

# 2023 YPS YOUTH PASTOR SUMMIT

## CHICAGO

### EVENT GUIDE

#### EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

##### MONDAY- MAY 1, 2023

**Event Times:** 9:15 AM to 4:00 PM (Central Standard Time Zone)

- 9:15 AM – Registration and [Youth Ministry Booster](#) Coffee Fellowship for Early Risers
- 9:30 AM – Doors Open
- 10:00 AM – Morning Session Block
  - Worship with Harvest Bible Worship
  - Give-away Games
  - [Megan Fate Marshman](#), *Author and Speaker*, “Community”
  - [Greg Stier](#), *Founder of Dare 2 Share Ministries*, “Salvation”
  - [Doug Holiday](#), *President of Sonlife*, “Mission”
- 12:30 PM – Lunch provided by event sponsors
- 1:15 PM – Afternoon Session Block
  - Worship with Harvest Bible Worship
  - [Ben Trueblood](#), *Director of Student Ministries, LifeWay Christian Resources*, “Community”
  - [Brad Lomenick](#), *Leadership Consultant, Author and Speaker*, “Mission”
  - [Jeff Wallace](#), *Chief Strategic Officer SLU*, “Freedom”
- 4:00 PM – Conference Dismissed

#### EVENT THEME

**AWAKEN:** *The Remarkable is a leader and influencer of this generation.*

Youth Pastor Summit (YPS) is a conference designed to motivate, inspire, and equip every leader who invests in the lives of the next generation. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that **fosters collaboration, community, and soul-care**. YPS is a great opportunity for leaders to be refueled, recharged, and refreshed!



This year at YPS, we want to highlight 4-Central ideas and challenge leaders to discover what it means to **AWAKEN** their leadership so that they can **AWAKEN** others:

1. **SALVATION: The Gospel is Still Enough** - Rules, tools, & ideas (and the importance) to help youth pastors and leaders communicate the gospel to Gen Z. When there is so much ambiguity and tension in our culture, we need to go back to the basics and focus on the importance of clearly articulating the gospel...it's still enough.
2. **FREEDOM: Learning How to Let Go** - How to handle challenging topics, tensions, and situations in life and ministry. Leaders and this generation are dealing with so much as it relates to identity, ethics, morality, and the polarization of our culture and politics. Freedom is about helping others learn how to let go of the past, navigate difficult moments, and experience God's sovereignty.
3. **COMMUNITY: Life in the Company of Accountability** - Ministry was never meant to be done in silos. We are only as good as the people around us. Community is a topic that speaks to soul care, the importance of teamwork or getting counseling if you're in crisis.
4. **MISSION: That You May AWAKEN Others** - Jesus makes the assignment clear in Matthew 28:18-20 when he shared the great commission. Today, this mission is still relevant, and it still matters. This idea of "Missions" is about teaching leaders how to mobilize a generation to be salt & light in the current culture.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Venue & Parking Notes:

THE COMPASS CHURCH, SOUTH NAPERVILLE CAMPUS  
2903 103rd Street, Naperville, IL 60654

**What to Pack:** Make sure to pack a pen, notebook & a bottle of water for you to have during the conference.

**Meals:** Lunch will be provided on Monday by event sponsors. Make sure to stop by our sponsor tables and say thanks! Lunch will be a local favorite – Bouna Beef (Chicago Italian Beef) Sandwich Box Lunch with chips, cookie, and a water. If you have food allergies with what is listed, please make sure to pack a lunch.

**Event Format:** Through a mix of inspiring, equipping, and educational segments, attendees will get to walk away encouraged and resourced with practical tips, tools, and approaches on how to effectively do ministry in this season. YPS is a unique experience where there is an intentionality towards creating and cultivating an environment that fosters **collaboration, community, and soul-care**.

**Registration:** In order to expedite your registration and in order to minimize gathering in the lobby, please bring a copy/screen shot of your registration in one of the forms below. Having one of the options above will ensure a smooth check-in for you and your team the morning of the event.

**Registration Proof (any of the options below will work):**

- Printed Copy or Screen Shot of your Registration Email

- Printed out or/Screen Shot of your registration account with YPS Nashville Listed – you can access this from here:  
<https://events.circuitree.com/studentleadership/Account/Login/?returnUrl=%2Fstudentleadership&skip=False>

**Wristbands:** You will receive a YPS wristband when you check in. You must wear this for the duration of the event as it is your access into all sessions and meals.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Is YPS really only \$15?**

Yes! Through the generosity of Lifeway Students and other sponsors, this conference is being provided for only \$15 to all advanced registration attendees, \$20 for onsite walk-up attendees. Lunch is provided on Tuesday, but you are on your own for the rest of your meals as well as lodging if needed.

### **Can my spouse attend?**

Of course! We love when couples do ministry together. Make sure you register them, so they are guaranteed a spot. Each attendee of YPS must be registered for the event and each attendee must register with their unique email address.

### **I have a small child; can they attend with me?**

We think families are great and time together is important. However, this event is **only for those who are 18 and older** and who have graduated high school. We want everyone to have the best experience possible at this event, so please make arrangements to leave your children at home or arrange childcare outside of the conference.

### **Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?**

If you are registered as a group, we will do a one-time transfer of any of your participants, without penalty. Transfers are not available on individual registrations. This one-time transfer must occur a minimum of ten business days before the event. To make a transfer on your account, email us at [yps@studentleadership.net](mailto:yps@studentleadership.net) from your group leader's email indicating the individual(s) you are canceling and the name, email, and DOB of the new registration(s). We will only make a transfer(s) on each group registration one time, and once you have made a transfer, your group is then finalized.