. See "Pro tips" for more help with communicating.

PRO TIPS FOR YOUTH ALIVE CLUBS

Getting School Permission

Finding a Teacher/Advisor

Official school clubs always require some form of adult supervision, sometimes called a club "advisor." In most cases, this person can be a teacher in the school. It can also be another school official, such as a guidance counselor or principal. On some rare occasions, certain persons who do not work for the school can be approved to be a club advisor, such as a parent or youth pastor. Here are some pro tips for finding club advisors:

1. **Club advisors DO NOT have the responsibility of running or directing the Club.** Youth Alive Clubs are student led, so advisors are simply present to provide adult supervision, not direction or leadership. This may make it easier for some teachers to say yes, because they won't have as much responsibility to carry.
2. **A Club can have more than one advisor.** In fact, having more than one can be helpful in case one advisor can't make it to a meeting. It can also be helpful to have more than one teacher/advisor on board with the club when you meet with the principal, because the principal will be assured there is more than enough adult supervision. You only need one advisor but find 2 or 3 if you can.
3. **Do you know of any Christian teachers in your school?** Start by praying for God's help, then ask that teacher to be your club advisor. Share your vision, goals, and be sure to include what you need from them: their presence and their classroom. If that teacher is unable to help, ask if they know of any other Christian teachers in the school.
4. **If you do not know of any Christian teachers in your school, ask a teacher you respect** if they know of any teachers in the school that are Christians. Teachers often know these details about one another, so don't be afraid to ask. You can even share your vision and goals with the teacher you respect—it could make a difference to that teacher and perhaps he or she will become your advisor.
5. **If you still cannot find a Christian teacher, do not give up!** Meet with the principal anyway to share your vision and ask for permission to start a club. Ask the principal to recommend a staff member who would be good to serve as an advisor for the club. You can also ask if the school allows clubs to be supervised by adults from outside the school who have been cleared by the school to help at school events and trips. This could include parents or your youth pastor.
6. **As a last resort,** keep in mind that a teacher does not have to be a Christian to be a club advisor. While we highly recommend the teacher is a Christian, the teacher is not actually leading or directing the club. So, any teacher who wants you to be successful in your vision and goals could serve as the advisor.

Meeting with the Principal/Administration

Most principals enjoy the opportunity to empower students with leadership opportunities, and your Youth Alive Club is a leadership opportunity! Many principals will positively welcome students trying to start a Christian Club, while others will be cautious. To have the best meeting possible with your principal or school administrator, you need to be well-prepared. Usually the more prepared you are, the more your principal will respect your request. Use the "Principal Meeting Guide" to help you conduct the meeting.

Communication

Great Communication makes a club work! When communication stops, the club stops being effective, and frustration can set in. Follow these tips to have successful communication in your Youth Alive Club:

1. **Core Team** – Communicate **FREQUENTLY** with your Core Team – The core team and teacher/advisor will need the most consistent communication. This can be done in person, through text, or any other preferred method. You should be communicating every week, and probably more than once a week. Be sure to include information important for the regular meetings and activities of the club. Most core teams meet in-person or online outside of the regular club meeting times to plan more effectively. This core team meeting will help you plan the regular club meetings and the details of your outreaches.

2. **Club Members/Attendees** – Communicate **REGULARLY** with club members/attendees. Those who come to your club will need consistent information about the details of your club. Devise a method for obtaining necessary contact information of first-time attendees and follow-up on an ongoing basis. Before every meeting, you should remind club members of the meeting place and time. Include any club updates, outreach opportunities, prayer requests, or other helpful information. In addition to social media posts, a text group or text service (like GroupMe or Remind) can be helpful. You may also consider a group chat on a social network such as Instagram or Discord if you believe it will be helpful.

3. **Administration/Donors/Pastors/Parents** – Communicate **WINS AND REQUESTS** with your school administration, youth pastor, pastors, key parents, and potential donors. Be sure to keep your principal informed, with an attitude of thankfulness, when your club launches. Thank your school administration for their leadership and help in making the club successful. Share the spiritual wins with your teacher/advisor, youth pastor, pastor, key parents, and potential donors. Let them celebrate with you. As you do this, they will probably want to invest more in your club through prayer and other means of assistance.

YOUTH ALIVE CLUB PREP SHEET

Use this preparation worksheet to record all the important information about your Youth Alive Club. You can present this document to your principal/school administrator when you meet.

PROPOSED CLUB NAME (WE RECOMMEND NAMING YOUR CLUB **YOUTH ALIVE**):

THE PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB IS:

WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY(S) AND TIMES:

OUR CORE TEAM WILL BE:

OUR STAFF ADVISOR(S) WILL BE:

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES/COMMENTS:

INTEREST SHEET

We the undersigned are interested in forming and participating in a Youth Alive Club here at _____ (school name). We ask that you consider allowing this club to form as soon as possible.

Student Interest

	STUDENT NAME	SIGNATURE	GRADE	CONTACT #
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				

Teacher Interest

The undersigned teachers/staff are interested in serving as advisors for this club.

	TEACHER/STAFF NAME	SIGNATURE	CONTACT INFO
1.			
2.			
3.			

PRINCIPAL MEETING GUIDE

Things to keep in mind:

- Students with a positive relationship with the principal should be the ones to make the presentation to the principal. If you have been in the principal's office for disciplinary reasons, do not panic. Simply start the meeting by sincerely apologizing to the principal for your past behavior and making a commitment to change so you can be a positive influence in the school. You will be amazed how far a sincere apology can take you!
- Be humble! Your principal may be more likely to help you if you come with an attitude of asking for help with humility. If you storm into the meeting demanding your rights, you may offend your principal before you even get to your request.
- Do not assume the principal will just say, "Yes." Sometimes principals want to make sure your details are in order and check out the risks and legality of a Christian Club before giving permission. This is normal, especially if the principal or administrator is new or young. Simply be patient, self-controlled, and kind; ask the Holy Spirit to help you show these fruit of the Spirit during the meeting.

Use these checklists to prepare for the meeting with your principal, to guide you during the meeting, and to follow up after the meeting.

Before Meeting with Your Principal Checklist:

- ☐ **Complete the "Interest Sheet."** You will bring this with you to the meeting and give it to your principal. Be sure to make a copy of it or take a picture of it for your own records.
- ☐ **Complete the "YA Club Prep Sheet."** You will bring this with you to the meeting and give it to your principal. Be sure to make a copy of it or take a picture of it for your own records.
- ☐ **Print and bring a copy of the "Equal Access Act" with you to the meeting.** You may not need it, but it's best to be prepared. Study this document and make sure you understand it. If you need help understanding it, ask your youth pastor/leader.
- ☐ **If your school requires clubs to have a constitution,** print and bring a copy of the "Youth Alive Constitution" with you. If you are going to use the Youth Alive Constitution, be sure to study and understand it before the meeting with the principal.
- ☐ **Pray!** Before the meeting, take time to pray for God's blessing and to ask for God's help. Pray for your principal, your core team, and your club advisor. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you meet with the principal.

