

# WELCOME

# MSM

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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# Hi Parents!

You are now entering the phase when there's never enough groceries, too many hormones, and a dramatic kid that needs someone to prove who cares about them. Your role in this phase is to AFFIRM their personal journey. When you affirm your middle schooler's personal journey, you help them own their own faith and connect them with a faith community.

**YOU BELONG HERE!** You will hear this statement often this upcoming year. We feel strongly that every event and environment is a place where students BELONG.

You are not alone in this journey through middle school. Stay connected by keeping your student plugged in, consider volunteering, and develop community with other Middle School Parents through campus Facebook groups - [facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups](https://facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups)

**One of the greatest ways to engage in Middle School Ministry is to attend Best of The Mess on July 24 & 25.** You will want to attend both days for memory making, parent info with Q & As, and a squad night experience for your student.

Register you and your student at [gethope.net/msm](https://gethope.net/msm). Parents are free with each registered student. This memory is designed for your rising middle school student and you so we would encourage getting a sitter for any younger siblings.

Get to know MSM by reading through this document to help you prepare for the transition ahead.

## key dates:

**Tour Dates - Experience MSM**

Mar 7/8 - Tour Date #1

April 4/5 - Tour Date #2

May 16/17 - Tour Date #3

June 27/28 - Tour Date #4

**July 11/12 - Promotion Weekend**

Students will be 6th Graders

**July 24 & 25 - Best of the Mess**

Event for rising 6th graders,  
parents & leaders.

# our strategy

All students need a safe place to explore questions of faith; some students need to be challenged to deepen their trust in Jesus; still others may need opportunities to discover their spiritual gifts and lead in various ministries.

Everything we do is designed to meet students wherever they are on their journey and give them a clear next step to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and surround them with people that will encourage them to know they are created by a God who loves them and gives them a sense of belonging!

We designed two types of environments to reach students where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

**REACH ENVIRONMENTS** are designed to be filled with fun experiences that students can have fun and begin to realize they want to belong and that they do belong here. These events are also created to be easy invites for friends.

Tuesday Squad Nights (6:30 - 8pm) at each campus.  
*(Refer to the Squad Night page for more information.)*

**GROW ENVIRONMENTS** are designed to encourage students to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and become disciples, followers of Jesus, and then they encourage others to become disciples of Jesus.

Weekend Small Groups during most service times.  
*(Refer to the Small Group page for more information.)*

**Our Tagline: *YOU BELONG HERE***

This tagline will be used in our physical environments and digitally to help everyone to focus on students here and those that are not here yet. We believe every middle school student matters and they have a place to **BELONG** at Hope Community Church.

## 2020 Road To Promotion Key Dates:

Tour Dates are designed for 4 specific opportunities to show students what MSM is all about, to see, experience, and become familiar with MSM at their campus.

### Mar 7/8 - Tour Date #1

**Awareness** - This is a first date to take a quick tour to see MSM and build awareness.

### April 4/5 - Tour Date #2

**Play Games** - This Tour is meant to have FUN by playing games in MSM.

### May 16/17 - Tour Date #3

**Message & SG Time in MSM** - This Tour is meant to see a MSM message and SG time & we would love for their leaders to lead the MSM small group curriculum with their students.

**\*\*Check out happening in MSM**

### June 27/28 - Tour Date #4

**Full Experience** - This tour is meant to give the most time seeing MSM.

*(in 2 weeks they will be in MSM)*

**\*\*Check out happening in MSM**

### July 11/12 - Promotion Weekend

Rising 6th Graders now in MSM

### July 24 & 25 - MSM Best of the Mess

Rising 6th Graders, Parent, & leaders onboard into MSM, with MESS & memories.

*\*Registration required for this event*

## Stay Connected:

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# best of the mess

## July 24 & 25

Best of the Mess is designed to be a shared memory with you and your student.

Friday, July 24 is all about the MESS. Saturday we will have a parent information and Q&A time while students are experiencing a Squad Night. We will all come together for a memory milestone moment followed by lunch together.

