



Teens will transition to shared weekend services, small groups

Tomoka will alter and enhance its offerings in The Forge Student Ministry as a new season kicks off under the leadership of Kyle and Mickie Greenhalgh.

Weekend changes

A major shift brings the church family – those in grade 6 and up – together for a multi-generational weekend worship.

Through June, students will attend the initial worship music portion of the 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services with the adults in the Worship Center (main auditorium).

Afterward, they will move to The Forge for a teen message/sermon.

Then, in July, no separate Forge message will be offered. At the 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday services, students in grades 6-12 are invited to experience the entire Worship Center service for both the music and message. The students may sit in a section reserved for them, or with their parents. “We want to bring families back together for a shared weekend experience,” Pastor Joe explained. “That way, after the service parents and teens can talk together about lessons learned.”

Small group expansion ahead

Small groups sessions presently meeting during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service will be preserved and expanded. Meanwhile, throughout the transition and continuing forward, The Forge doors will swing wide open as adult leaders welcome students to social time with snacks, ping-pong, pool, foosball, video games and more before and after all weekend services and small group times.

Additional age-specific options

During the week, Tomoka will continue its present schedule of activities for students in grades 6-12: 6:30 p.m. Sunday for high school students and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for middle school. These activities will feature age-appropriate lessons designed to help students connect with one another and grow spiritually. The aim will be to equip the students to navigate life's challenges, so that they make choices that reflect Christ-like integrity. “We want to hone in and do it well,” emphasized Kyle, the new student ministry co-director. In addition, special events will be offered throughout the year to attract students who may, or may not, already attend church.

Date	6:30 p.m. Saturday	9:30 a.m. Sunday	11:30 a.m. Sunday
May			
5/27 - 5/28	End of school year bash inside/outside The Forge	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	Small groups
June			
6/3 - 6/4	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	
6/10 - 6/11	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	
6/17 - 6/18	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	
6/24 - 6/25	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	Teens worship with adults Teen teaching in The Forge	
July			
7/1 - 7/2	Teens attend entire service with the adults	Teens attend entire service with the adults	
7/8 - 7/9	Teens attend entire service with the adults	Teens attend entire service with the adults	
7/15 - 7/16	Teens attend entire service with the adults	Teens attend entire service with the adults	
7/22 - 7/23	Teens attend entire service with the adults	Teens attend entire service with the adults	
7/29 - 7/30	Teens attend entire service with the adults	Teens attend entire service with the adults	

Weekend schedule changes

The Forge will transition this summer to a shared weekend experience in the Worship Center (main auditorium) at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Before and after services, The Forge will feature social time with friends, featuring foosball, ping-pong, video games and more. The 11:30 a.m. Sunday service time will feature small groups for teens in The Forge.