During the Meeting Checklist:

- ☐ Clearly state your goal of starting a Youth Alive Club.
- ☐ Share your vision and purpose.
- ☐ Be sure to include that this will be a student-led club. Make sure the principal knows the teacher/advisor is only there for adult supervision, and will not be leading the club.
- ☐ Share the "Interest Sheet" and the "YA Club Prep Sheet" with the principal. Let the principal know that you have been working on getting everything organized.
- ☐ Ask the principal, "What do we need to do to start this club?"
  Here are some additional questions to ask:
  - ☐ Are there any district policies, handbook rules, or school regulations regarding school clubs?
  - ☐ Are there any initial requirements or regulations?
  - ☐ May I have any necessary forms for beginning a club?
- ☐ If the principal is wary of having a religious club, kindly share The Equal Access Act with him or her. Remember to stay patient, self-controlled, and kind as you explain this law.
- ☐ If the principal allows the club to form, be certain to say thank you right away. Ask if there is anything else he or she needs at this time.
- ☐ If the principal needs time to think about it, let him or her know you would like to check back for an answer in one week.
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After the Meeting Checklist:

- ☐ If the principal allows the club to form, send a "thank you" note. Consider having your core team sign the note, as well.
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THE EQUAL ACCESS ACT

(TITLE VIII OF PUBLIC LAW 98-377)

Short Title

Sec 801. This title may be cited as The Equal Access Act.

Denial of Access Prohibited

Sec 802.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any public secondary school which receives Federal financial assistance and which has a limited open forum to deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.

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Definitions

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Severability

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Construction

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Approved August 11, 1984

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YOUTH ALIVE CLUB CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name

The name of this Youth Alive organization shall be

_____ at _____

CLUB SCHOOL

Article II. Statement of Purpose

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Article III. Statement of Mission

Youth Alive exists to present Jesus Christ, the message of hope, to every student on every campus.

Article IV. Statement of Faith

The Youth Alive Statement of Faith is adapted from the Constitution of the National Association of Evangelicals, Article III:

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SECTION 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SECTION 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

SECTION 4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.

SECTION 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

SECTION 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

SECTION 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Article V. Membership

SECTION 1. The active membership of this group shall consist of students who regularly attend and participate in Youth Alive meetings.

SECTION 2. Any student may be recognized as a member, provided they agree and comply with guidelines stated in the National Youth Alive Constitution.

SECTION 3. Members should display a desire to be a positive influence on their campus; a positive attitude toward the school and its administration; and a desire to work with other students in a united effort to build better students.

Article VI. Officer Elections

Any student actively involved in the Youth Alive organization may run for an office, provided they are in compliance with the Statement of Faith (Article IV) and abide by the requirements listed below.

These officers shall form the Youth Alive Council, which shall consist of no fewer than three members: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

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SECTION 2. The term of each office shall be the length of one year and shall commence with the first regular meeting after the annual business meeting.

SECTION 3. All elected officers are expected to be examples of a Christian lifestyle.

SECTION 4. All elected officers are expected to be actively involved in a local church.

SECTION 5. All elected officers are expected to pursue the advancement of the gospel on campus and provide opportunities and activities to win young people to Christ.

Article VII. Officer Duties

Each officer shall be responsible for fulfilling his/her duties as listed below.

SECTION 1. President: This officer will serve as the official Youth Alive delegate to all school administrative and leadership functions. This role will chair and coordinate all business and club meetings, as well as the scheduling of speakers. He/she will be responsible for presenting potential candidates for all offices at the annual business meeting.

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Article VIII. Faculty Advisor

The Youth Alive Council shall select the Faculty Advisor. This individual shall be in compliance with the Statement of Faith, as stated in Article IV, of the National Youth Alive Constitution.

Article IX. Officer Vacancy

SECTION 1. In the event of an officer vacancy, a special business meeting shall be called for the purpose of electing a successor.

SECTION 2. The special business meeting shall be called by the remaining Youth Alive Council, two weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 3. The special business meeting and election(s) shall take place on the earliest date possible of that school year.

Article X. Officer Removal

Officers failing to abide by Article IV and VI of the National Youth Alive Constitution shall be required to resign from their office. Failure to do so shall result in immediate removal from that position under the following guidelines:

SECTION 1. Complaints against individual student officers shall be registered with the local Youth Alive Council. It is recommended that the Faculty Advisor and the accused's spiritual advisor serve in conjunction with the Youth Alive Council as the Review Committee that will render the final decision.

SECTION 2. The Review Committee will consider all complaints to determine their validity and will act accordingly.

SECTION 3. The accused officer shall be afforded the opportunity to discuss the charges with the Review Committee prior to any final decision.

Article XI. Committees

Committees shall be formed by the Youth Alive Council to advance and support the mission of Youth Alive for the campus.

SECTION 1. Each officer shall chair a committee.

SECTION 2. Various Youth Alive members shall be selected to facilitate a committee under the discretion of the Youth Alive Council.

Article XII. Relationships

SECTION 1. The Youth Alive club shall show the Faculty Advisor the respect due him/her as a school representative.

SECTION 2. The Youth Alive club shall seek to maintain a good working relationship with other local and state Youth Alive clubs and the national Youth Alive office. This local club shall seek a Youth Alive charter, thus affiliating it both at a national and statewide level. This relationship will serve as a basis for encouragement, help, and resources.

Article XIII. Meetings

SECTION 1. An annual business meeting of this Youth Alive organization shall be conducted.

SECTION 2. The Youth Alive Council shall have the power to select the date of regularly scheduled meetings. Every attempt shall be made to hold at least one regular meeting on a weekly basis during that school year.

Article XIV. Amendment

The National Youth Alive Constitution may be amended, with the exception of Articles II, III, IV, and V. Any amending contrary to the statements of these Articles may result in a revocation of a club's national Youth Alive charter.

SECTION 1. Business meetings shall be the forum in which the amending process shall occur.

SECTION 2. A two-thirds majority vote of Youth Alive members present is required for approval of any amendment.

SECTION 3. All proposed amendments shall be read at any regular meeting, at least fifteen days prior to any approval.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

The following is a simple strategy for overcoming obstacles in starting and running a campus club. Sometimes principals need more time to investigate the challenges and legal rights for a religious club on the school campus. This is normal, and often happens with new or young school administrators. Don't panic and definitely don't give up! Give the principal time to research and come back with an answer to your request.

Show God's Love in Everything

In all your conversations and discussion with school leadership remember the following:

- Even when we are frustrated, it's important to remain calm and polite to better show the love of God to school leaders. At the same time, you must stay firm and determined in your commitment to start a Movement to share the Gospel.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in showing the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- God is glorified and shown through and in us when we remain calm and polite while staying firmly committed to starting the Movement God has called us to. This is called perseverance.
- Concentrate on building trust with the administration and principal. Build credibility and confidence with them. Give them time to understand how your club will benefit the school.

Talking with Your Principal

If the principal denies you permission to start a Youth Alive Club, have a conversation with your principal about it. If there are other clubs in this school, religious clubs (including Youth Alive) have the right to exist, but your principal may need more information. Do the following:

- Present the principal with a copy of the Equal Access Act.
- Explain to the principal that under the Equal Access Act, any school with extracurricular clubs or activities must allow religious clubs to form.
- Ask the principal, "What would prevent the Equal Access Act from applying at our school?"
- If your school has other clubs, use the following questions to get the principal thinking about the rights of Christian students to also have a club:
    - What are the challenges preventing us from having a Youth Alive Club?
    - What is preventing us from having a religious club? Do religious students, such as us, have the right to meet just as other groups meet?
    - What provides other clubs the right to exist? What is preventing those same rights from being applied equally to our Youth Alive Club?
    - What can we do to overcome these challenges to our right to exist as a Club?