Here is what you can expect **Friday Night...**

- Memory with you and your student
- Photos that capture these moments to reflect on as years go by
- Lots of MESS, like bring garbage bags for the car seats type of mess

On **Saturday Morning...**

A parent information time with parents sitting around a round table sharing experiences that will remind you that you are not alone. You will receive important information about who your student is becoming physically, emotionally and in their brain. It will shed light on so many of those... "What in the world thoughts."

We hope you will get in the mess with your rising 6th grader.

**Registration link will become available at [gethope.net/msm](http://gethope.net/msm) and Click on the Best of the Mess graphic to get started with registration.**



# interested in serving?

## Serving Opportunities in MSM:

It takes many people working together to invest into the faith journey of students. We have opportunities for many skill sets in MSM. Parents we need you to engage and here are some basic ways to serve:

### Small Group Leaders

Invest, lead discussions around created curriculum and get to know your group of students

### Squad Night Leaders

Hang out, interact and play games with students.

### Welcome Team

Greet, help with check in and make parents & students feel comfortable coming in the msm environment

### Team Yes

Fill in those important areas that allows the events to achieve excellence

Get started serving by visiting [www.gethope.net/serve](http://www.gethope.net/serve)

Select an area of interest, submit your information and a staff from that area will be in contact with you.

## NOTE: No Intersection in Middle School

### Serving Opportunities for RISING 6th Graders\*:

There are many opportunities for 6th grader students to use their desires, gifts, and talents to serve others.

KidCity, First Impressions, Special Needs Ministry, Local Hope Ministry, and MSM

# FAQ's to help parents

## **Where does my student go during Weekend services?**

At every campus, there is a designated space for Middle School Ministry. The tour dates will help your student KNOW where that space is, and we encourage you to swing by any weekend to see the environment, ask questions, and meet the MSM pastor.

## **With NO intersection, what will my student do during that time?**

Students entering into 6th grade will NOT have intersection, but they will have an incredible opportunity to serve. We see students every year start to use the gifts God has given them by serving in KidCity, First Impressions, Local Hope, Special Needs Ministry, and within MSM. Students take steps towards owning their faith when they are serving others. Visit [www.gethope.net/serve](http://www.gethope.net/serve) to get started.

## **How do they Check in/ check out of MSM?**

Rising 6th graders are gaining more responsibility and Check In/ Out is one of those areas. A parents is NOT required at check in/out in MSM. We guide parents to have a PLAN for their family, examples include: have your student wait in MSM until you come get them, plan a central location to meet, or encourage them head to their serving location.

## **What are Squad Nights & are they different from Weekends?**

Squad Nights are MSM's approach to helping students REACH their friends. With the pressures of life, these are designed to be FUN for your student with a short devotion about a God that loves them and made them on purpose. Weekend Small Groups are designed to build community and GROW in their relationship with God.

## **What events are there for my MSM student to attend?**

Each semester we have a few events to help students REACH their friends, CONNECT in community, and GROW in their faith. Upcoming events are located at [www.gethope.net/msm](http://www.gethope.net/msm)

## **My child has special needs. What support is available so that they too can participate in MSM?**

We have GREAT news for you! Our Special Needs Ministry team is here to encourage and support your family! We desire for your child to connect with others while growing in their relationship with Jesus.

**Email us: [specialneeds.staff@gethope.net](mailto:specialneeds.staff@gethope.net)**

## **What will my student be learning in MSM Small Groups?**

The MSM team works together to plan and package curriculum for your student. Flip over to the Small Group page, in this packet, to see the emphasis for this year. We are planning to give greater detail to our curriculum during our parent portion of Best of the Mess in July 24 & 25. We also publish a Parent Cue on [theparenthub.net](http://theparenthub.net) to help your family grow together.

## **Why should my student be part of Middle School Ministry?**

Around 11-12 years of age, a student's brain is being RE-wired. In that process, they might challenge their beliefs from childhood, don't be surprised by their questions. At this age, they will solidify their beliefs about God as they own their faith. We offer a safe discussion environment with friends and leaders to help students GROW closer to Jesus for themselves.

## **What goals should a MSM student aim for in their relationship with Jesus?**

Our desire is to help students take their NEXT step on their faith journey. This could include accepting Jesus, baptism, serving and taking steps towards living out their faith through prayer, bible reading, and personal worship. We encourage small group leaders to encourage students to identify their next step and stand beside them when they take it. Our desire for parents and leaders to have a great relationship together to walk alongside your student well.

