

# GREATER THAN

Join us at First Church on Sunday mornings at 8, 9:30 & 11 am  
as we explore a new series. All are welcome!

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# fuse\* news

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fuse\* student ministries exists to equip students to be the fuse -  
from the Source of Power to the place of need.

2 Corinthians 12:9



CYF and 6-8th grade students are ultra-invited for the C.6-8 retreat at Wesley Forest from

NOVEMBER 1-3rd 2019.

Come, connect with God and each other, immersed in nature, and learning about the roles of the Holy Spirit through interactive devotional times. Register online at [firstchurch.cc/fuse](http://firstchurch.cc/fuse)

Join us as we partner with Curtin Intermediate School by collecting new socks to be donated to local agencies that help those in need - socks can be placed in the marked bins in and around the fuse\*box student ministry center throughout October.



# SOCKTOBER

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



The fuse\* 9ONE2 retreat will be January 31st - February 2nd 2020 at Wesley Forest. This retreat is for all students in grades 9-12

The 2020 N'SAYN Conference "Calibrate" will help students and leaders to re-focus on discipleship and leadership, much like Leap Day of Leap Year helps the calendar get back on track every four years. Authentic Worship, engaging speakers, and in-depth break out sessions that you don't want to miss. Featuring Salt N'Light and The Evidence, at Christ Wesleyan Church on February 29th!



We're excited to offer this d-fuse\* elective this winter after the CYF semester is completed. Stay tuned for more information to come!

## Exploring God's Call

*Interested to learn more about how God has called others into ministry and mission? Want to explore how He might be calling you? Join the conversation!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open Gym 5-7 pm	2  C. 6-8 Retreat November 1-3
3 d-fuse* SS 9:30-10:30 am Open Gym 4-6 pm NO FUSE	4 Open Gym 5-7 pm	5	6 fuse* 6-7 pm	7	8 Open Gym 5-7 pm	9
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# OCTOBER

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# PARENTS

**THE GOSPEL PROJECT**

## 8 TIPS TO HELP YOU DISCIPLE YOUR KIDS

Focus on Jesus.

Our goal should be to always point our kids to Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of moralism—focusing on our kids’ behavior and wanting them to act right. But that is not God’s heart for them! God is less concerned with their behavior and more concerned with their hearts. And the way our kids will develop hearts that love Him and want to obey Him is through the gospel transforming them. This is why we always need to point our kids to the gospel and allow that to inform how they live. Their behavior matters—but why they behave the way they do matters far more. Focus on heart change through Christ

Brian Dembowczyk

**Pick up/Drop off**

Please use this route in picking up and dropping off your student(s) for fuse\* ministries happening in the fuse\* box student ministry center. Including Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Please enter Ross Street via Market, as the church side of Ross will be clear from parked cars and not force students to cross the street.

You may stay in your vehicle as we radio for your child.

Please do not drop your child at other entrances, as groups and other ministries are meeting in other areas of this building.

# THIRTEEN

There's something intimidating about the number thirteen, right? Is it just me? Nah, it can't be.

13. Unlucky. Dangerous. Scary. Some buildings don't have a 13th floor. It's considered, by some, to be unlucky to have 13 guests at a dinner party, and many athletes don't want the number 13 on their jersey.

Why, you ask? The most common thread that I can find running through the reason for this "unlucky number" is that there were 13 at the table of the Last Supper...UNTIL...Judas left to betray Jesus.

Whatever the reason for the bad reputation that our old pal 13 gets, we've narrowed down some of the most important Bible lessons and questions that we can think of to....you guessed it.....thirteen!

We believe that our students need a firm faith foundation. They need to know what they believe and WHY they believe it so that they aren't easily swayed by others who challenge their faith or offer them a watered down form of Christianity.

Unfortunately, many believers don't have a strong faith foundation. Even if someone has grown up in the Church can struggle to explain who Jesus is or what it means to be a Christian.

Ephesians 4:14 says "**Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.**"

fuse\* Sunday evenings will be focusing our devotional time on these 13 things. Some of the topics that we'll cover are

Who is God?  
What's a faith commitment?  
What is the Church?  
Who is Jesus?  
Why do we need a savior?  
The necessity of prayer  
And The command/how to tell others about my faith

As we explore these topics, we are praying that God would allow opportunities for students and parents to have meaningful conversations

about them at home, too. Each week that we deal with a question at fuse\*, we will send a few questions that can be used at home. We'll also post them on our social media platforms so that you can use them to spark conversation with others.

If you haven't followed fuse\* on facebook, find us @ fuse\* student ministries of First Church, Williamsport. We're also on Instagram @ fuse\_student\_min.

We'll also be updating our SMS texting database to include new phone numbers, students, and parents. If you receive a text message from 406-50, you will have to "opt in" to continue receiving messages. All of these are great ways to stay connected to the most up-to-date information about fuse\* student ministries.

I'm excited to see how God is going to use these 13 topics and questions to stir our students and families, and I would ask that all those reading this would begin (or continue) to pray for the students whom God has brought to us in this season!