If you are Still Denied Permission

If you are still denied permission to start a Youth Alive Club, you have a lot of options! Being denied permission to start a Club does not change the call God has placed in your heart to start a Youth Alive Movement!
Do the following:

- Seek Guidance:
    - Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your next steps. Pray about the following:
        - Is the Holy Spirit guiding you to confront these challenges and work towards having a Youth Alive Club?
        - Is the Holy Spirit redirecting you to sharing the Gospel through another type of Youth Alive Movement?
    - Ask your youth pastor/leader for guidance.
    - If your parents are Christians, ask them for help. Sometimes principals will allow a Youth Alive Club to exist when parents get involved and advocate for their children's rights.
- Remember—the big wins of a Youth Alive Movement are sharing the Gospel and connecting your friends to the church. You don't need a Youth Alive Club to do those things. Our rights are important, but not as important as sharing the Gospel. Consider starting a Youth Alive Huddle or a Prayer Movement to share the Gospel at school alongside your Core Team. Youth Alive Huddles and Prayer Movements do not need school permission to exist. Read more about Youth Alive Huddles and Prayer Movements in the Youth Alive Movements Guide.
- Legal Help—This should be considered as a last resort. Legal disputes—including over religious rights—can be long and drawn out and stressful. It can also cause conflict between you and those you want to share the Gospel with, so make sure the Holy Spirit is leading you in this way before you proceed. If you believe God is leading you to have a Youth Alive Club but you have been denied permission, the following websites and organizations may be able to help you:
- State-specific Religious Rights Groups– In many states, there are legal advocacy groups that work for the religious rights of citizens specifically within that state. These state-level groups are usually more likely to take up your dispute and advocate for you. Search the internet for the following term: "[the name of your state] religious rights advocacy group." If you find a group, contact them to see if they are willing to help.
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        - Center for Law and Religious Freedom of the Christian Legal Society – www.christianlegalsociety.net
        - American Center for Law and Justice – www.aclj.org

YOUTH ALIVE PRAYER MOVEMENT



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A Youth Alive Prayer Movement is a simple and powerful strategy for students to meet together for prayer at school, inviting those who may not know Jesus to pray with them or to receive prayer. A prayer movement doesn't take much time, doesn't have to be an official school club, and doesn't need permission to gather for prayer. A prayer movement can be a quick and easy option to reach your school with God's love and power. Youth Alive Prayer Movements have the following goals:

- **Gospel-focused** – Sharing the Gospel through praying with those who don't know Jesus.
- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone through prayer.
- **Prayer** – Giving space for each person to present prayer requests and praying with faith for God to answer those requests.
- **Mission** – Creating outreaches to serve the school and spread the prayer movement. Ideally, a prayer movement will complete one outreach for each full month (9) of the school year.

You've already completed the Youth Alive Movement Essentials. Now use these Documents to help you start and run a Youth Alive Prayer Movement:

Prayer Movement Documents:

1. Getting Started
2. Interest Sheet
3. Yearly Planner
4. Promoting a Youth Alive Momement

GETTING STARTED

1. **Start with prayer.** Pray for wisdom, favor with administration, your teachers, your peers, and for God's will to be accomplished in and through you.

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   - Plan the Movement together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.

3. **Begin to meet for prayer.** Schedule key times during the school day when you can come together for prayer.
   - When is a good time to pray?
   - Where is a good place to pray?
   - Meet consistently to pray together for at least one week during school, then start inviting others to join the prayer movement.
   - If you get stuck, consult the prayer models located in "Stage 3: Running."

4. **Promote the Prayer Movement.** Invite others to pray with you, ask for prayer requests, create opportunities for the Movement to grow!
   - Ask your friends, especially your non-believing friends, what their prayer requests are and ask them to join you in prayer.
   - Consider putting a box or prayer table in the school lobby for students to share their prayer requests.
   - Create a social media account for students to send prayer requests to. Advertise the time and place of the prayer meetings.

5. **Plan and hold your first outreach.** Meet with your core team to plan your first outreach. Serving others through outreaches will help you grow the prayer movement by creating more opportunities to pray with and for more people.

6. **Expect big things!** The Holy Spirit will move through your prayers to provide healing, comfort, and salvation for your friends.
   - Know we have a God who hears our prayers.
   - Pray boldly for healing, miracles, and for a move of the Holy Spirit at school.
   - When you pray with those who don't know Jesus, be sure to invite them to church and find the time to explain the Gospel.

INTEREST SHEET

We the undersigned are interested in forming and participating in a Prayer Movement here at _____ (school name).

Student Interest

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YOUTH ALIVE HUDDLE



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The goals of a Youth Alive Huddle are:

- **Gospel-driven** – Huddles exist to share the Gospel.
- **Church-connecting** – Huddles exist to invite others to come to youth group, the church, events, etc.
- **Serving-focused** – Huddles work together to serve groups of students in their school or community.
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    — Plan the huddle together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.

2. **Schedule and hold your first meeting.** At your meeting you will share the word and focus on the mission.

3. **Plan and hold your first outreach.** At your meetings you will plan your first outreach, as well as future outreaches. Be sure to meet with your core team regularly to plan your meetings and outreaches.

4. **Keep communicating.** It's important to keep information flowing between your core team, parents, and youth pastor.

Pro Tip - Communication

Great Communication makes a huddle work! When communication stops, the huddle stops being effective, and frustration can set in. Follow these tips to have successful communication in your Youth Alive Huddle:

1. **Core Team** – Communicate **FREQUENTLY** with your Core Team – The core team will need the most consistent communication. This can be done in person, through text, or any other preferred method. You should be communicating every week, and probably more than once a week. Be sure to include information important for the regular meetings and activities of the huddle. This core team meeting will help you plan the details of your outreaches.

2. **Donors/Pastors/Parents** – Communicate **WINS AND REQUESTS** with your youth pastor, pastors, key parents, and potential donors. Let them celebrate with you. As you do this, they will probably want to invest more in your huddle through prayer and other means of assistance.

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HOMESCHOOL YOUTH ALIVE CLUB

A homeschool Youth Alive Club is similar to a traditional public-school club—it just takes place on a different campus. A Homeschool Youth Alive Club is a group of students who are home or cyber schooled, but who also live in the same area and want to start a club to meet and share the Gospel together. A homeschool club shares the Gospel with a homeschool co-op, neighborhood, workplaces, or sports/activity groups through teaching and preaching the Word of God and doing outreaches to share the Gospel.

One of the great things about a Homeschool Youth Alive Club is that it can meet whenever it's convenient for the club members. Just like a lot of things with homeschool, the schedule can fit the needs of the students, just so long as the meetings are consistent and effective. The goals of a Homeschool Youth Alive Club are:

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- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone.
- **Prayer** – Giving space for each person to present prayer requests and praying with faith for God to answer those requests.
- **Mission** – Creating outreaches to serve and share the Gospel with the community, neighborhood, co-op, or sports and activities groups the members are connected to. Ideally, a club will complete one outreach for each full month (9) of the school year.

