



# AMPED

## student ministry

A Ministry of Marietta First Church of the Nazarene

## Who We Are

Amped Student Ministries is a ministry of Marietta First Church of the Nazarene for families of students in 6-12th grade. Under the leadership of Youth Pastor Joel Heald, his team works hard to accomplish Our Vision and embody Our Core Values. We are so excited to get to know you better, and travel with you along your journey!

### Our Vision:

We strive to partner with families to help students become whole-hearted followers of Jesus, living out an authentic faith in the real world.

### Our Core Values:

Cultivate Authentic Friendship - Pursue Consequential Faith  
Engage the Bigger Story - Love Through Service - Respect the Process  
Seek God Moments - Bring Our Best - Have Fun

## What We Do

### Our Weekly Gatherings

- Sunday School: Using different teaching styles and interactive content, students are challenged to see the big story of God at work in the world. (9:30-10:30AM)
- Sunday Night: As our main Youth Service, Pastor Joel challenges students with a variety of topics including every-day problems and spiritual truths from Scripture. (6-7PM)
- Wednesday Night: At our mid-week check we focus on small group conversation. Students have time to connect with each other and to chew on a few deep thoughts from Scripture. (7-8PM)

### Additional Events

- Ministry To Others: Giving students an opportunity to see a bigger world and put their faith in action is vital for healthy spiritual growth. We offer opportunities through the year, and always work to offer safe, engaging activities.
- Georgia District Events: Throughout the year we join other Nazarene students from around the state for camps, retreats, and other incredible events.
- Just for Fun: We regularly get together outside of our Weekly Gatherings to have fun. This includes game nights, Afterglows events, and more.

# My Approach To Youth Ministry:

**Challenging students to be whole hearted followers of Jesus:** We will work hard to bring relevant and applicable teaching and small group conversations, and to give students the time to talk and think about what they believe and how it impacts their everyday life.

**Building safe environments for students to wrestle with Faith:** The faith formation process looks different for everyone, and we work hard to respect that process. We want to give students a safe place (mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually) to wrestle with doubt, to ask tough questions, and to find real answers.

**Partnering with parents for deeper spiritual influence:** We recognize in Scripture that God designed family to be the primary place where faith is handed down and formed in children. As difficult as it must be to parent a teen, it can be just a daunting to try to have meaningful faith conversation. We want to partner with you to equip and encourage you for greater spiritual influence. This will come through resources, careful listening, and bringing in outside training through books, DVDs, and other applicable resources. We believe in you, and God does too!

**Leading leaders:** For any ministry to grow and be healthy it is crucial to bring around a team of committed adults who love God and like students. We work hard to build a leadership team of loving and trained adults who will be there for your student.

**Empowering the Church to love teens and their families:** Above we must remember that ministry to students is the work of the entire church, and not just a designated few. We work hard to help the entire congregation to find meaningful ways to care for and support our families with teens. This might be through financial support, prayer partners, volunteering at events and trips, and so much more. We are stronger when we are together!

## How You Can Engage

### Parents

- Meet with Pastor Joel
- Volunteer at an Event
- Get the weekly news email
- Pray for the Students
- Text “@mfcnparent” to 81010

### Students

- Come to a Weekly Gathering
- Join us for an Event
- Serve alongside us
- Pray for the Parents
- Text “@mfcnteen” to 81010

~ Pastor Joel (joel@mariettanaz.com -or- 816-766-1650)