## **How do I know what is going on in MSM?**

### **Where do I get the information?**

We have a few places for parents to KNOW what is going on.

- [www.gethope.net/msm](http://www.gethope.net/msm) - info & registrations
- [theparenthub.net](http://theparenthub.net) - parent cue & articles
- [facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups](https://facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups) - develop community with other MS parents
- [instagram.com/hope.msm](https://instagram.com/hope.msm) - social media

# family connections

More than a website [gethope.net/msm](http://gethope.net/msm)

A **Family Equipping Model** partners with parents and key influencers to reach and equip the next generation to know and love Jesus and live life to the full.



**theparenthub.net**  
articles and parent cue for what we're learning



**facebook LIVE**  
Family Ministry at Hope equips parents with a Facebook Live Video. The video is published on ALL Family Ministry Facebook pages and archived on theparenthub.net

**FAMILY MINISTRY NEWSLETTER**

Want a monthly newsletter focusing on upcoming events, what your students are learning, conversation starters and links to great resources?

**SUBSCRIBE**

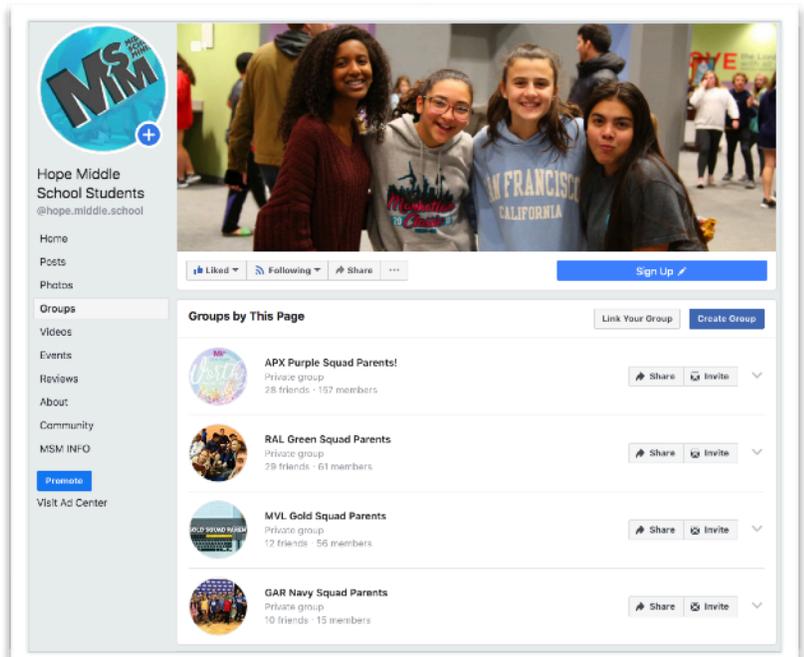
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Campus

**monthly Newsletter**  
join the mailing list at [gethope.net/family-ministry](http://gethope.net/family-ministry)



**facebook GROUPS**  
LIKE the MSM Facebook Page & JOIN the group for your campus. Encourage parents to do the same.  
[facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups](http://facebook.com/hope.middle.school/groups)

Weekend

# small groups



Small Groups are designed for students to **GROW** in their relationship with Jesus Christ and develop community with other students and their leader.

Jesus calls us to go into the world and make disciples, baptize, and teach others. Every weekend we are discussing questions to develop a personal faith.

**Students:** Be Encouraging, Be Consistent, Be Real, & Be Helpful to make the most out of small groups.

**Parents:** Consistency for your student will be **KEY** during middle school. Pick a campus & service hour to help your student have a relationship with their small group leader and friends.

**Leaders:** Help students to GROW closer to Jesus. Show up on time, prepared, and ready to engage & encourage students.



## 2020 Fall Teaching Overview:

- Christian Basics
- You Belong Here (*MSM Culture*)
- Identity
- Ultimate Authority
- Wise Choices
- Doubts & Questions



## 2021 Spring Teaching Overview:

- Healthy Relationships
- Moral Boundaries
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Book of the Bible
- Jesus



## parent cue:

Every Series we post a Parent Cue that highlights teaching topics and some questions to open a conversations as a family.