You've already completed the Youth Alive Movement Essentials. Now use these Documents to help you start and run a Homeschool Youth Alive Club:

Homeschool Youth Alive Club Documents:

1. Getting Started
2. Interest Sheet
3. Core Team Assignments
4. Yearly Planner
5. Promoting a Youth Alive Movement

GETTING STARTED

1. **Start with prayer.** Pray for wisdom, favor with fellow students, parents, and for God's will to be accomplished in and through you.
2. **Collaborate.** Build your team! Team members should include:
    - Your youth pastor/leader.
    - Key students who want to help lead the club. This is your core team, and they should share your heart to reach your school.
    - Students who want to attend/participate in the club—be sure to collect signatures.
    - A host parent(s). Think of a parent in the homeschool co-op or community who would be willing to allow your club to meet in his or her house. This might be your parents since it is your vision! Ask a parent to help by providing space and time to meet. Keep the club student-led, but ask for this help because you need it. Keep in mind you could also meet at a church, coffee shop, etc.
    - Plan the club together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.
3. **Promote your club.** When you have a Core Team, and a place and time to meet, promote your club through the proper homeschool channels, as well as through social media and personal invitations.
4. **Plan and hold your first meeting.** Meet with your core team to plan out your first meeting, as well as your first month's outreach. Be sure to meet with your core team regularly to plan your meetings and outreaches.
5. **Keep communicating.** It's important to keep information flowing between your core team, club attendees, youth pastor, parents, and others who help with the club.

Pro Tip - Communication

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3. **Donors/Pastors/Parents** – Communicate **WINS AND REQUESTS** with your youth pastor, pastors, key parents, and potential donors. Let them celebrate with you. As you do this, they will probably want to invest more in your club through prayer and other means of assistance.

PRO TIPS FOR YOUTH ALIVE CLUBS

Getting School Permission

Finding a Parent/Teacher

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3. **Do you know of any Christian teachers in your school?** Start by praying for God's help, then ask that teacher to be your club advisor. Share your vision, goals, and be sure to include what you need from them: their presence and their classroom. If that teacher is unable to help, ask if they know of any other Christian teachers in the school.

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TEAM MEMBER	AREAS TO SERVE
	NECESSARY FOR MOST MOVEMENTS:
	Communicate with administration / host teacher / location
	Communicate with Movement members
	Advertise (social media, posters, school announcements, etc.)
	Follow-up with new visitors (text, call)
	Plan monthly activities / outreaches
	OPTIONAL DEPENDING ON MOVEMENT STYLE:
	Write down prayer requests
	Schedule guest speakers
	Communicate with local churches
	Coordinate snacks
	Give a lesson / study / sermon
	Lead worship
	Plan icebreakers / games
	Get donations
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YOUTH ALIVE CLUB YEARLY PLANNER

	THEME/BIG IDEAS	OUTREACH IDEAS
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PROMOTING A YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT

There are a lot of things you can do to get the word out and invite others to your Youth Alive Movement. Here are the three best ways every Movement can advertise what is happening:

- **Personal Conversation.** Nothing beats a personal, face-to-face invitation from a friend to come to a Youth Alive Movement. Friends personally invite friends to do things together all the time, so take the time to invite your friends to your Movement. Do not just invite them once—invite them as many times as necessary.
- **Text Messaging.** Texting a friend and inviting them to your Movement is the next best way of getting the word out.
- **Social Media.** You are probably really good at this already. At the same time, this can also become overwhelming. Here are some tips and tricks to successfully promote your Movement:
    - **Keep it simple!**
        - **Account —** Make your account name something easily associated with your Movement. Once the account is created, post 3 timeline posts so students won't assume you are a bot.
        - **Posting —** Keep it like-able, sharable, and helpful. A post is like-able if it looks good, so put some thought into the creation process. A post is shareable if it can be reposted for more than one audience, so timeline posts or reels are great. A post is helpful if you are communicating, not just advertising. Communication means sharing scripture for the issues and challenges in your school, inviting others to your Movement, making announcements, and posting clips from your meetings and activities.
    - **Build your base.** You'll need followers to share with and reach out to. Go to your school's social media page and follow any students on the followers list. Do the same with every student you know or follow. Follow a good number of students! If they follow back, you can reach out with a DM invitation to the Movement.
    - **Connect consistently!** Reach out to those who follow, like posts, comment on posts, and generally are active. Post at least twice a week.
    - **Here are some great resources to help you create content:**
        - Studio App
        - Canva
        - Capcut App

ONLINE YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT



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ONLINE YOUTH ALIVE CLUB

An Online Youth Alive Club is a club that meets online to share the Gospel. It can be an official school-approved club, especially if you attend a public online school, or it can be something that takes place outside the online school environment. An Online Youth Alive Club is usually a group of students who attend the same online school and want to share the Gospel, but live too far apart to meet in person.

The club meets online to share the Gospel, invites other students to come to the online meetings, and figures out ways to do outreach to those who haven't yet put their faith in God. Official online school clubs often get to make announcements and use the online school classrooms and resources for meetings. Unofficial online school clubs have to find other ways to meet, like Zoom or Discord. The goals of an Online Youth Alive Club are:

- **Gospel-focused** – including a presentation at every meeting that gives attendees the opportunity to place their faith in God.
- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone online.
- **Prayer** – Giving space for each person to present prayer requests and praying with faith for God to answer those requests.
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4. YA Club Prep Sheet
5. Principal Meeting Checklist
6. Equal Access Act
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9. Promoting a Youth Alive Movement
10. YA Club Constitution

GETTING STARTED

Starting an Online Youth Alive Club can be a different experience for each club! If you attend a public online school and want to have an officially recognized school club, you'll need to follow almost all the same steps as a traditional public-school Youth Alive Club. Those steps are listed below. However, if your club will meet outside the online school environment—online but not as an official school club—you will be able to skip some of the steps below.

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    - Plan the club together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.
3. **Meet/talk with your principal.** Schedule an face-to-face online meeting to explain the purpose of your club and to gain permission to start the club. See "Pro Tips" for a more detailed guide on meeting with a principal. Be prepared for an interview-like meeting with answers and proper documents (Interest Sheet, YA Club Prep Sheet, Equal Access Act, etc.). If you don't get an answer in that meeting, be sure to follow up with the administration in a timely manner. If you are planning to meet outside the online school environment as an unofficial club, you can skip this step.
4. **Promote your club.** When you have been given the "okay" to start your YA Club, promote your club through the proper school channels, especially through texting and social media.
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PRO TIPS FOR YOUTH ALIVE CLUBS

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Meeting with the Principal/Administration

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Most principals enjoy the opportunity to empower students with leadership opportunities, and your Youth Alive Club is a leadership opportunity! Many principals will positively welcome students trying to start a Christian Club, while others will be cautious. To have the best meeting possible with your principal or school administrator, you need to be well-prepared. Usually the more prepared you are, the more your principal will respect your request. Use the "Principal Meeting Guide" to help you conduct the meeting.

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YOUTH ALIVE CLUB PREP SHEET

Use this preparation worksheet to record all the important information about your Youth Alive Club. You can present this document to your principal/school administrator when you meet.

PROPOSED CLUB NAME (WE RECOMMEND NAMING YOUR CLUB **YOUTH ALIVE**):

THE PURPOSE OF OUR CLUB IS:

WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY(S) AND TIMES:

OUR CORE TEAM WILL BE:

OUR STAFF ADVISOR(S) WILL BE:

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES/COMMENTS:

PRINCIPAL MEETING GUIDE

Only Applicable if the Online Youth Alive Club will be an official club of an online school.

Things to keep in mind:

- Students with a positive relationship with the principal should be the ones to make the presentation to the principal. If you have been in the principal's office for disciplinary reasons, do not panic. Simply start the meeting by sincerely apologizing to the principal for your past behavior and making a commitment to change so you can be a positive influence in the school. You will be amazed how far a sincere apology can take you!

- Be humble! Your principal may be more likely to help you if you come with an attitude of asking for help with humility. If you storm into the meeting demanding your rights, you may offend your principal before you even get to your request.

- Do not assume the principal will just say, "Yes." Sometimes principals want to make sure your details are in order and check out the risks and legality of a Christian Club before giving permission. This is normal, especially if the principal or administrator is new or young. Simply be patient, self-controlled, and kind; ask the Holy Spirit to help you show these fruit of the Spirit during the meeting.

Use these checklists to prepare for the meeting with your principal, to guide you during the meeting, and to follow up after the meeting.

Before Meeting with Your Principal Checklist:

- ☐ **Complete the "Interest Sheet."** You will bring this with you to the meeting and give it to your principal. Be sure to make a copy of it or take a picture of it for your own records.

- ☐ **Complete the "YA Club Prep Sheet."** You will bring this with you to the meeting and give it to your principal. Be sure to make a copy of it or take a picture of it for your own records.

- ☐ **Print and bring a copy of the "Equal Access Act" with you to the meeting.** You may not need it, but it's best to be prepared. Study this document and make sure you understand it. If you need help understanding it, ask your youth pastor/leader.

- ☐ **If your school requires clubs to have a constitution,** print and bring a copy of the "Youth Alive Constitution" with you. If you are going to use the Youth Alive Constitution, be sure to study and understand it before the meeting with the principal.

- ☐ **Pray!** Before the meeting, take time to pray for God's blessing and to ask for God's help. Pray for your principal, your core team, and your club advisor. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you as you meet with the principal.

During the Meeting Checklist:

- ☐ Clearly state your goal of starting a Youth Alive Club.
- ☐ Share your vision and purpose.
- ☐ Be sure to include that this will be a student-led club. Make sure the principal knows the teacher/advisor is only there for adult supervision, and will not be leading the club.
- ☐ Share the "Interest Sheet" and the "YA Club Prep Sheet" with the principal. Let the principal know that you have been working on getting everything organized.
- ☐ Ask the principal, "What do we need to do to start this club?"
  Here are some additional questions to ask:
  - ☐ Are there any district policies, handbook rules, or school regulations regarding school clubs?
  - ☐ Are there any initial requirements or regulations?
  - ☐ May I have any necessary forms for beginning a club?
- ☐ If the principal is wary of having a religious club, kindly share The Equal Access Act with him or her. Remember to stay patient, self-controlled, and kind as you explain this law.
- ☐ If the principal allows the club to form, be certain to say thank you right away. Ask if there is anything else he or she needs at this time.
- ☐ If the principal needs time to think about it, let him or her know you would like to check back for an answer in one week.
- ☐ If the principal says, "no," thank him or her for the meeting. Meet with your youth pastor or Youth Alive missionary to figure out the next steps.

After the Meeting Checklist:

- ☐ If the principal allows the club to form, send a "thank you" note. Consider having your core team sign the note, as well.
- ☐ Be sure to follow up on all necessary requirements or steps to get the club started.
- ☐ If the principal needs more time to decide, check back one week later. Continue to check back each week until you have an answer.
- ☐ If the principal said no, talk to your youth pastor and/or Youth Alive Missionary. There are other Youth Alive Movements you can begin without school approval, or it may still be possible to start a club with some more conversation. Check out the document "Overcoming Obstacles" for further guidance.

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THE EQUAL ACCESS ACT

(TITLE VIII OF PUBLIC LAW 98-377)

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Short Title

Sec 801. This title may be cited as The Equal Access Act.

Denial of Access Prohibited

Sec 802.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any public secondary school which receives Federal financial assistance and which has a limited open forum to deny equal access or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings.

(b) A public secondary school has a limited open forum whenever such school grants an offering to or opportunity for one or more non-curriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during non-instructional time.

(c) Schools shall be deemed to offer a fair opportunity to students who wish to conduct a meeting within its limited open forum if such school uniformly provides that--

(1) the meeting is voluntary and student-initiated;

(2) there is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;

(3) employees or agents of the school or government are present at religious meetings only in non-participatory capacity;

(4) the meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and

(5) non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

(d) Nothing in this title shall be construed to authorize the United States or any State or political subdivision thereof-

(1) to influence the form or content of any prayer or other religious activity;

(2) to require any person to participate in prayer or other religious activity;

(3) to expend public funds beyond the incidental cost of providing the space for student initiated meetings;

(4) to compel any school agent or employee to attend a school meeting if the content of the speech at the meeting is contrary to the beliefs of the agent or employee;

(5) to sanction meetings that are otherwise unlawful;

(6) to limit the rights of groups of students which are not of a specified numerical size; or

(7) to abridge the constitutional rights of any person.

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(f) Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit the authority of the school, its agents or employees, to maintain order and discipline on school premises, to protect the well-being of students and faculty, and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

Definitions

Sec 803.

(1) The term "secondary school" means a public school which provides secondary education as determined by State law.

(2) The term "sponsorship" includes the act of promoting, leading, or participating in a meeting. The assignment of a teacher, administrator, or other school employee to a meeting for custodial purposes does not constitute sponsorship of the meeting.

(3) The term "meeting" includes those activities of student groups which are permitted under a school's limited open forum and are not directly related to the school curriculum.

(4) The term "non-instructional time" means time set aside by the school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

Severability

Sec 804. If any provision of this title or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is judicially determined to be invalid, the provisions of the remainder or the title and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Construction

Sec 805. The provisions of this title shall supersede all other provisions of Federal law that are inconsistent with the provisions of this title.

Approved August 11, 1984

Download full copies of applicable laws
and court rulings here.
Be sure to pay close attention
to the highlighted sections.

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YOUTH ALIVE CLUB YEARLY PLANNER

	THEME/BIG IDEAS	OUTREACH IDEAS
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YOUTH ALIVE CLUB CONSTITUTION

Only Applicable if the Online Youth Alive Club will be an official club of an online school.

Article I. Name

The name of this Youth Alive organization shall be

_____ at _____

CLUB SCHOOL

Article II. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the spiritual and social life of the students. It shall provide opportunities for discussion, fellowship, the sharing of God's Word, and a strong Christian witness. Any Youth Alive affiliated club or organization shall be evangelistic, service-oriented, and strive to develop a community of support and encouragement for each other.

Article III. Statement of Mission

Youth Alive exists to present Jesus Christ, the message of hope, to every student on every campus.

Article IV. Statement of Faith

The Youth Alive Statement of Faith is adapted from the Constitution of the National Association of Evangelicals, Article III:

SECTION 1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

SECTION 2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

SECTION 3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return in power and glory.

SECTION 4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.

SECTION 5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

SECTION 6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

SECTION 7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Article V. Membership

SECTION 1. The active membership of this group shall consist of students who regularly attend and participate in Youth Alive meetings.

SECTION 2. Any student may be recognized as a member, provided they agree and comply with guidelines stated in the National Youth Alive Constitution.

SECTION 3. Members should display a desire to be a positive influence on their campus; a positive attitude toward the school and its administration; and a desire to work with other students in a united effort to build better students.

Article VI. Officer Elections

Any student actively involved in the Youth Alive organization may run for an office, provided they are in compliance with the Statement of Faith (Article IV) and abide by the requirements listed below.