[theparenthub.net](http://theparenthub.net)

navigate: Students → What We're Learning

# SQUAD NIGHTS

**Tuesday Nights**  
**6:30-8pm**



**Squad Nights are designed to be an EASY place to show up & BELONG.**

Jesus calls us to go into the world and make disciples, that happens when we REACH our community.

Reach environments are designed to be FUN experiences for students to know they BELONG and are loved by God.

**Students:** Show up, Invite & Bring their friends.

**Parents:** Transportation, Encourage attendance & Volunteer (weekly/ biweekly)

**Stay Connected:** @hope.msm  
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**Dates are set. Locations might change.**

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Squad Dates	Purple Squad	Gold Squad	Green Squad	Navy Squad
Sept 8 - All In Squad Night	Apex Campus	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex
Sept 15	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Sept 22	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Sept 29	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 6	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 13	Womble Park	Northwest Park	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 20	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Oct 27	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 3	Womble Park	MVL Campus	Walnut St Park	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 6-7 Invasion	MSM At Adventure Landing \$			
Nov 10	Apex Campus	MVL Campus	Ral Campus	*Hoping to be in Garner
Nov 17 - All IN Squad Night	Apex Campus	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex	Bus to Apex

\*\* Weather Backup is onsite at the Campus. Severe weather, we follow the lead of Wake County Public Schools for safety.

# MS events

## 2020/ 2021 Year Snapshot

Calendars sometimes change, use this as a guide for planning.  
Our website will always have the up to date information at [www.gethope.net/msm](http://www.gethope.net/msm)

Middle School Ministry has a wide range of events, all with a specific purpose. We structure our events to have intentionality in these areas:

### REACH

Reach experiences are designed to be fun for students to know they belong and are loved by God.

### CONNECT

Connect experiences are designed for every student to be KNOWN by a leader and to build relationships with other middle school students.

### GROW

Grow experiences are designed to encourage students to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and become disciples who makes disciples.

### SERVE

Serve experiences are designed to give students an opportunity to serve alongside their parent to develop compassion and actively being the hands and feet of Jesus.

*\*\*We are building opportunities for MS Families to serve alongside each other in 2020/2021. More information to come.*

Dates	Event Name & Quick Info
July 11/12	<b>Promotion Weekend</b>
July 24 & 25	<b>Best of the Mess (CONNECT)</b> Rising 6th students & parents <i>*Registration required</i>
Aug 28 - 30	<b>MSM SG Camp (GROW)</b> 7 & 8th graders & leaders <i>*Registration required</i> <i>**MSM Weekend SG still happens</i>
Sept 8	<b>All In Squad Night (REACH)</b> at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Sept 15	<b>Squad Night at Campus (REACH/CONNECT)</b> Every Tuesday weekly 6:30-8pm
Sept 19	<b>Parent &amp; Small Group Leader Breakfast (CONNECT)</b>
Nov 6-7	<b>Invasion at Adventure Landing (REACH)</b> <i>*All Nighter &amp; registration required</i>
Nov 10	<b>Last Squad Night at Campus for Fall 2020 (REACH/CONNECT)</b> Tuesday 6:30-8pm
Nov 17	<b>All In Squad Night (REACH)</b> at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Jan 19, 2021	<b>All In Squad Night (REACH)</b> at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
Jan 26	<b>Squad Night at Campus (REACH/CONNECT)</b> Every Tuesday weekly 6:30-8pm
Feb 19-20	<b>MSM Girls Night (GROW)</b>
Feb 26	<b>MSM Guys Night (GROW)</b> <i>*Possible New event 2021</i>
Mar 19-21	<b>Double Dog Dare-a-thon (REACH)</b>
Apr 27	<b>Last Squad Night at Campus for Spring 2021 (REACH/CONNECT)</b> Tuesday 6:30-8pm
May 4	<b>All In Squad Night (REACH)</b> at Apex Campus <i>Parent Experience Available</i>
May 11	<b>HSM Game Night (Rising 9th Graders)</b> Transition event for Rising 9th students, parents & leaders

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