These officers shall form the Youth Alive Council, which shall consist of no fewer than three members: President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

SECTION 1. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote at an annual business meeting.

SECTION 2. The term of each office shall be the length of one year and shall commence with the first regular meeting after the annual business meeting.

SECTION 3. All elected officers are expected to be examples of a Christian lifestyle.

SECTION 4. All elected officers are expected to be actively involved in a local church.

SECTION 5. All elected officers are expected to pursue the advancement of the gospel on campus and provide opportunities and activities to win young people to Christ.

Article VII. Officer Duties

Each officer shall be responsible for fulfilling his/her duties as listed below.

SECTION 1. President: This officer will serve as the official Youth Alive delegate to all school administrative and leadership functions. This role will chair and coordinate all business and club meetings, as well as the scheduling of speakers. He/she will be responsible for presenting potential candidates for all offices at the annual business meeting.

SECTION 2. Vice-President: Will assume the responsibility of all duties of the President in the event of his/her absence. At the discretion of the President, this person may also be responsible for other activities.

SECTION 3. Secretary/Treasurer: The duties will include student correspondence, coordination of meeting

locations, overseeing meeting set-up and tear down, maintaining and presenting all financial records, renewal of Youth Alive annual charter, and any fundraising or advertising.

Article VIII. Faculty Advisor

The Youth Alive Council shall select the Faculty Advisor. This individual shall be in compliance with the Statement of Faith, as stated in Article IV, of the National Youth Alive Constitution.

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SECTION 1. In the event of an officer vacancy, a special business meeting shall be called for the purpose of electing a successor.

SECTION 2. The special business meeting shall be called by the remaining Youth Alive Council, two weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 3. The special business meeting and election(s) shall take place on the earliest date possible of that school year.

Article X. Officer Removal

Officers failing to abide by Article IV and VI of the National Youth Alive Constitution shall be required to resign from their office. Failure to do so shall result in immediate removal from that position under the following guidelines:

SECTION 1. Complaints against individual student officers shall be registered with the local Youth Alive Council. It is recommended that the Faculty Advisor and the accused's spiritual advisor serve in conjunction with the Youth Alive Council as the Review Committee that will render the final decision.

SECTION 2. The Review Committee will consider all complaints to determine their validity and will act accordingly.

SECTION 3. The accused officer shall be afforded the opportunity to discuss the charges with the Review Committee prior to any final decision.

Article XI. Committees

Committees shall be formed by the Youth Alive Council to advance and support the mission of Youth Alive for the campus.

SECTION 1. Each officer shall chair a committee.

SECTION 2. Various Youth Alive members shall be selected to facilitate a committee under the discretion of the Youth Alive Council.

Article XII. Relationships

SECTION 1. The Youth Alive club shall show the Faculty Advisor the respect due him/her as a school representative.

SECTION 2. The Youth Alive club shall seek to maintain a good working relationship with other local and state Youth Alive clubs and the national Youth Alive office. This local club shall seek a Youth Alive charter, thus affiliating it both at a national and statewide level. This relationship will serve as a basis for encouragement, help, and resources.

Article XIII. Meetings

SECTION 1. An annual business meeting of this Youth Alive organization shall be conducted.

SECTION 2. The Youth Alive Council shall have the power to select the date of regularly scheduled meetings. Every attempt shall be made to hold at least one regular meeting on a weekly basis during that school year.

Article XIV. Amendment

The National Youth Alive Constitution may be amended, with the exception of Articles II, III, IV, and V. Any amending contrary to the statements of these Articles may result in a revocation of a club's national Youth Alive charter.

SECTION 1. Business meetings shall be the forum in which the amending process shall occur.

SECTION 2. A two-thirds majority vote of Youth Alive members present is required for approval of any amendment.

SECTION 3. All proposed amendments shall be read at any regular meeting, at least fifteen days prior to any approval.

COLLEGE YOUTH ALIVE



starting

COLLEGE YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT

A College Youth Alive Movement is ideal if you are dual enrolled in college as a high school student, and you want to do something on that college campus to share the Gospel and invite your fellow students to church. A College Youth Alive Movement focuses on sharing the Gospel through teaching and preaching, as well as doing outreaches. College Youth Alive Movements have the following goals:

- **Gospel-focused** – including a presentation at every meeting that gives attendees the opportunity to place their faith in God.
- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone.
- **Prayer** – Giving space for each person to present prayer requests and praying with faith for God to answer those requests.
- **Mission** – Creating outreaches to serve the campus or another club, group, or team while sharing the Gospel. Ideally, a College Youth Alive Movement will complete one outreach for each semester of the school year.
- **Sustainability** – Putting down roots and becoming an official college club. This will help ensure the ministry continues after you have moved on from that campus.

You've already completed the Youth Alive Movement Essentials. Now use these Documents to help you start and run a College Youth Alive Movement:

College Youth Alive Documents:

1. Getting Started
2. Pro Tips
3. Core Team Assignments
4. Yearly Planner
5. Promoting a Youth Alive Movement

GETTING STARTED

1. **Start with prayer.** Pray for wisdom, favor with administration, your peers, your team, and for God's will to be accomplished in and through you. Pray walk around the campus during a break between classes.

2. **Collaborate.** Build your team! Team members should include:

   — Your youth pastor/leader. This could also be a young adults or college pastor, if your church has one.

   — Key students want to help lead the Movement. This is your core team, and they should share your heart to reach the campus.

   — An adult sponsor. The sponsor is a non-student with long-term stability and maturity to guide the efforts of the students on campus. You and your core team are the facilitators and initiators of campus ministry. When both students and sponsors are in place the ministry will go farther and sustainability can happen. See "Pro Tips For College Youth Alive Movements" for help finding an adult sponsor.

   — Plan the Movement together, including your purpose, time and place of meeting, and core team assignments.

   — Finally, you will need students who want to attend/participate in the Movement—use the Interest Sheet to gather names.

3. **Set the Table.** Students and sponsors prayerfully begin to gather the nucleus of community that will launch Table Groups on campus.

   — Table Groups are the best way to get a College Youth Alive Movement off the ground.

   — The concept is simple—a lunch room/dining hall Bible Study and discussion that takes place weekly on your campus. Most schools have a dining hall or cafeteria, and it often serves as the default gathering place for the highest amount of students on campus at any one time.

4. **Promote the Table Group.** Promote your Table Group through the proper school channels, as well as through social media. Do not forget personal invitations because they always work best!

5. **Plan and hold your first meeting.** Meet with your core team and sponsor to plan your first meetings. Regularly have "Leadership Table" meetings with your core team and sponsor. Once your Table Group is successfully going, begin to plan outreaches.

6. **Keep communicating.** It's important to keep information flowing between your core team, members, sponsor, and youth pastor. See "Pro tips" for more help with communicating.

7. **Multiply hosts and tables.** As student engagement gains momentum more student table hosts are trained and new Table Groups begin. The core team and sponsors focus on Gaming Tables (outreach) and Dinner Tables (community). Student involvement peaks to a sustaining level and formal organization and integration as Chi Alpha begins.

PRO TIPS FOR COLLEGE YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS

Finding a Sponsor

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1. The sponsor should share your heart for starting a Movement to share the Gospel on this campus.
2. A Movement can have more than one sponsor, so find 2 or 3 sponsors if you can.
3. Do you know of any Christian teachers or staff at the college? Pray for God's help, then ask that teacher to be the sponsor. Share your vision and be sure to include what you need from them: their long-term help. If that teacher is unable to help, ask if they know of any other Christian teachers in the school who may be interested.
4. Your pastor, youth pastor, or a young adults or college age pastor could also be a sponsor. Ask if they would like to get involved.
5. Do you have any alumni of the college in your church? Perhaps they would be interested in being a sponsor.
6. Keep in mind that a sponsor can be any adult who shares your vision for reaching the campus. They also need to have a vision for long-term ministry at the college. This could be your parent(s), or any adults from your church who care about the college campus and want to invest their lives in this Movement.

Communication

Great Communication makes a club work! When communication stops, the club stops being effective and frustration can set in. Follow these tips to have successful communication in your Youth Alive Club:

1. **Core Team** – Communicate FREQUENTLY with your Core Team – The core team and sponsor will need the most consistent communication. This can be done in person, through text, or any other preferred method. You should be communicating every week, and probably more than once a week. Be sure to include information important for the regular meetings and activities of the Movement. Most core teams meet in-person or online outside of the regular club meeting times to plan more effectively. This core team meeting will help you plan the regular Movement meetings and the details of your outreaches.

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Each member of the core team has an important role to play in making a Youth Alive Movement successful. Pray and have each member of the core team select areas they'd like to serve in. Put your Core Team members on the left side of this document. On the right side is a list of typical areas to serve, and you can add to that list based on the needs of your Movement. Remember that duties can be shared. Under the name of each Core Team member, write the areas they will serve in until all the areas your Movement needs are fulfilled.

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	NECESSARY FOR MOST MOVEMENTS:
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YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENTS



running

RUNNING A YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT

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Meeting Documents:

1. Resources for Movement Meetings
2. Effective Meetings
3. Meeting Planner
   (copy this planner to use for each Movement meeting)
4. Sharing the Gospel in a Youth Alive Movement

Monthly & Outreach Planning:

1. Monthly Planner
2. Outreach Coaching Guide
3. Outreach Ideas
4. Outreach Planning Board
5. Monthly Assessments

RESOURCES, MESSAGES, AND CONTENT FOR MOVEMENT MEETINGS



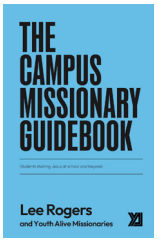
Youth Alive Movements x Bible Engagement Project Pathway

The Youth Alive Movements x Bible Engagement Pathway is a plan for using Bible Engagement Project youth lessons in Youth Alive Movements (clubs, prayer movements, and huddles) to share the Word and present the Gospel. It is an easy and effective way to share solid Biblical content while also sharing the Gospel with the lost in your school or neighborhood.
Download at www.youthalive.com



Alive in Five

Alive in Five is a great way to share the Gospel with your friends. Five symbols representing five simple truths of the Gospel. Get copies of the Alive in Five for your entire Movement at myhealthychurch.com, memorize it, and challenge one another to share the Gospel once each month with those who need to put their faith in God. You can also use the free Alive in Five message and small group series in your Movement meetings. Download this at youthalive.com. The series contains six sermons/messages, and six sets of small group discussions.



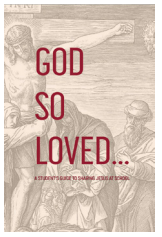
The Campus Missionary Guidebook

Challenge and train students to use different ***methods*** to share the Gospel at school and beyond. You can challenge Movement members to try a different method each month of the school year, or to experiment with the methods until they discover the method that works best for them. Download the sermon series at www.youthalive.com and get the book from www.myhealthychurch.com



I Dare You

This study contains challenges you can give to a friend that can lead to faith in God. There's a challenge for every month of the year. You can get the book at myhealthychurch.com, as well as download the free message and small group series. Challenge your Movement to complete one dare each month as they work together to share the Gospel. Download these lessons at www.youthalive.com



God So Loved... A Student's Guide to Sharing Jesus at School

Your campus is filled with so many different groups of students, and God So Loved will help you share Jesus with many of them. Athletes and artists, academic and vocational students, everyday students, hurting students, and students from other religions. God So Loved will teach you to share the Gospel with each group by serving them according to their needs. Get the book on Amazon or from your Youth Alive Missionary. Download the free sermon and small group series from initiateconversations.com and use it in your Movement to encourage the members to share the Gospel with every student group on your campus.

EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

4 Big Actions in Every Meeting

Every Youth Alive Club meeting should have four things to be successful: Prayer, Gospel, Community, and Mission.

- **Prayer** – Give space for each person to present requests, then pray with faith for God to answer those requests.
- **Gospel** – Share a short message based on Scripture at each meeting. Be sure to include a presentation of the Gospel and give students the opportunity to place their faith in God.
- **Community** – Provide the opportunity for Godly community to be experienced by everyone. This can include fun and games, food, giveaways, discussions, and connecting students to the local church.
- **Mission** – Mission means serving your school and other student groups through outreaches outside of regular club meetings. Take time to discuss and plan your outreaches in each meeting.

Meeting Plan

Below is a meeting outline that can be helpful to follow as you plan your meetings. You can also create your own meeting outline with your Core Team if it fits your club better. This outline is designed for clubs that have 30-45 minutes to meet. If you have more or less time, adjust the times to fit.

1. **Start with Community** – Icebreaker/Game. This can be a simple and fun game. It could also be as easy as a creative question everyone answers as you get to know people better. This should take about 5-10 minutes.
2. **Gospel** – Move into a time of sharing a short message based on Scripture. A club member can do this, or you can invite a guest speaker like your youth pastor to share a message, or you can share the message through a video. Be sure to include a presentation of the Gospel as part of the message or following the message. The Alive in Five is a great way to share the Gospel. Check out the document "Sharing the Gospel at a Youth Alive Movement" to help you. Give your attendees an opportunity to put their faith in God. This should take about 10 minutes.
3. **Prayer** – Ask if there are any prayer requests, or who would like to receive prayer in the group, then pray for those needs. Pray for any topics brought up during the message, and pray for your school and community. This should take about 5 minutes.
4. **Mission** – Take time to talk about serving your school and other student groups through your next outreach. Use the Outreach Coaching Guide, Outreach Ideas, and Outreach Planning to help you. This should take 10 minutes.
5. **End with Community** – Close your time with more community. This can include food, more fun through a game or icebreaker, or an epic discussion. This should take 5-10 minutes.

MEETING PLANNER

Use this document to help you plan each meeting of your Youth Alive Club. Work with your Core Team ahead of time to make sure everything is covered! If you do this, your meetings will go much better. This planner is designed for a club that has 30-45 minutes to meet. Adjust the times to fit the needs of your club.

MEETING DATE:	LEADERS FOR THIS MEETING:

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE GOD WANTS TO DO IN THIS MEETING?

ICEBREAKER/GAME/FUN (5-10 MINUTES)

What is our opening icebreaker or fun element?

GOSPEL (10 MINUTES)

Who is going to share the message and what will they be sharing?

Bible Verses

Message

Response/Faith Invitation

PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

Who will lead the prayer time? Do not forget to take prayer requests and include any special prayer emphasis.

MISSION (10 MINUTES)

What is our next outreach? Use the Outreach Coaching Guide, Outreach Ideas, and Outreach Planning Board.

CLOSE WITH COMMUNITY (5-10 MINUTES)

This can be food, more games, or an epic discussion. What will we do to close?

SHARING THE GOSPEL AT A YOUTH ALIVE MOVEMENT

One of the big wins of a Youth Alive Movement is sharing the Gospel with students and friends who haven't put their faith in God. Every Movement should regularly be inviting others to put their faith in God by sharing the Gospel. With that in mind, here are the major keys to sharing the Gospel:

- **Clearly explain the Gospel.** Keep in mind, the Gospel is simple, so explain it simply using the Alive in Five.
- **Trust the Holy Spirit** to do the hard work of convincing them to put their faith in God.
- **Next, clearly state what you are asking people to do.** For example, "Right now, would you like to put your faith in God? If you would like to, repeat this prayer after me." Here's a great example prayer that goes well with the Alive in Five: Dear God, I believe that You are real, that You love me, and that I have been separated from You by sin. I know I cannot save myself from sin. I know only You can save me. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sin. I believe that Jesus is Lord, that He paid the price for my sin with His death, and that You raised Him from the dead. Please forgive me as I accept You into my life and help me through Your Holy Spirit. Help me to live for You. Amen.
- **Celebrate** when anyone decides to put his or her faith in God. It's the best decision ever!
- **Invite them to church**—this is the next big win of a Youth Alive Movement.
- **Help them get a Bible** they can understand. This can be a physical Bible or a Bible app.
- **Stay connected with them.**

MONTHLY PLANNER

MONTH:

WRITE IN LEADER, TOPIC, FUN, AND MESSAGE IDEAS FOR EACH WEEK.

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

WEEK 4

WEEK 5

OUR OUTREACH FOR THIS MONTH IS:

OUTREACH COACHING GUIDE

It's important for every Youth Alive Movement to serve others who don't normally come to the Movement meetings as a way of sharing the Gospel. This is called doing an outreach. Use this page to help you think through the outreaches you can do in your school. Doing an outreach can be intimidating, but it doesn't have to be. In fact, the more you do outreaches, the more natural serving others and sharing the Gospel will become. AND the more you serve others, the faster your school will know God loves them and so do you.

We encourage a simple strategy—you don't have to share the Gospel with your whole school at one time, and your outreach doesn't have to be big to be effective. Instead, focus on other small groups that are in your school and serve them. Use the "Outreach Ideas" page to help spark your imagination and answer the questions below to help guide you.

Who do we want to serve?

- What group of people in our school or community do we want to serve?
- Pray and ask God to guide you. Is there a group of students God has in mind for you to serve?
- Are there any groups in our school that Movement members are already connected to?
- Are there groups in our school or community that work hard but don't receive any recognition?
- Are there subcultures in our school or community God is calling us to serve?
- Make notes about what God is saying to you:

What will we do to serve them?

- What do we want to do to show them God loves them, and so does our Movement?
- What does this group need?
- What would make this group feel loved and appreciated?
- What would bless them?
- What will be worth their time?
- Make notes about your ideas for serving:

In what way(s) will we share the gospel?

- What are some ways we can connect them to God?
- What options would be best for sharing the Gospel (see the list on the "Outreach Ideas" page).
- Is it possible for us to pray for that group or with that group?
- What will we do, send, or give them to connect them to our local church or youth group?

OUTREACH IDEAS

Step 1 – Who do we want to serve?

If there are other groups in your school, or God gives you another group to serve, add them to this list.

Sports

Baseball Team
Basketball Team
Cheerleaders
Cross Country Team
Field Hockey Team
Football Team
Golf Team
Ice Hockey Team
Lacrosse Team
Rugby Team
Soccer Team
Softball Team
Swim Team
Tennis Team
Track & Field Team
Volleyball Team
Wrestling Team

The Arts

Concert Band
Concert Choir
Dance Team
Drill Team
Jazz Band
Jazz Choir
Marching Band
Musical
Play
Theatre

Academic Groups

Chess Team
Debate Team
Mock Trial Team
National Honor Society
Speech Team

Interest Groups

Art Club
Environmental Club
Drama Club
Film Club
FFA
Gaming Clubs
Gay-Straight Alliance
Happy Hands Club
Language Clubs
Model UN
Newspaper
Relay for Life
SADD Club
Science Club
Student Government
Writing Club
Yearbook

School Structure

Sixth Grade
Seventh Grade
Eighth Grade
Ninth Grade
Tenth Grade
Eleventh Grade
Twelfth Grade
The Entire School

Sub-cultures

Atheists
Athletes
Gamers
Musicians
Kids
Skaters
Teachers
Trans Students

Step 2 – What will we do to serve them?

Here are some ideas of things previous Youth Alive Clubs have done to serve other student groups.
If you have other ideas, add them to this list.

Celebrate an Achievement
Wrap Party (for a musical or end of sports season)
Hand out Water
Hand out Gatorade
Ice Cream Party/ Sundae Bar
Encouraging Notes
Clean Something Up
Spaghetti Dinner
Pizza Party
Movie Night
Pay for Lunch
Appreciation Lunch
Social Media Shout Outs
Make Support Signs and Posters

Step 3 – In what way(s) will we share the Gospel?

If you want to share Jesus, serving is not enough. For the Gospel to be shared you must bring God's name into your serving. Here are some ideas of things previous Youth Alive Clubs have done to share the Gospel as they serve. If you have other ideas, add them to this list.

Thank You Message	Movie	Conversations	Relevant Bible Lesson
Testimony	Music	Bibles	Sermon/Message
Video	Object Lesson	Books	Prayer

OUTREACH PLANNING BOARD

Fill this document out for each outreach you want to do. It will help you make sure many of the details are taken care of so you can be successful in sharing Jesus.

WHAT GROUP ARE WE SERVING?	WHAT ARE WE DOING TO SERVE THEM?
WHERE AND WHEN WILL THIS OUTREACH TAKE PLACE?	**WHO, FROM OUR MOVEMENT, WILL BE INVOLVED?**
When is the best time for the group we are serving?	
DO WE NEED TO INVITE/ASK THIS GROUP TO SERVE THEM?	**WHAT THINGS DO WE NEED FOR THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL?**
If yes, who will be in charge of communicating with the group we are serving?	Who will be in charge of getting the things we need?
DO WE NEED TO ADVERTISE THIS OUTREACH?	**DO WE NEED HELP FROM PARENTS, YOUTH PASTORS, ETC?**
Who will be in charge of advertising?	Who will ask for help?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?	**WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL?**
WHAT WILL WE DO TO INVITE THIS GROUP TO JOIN OUR MOVEMENT?	**WHAT WILL WE DO TO INVITE THIS GROUP TO OUR CHURCH?**

MONTHLY MOVEMENT ASSESSMENT

How is it Going?

Every Youth Alive Movement needs to check on itself occasionally to see how things are going. This is called an assessment, and it is designed to help you know if you are reaching your goals. Every Movement should take time to do an assessment each month. Remember, the two BIG wins of a Youth Alive Movement are (1) sharing the Gospel with students who have not put their faith in God, and (2) connecting your friends and fellow students to your local church or youth group. In addition to these big wins, there have been a lot of other things happening, so let's see how it is going!

— What has been the best part of the Movement so far?

— What else is going well?

— How many times have you been able to share the Gospel?

— Who has been able to come to your local church or youth group because of the Movement?

— What is something the Movement can get better at?

— Who would you like to share Jesus with during the next month? (group, club, team, etc.)

— What can we do differently to achieve the "big wins" as a Movement more effectively?

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