



Classes We Are Offering

JosiahKids Year 7: (2024/2025)

This fall, JosiahKids will focus on seven areas of development for our students:

- We will lead with prayer
- Discipleship for our elementary, middle & high school students
- Educational workshops for both our students & parents
- Performing arts classes
- Oratory & public speaking classes
- Community outreach events
- The Buford Harvest, our Annual Youth Leadership Award Ceremony

1) PRAYER: His life was exceptionally busy. He worked under constant pressure. Yet the pressure of the multitudes was never permitted to crowd out prayer. For Jesus, extra work and extra needs only meant extra prayer, not the opposite. We have made a bold decision at JosiahKids—that in year 7 and beyond, will lead with prayer. For Jesus, great pressure of work was a call to extra prayer. We all know that His prayer life was the source of His power. He was able to heal the sick, set captives free, save the lost, and offer solutions at a heightened level of wisdom to complex problems because: He prayed early. He prayed alone. He prayed often. He died praying. Six years into our work, and we are more sober than ever that the grace we need to further our work against the greater odds and pressures our nation is facing is beyond our scope of skill and resourcefulness. Rather than plow through in self-reliance into an unknown future, we have chosen to schedule and prioritize passionate, strategic, and laser focused, consequential prayer.

Every TUESDAY night (as outlined on our schedule) we will:

- Pray for the salvation of the lost
- Pray for the healing of our nation
- Pray for clarity, direction, and wisdom for our leaders
- Pray for the restoration of our communities
- Pray for a spiritual awakening
- Pray for those facing long-standing battles & insurmountable challenges

- 2) **YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP:** To give our elementary students a brick-by-brick foundation of the Bible and help them progress into critical truths as true followers and disciples of Jesus. We will also give our middle & high school students a hands-on spiritual formation that can be fully lived out and applied in the real world they are living in. Our goal is to take discipleship to the next level & offer opportunities for our emerging leaders to lead small groups and disciple their peers. For the benefit of all of our students, Discipleship will be offered on SATURDAY mornings (as outlined on our schedule).

- 3) **PERFORMING ARTS:** To serve as a bridge to the world and the culture we aim to influence, JosiahKids will continue offering Performing Arts Classes on some Friday nights as well as the Saturdays we are in session. The goal of our performing Arts program is to combine faith, character, and values—helping our students express their gifts through contemporary choreographed movement as God's image bearers. Students who choose this track should expect to perform at our End of School Year Ceremony—The Buford Harvest.

- 4) **ORATORY & PUBLIC SPEAKING:** To teach the art of public speaking and to prepare students for various persuasive roles in the world through the avenues of interviews, debates, and the spoken word. Students who choose this track will try out for various creative expression pieces and speaking roles for our End of School Year Ceremony—The Buford Harvest. This component will fall on the Saturdays we are in session following discipleship.

- 5) **COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS:** JosiahKids' outreach and volunteer program was birthed out of our Founders' vision for success, which includes—*"making a meaningful life, but also a meaningful difference."* This school year, we will participate in:
 - I. **A Christmas Giving Back Block Party:** envision a student-led initiative motivated by strong values of selflessness and investing in a less fortunate community. Think gifts, entertainment, food, and all of it to encourage empathy, compassion, and goodwill towards others. **(December 21st, 2024 | Location: TBC)**

 - II. **A Mission Project:** A community service event to equip our students with the skills and ideas needed for community and global citizenship. **(March 1st, 2025 | Location: TBC)**

- 6) **EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS:** The month of November will be dedicated to educational workshops for the entire family at JosiahKids this fall. We have partnered with local organizations and leaders who will administer the following workshops on November 2nd and November 16th.

PARENT WORKSHOPS:

- I) **Equipping Adults to Be Protectors: (Child Safety Tips for Parents)** Every 68

seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. And every 9 minutes, that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only 25 out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison (RAINN.org). Sexual predators are master manipulators. Would you recognize a predator in your midst? Can you empower without scaring? *(Nov 2 / Session 1)*

- II) **Trauma: Where Does It Come From?** One place: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's). Recognize, identify, and heal from trauma so that you can parent from a healthier place. Additional topics will include: Trauma Bonding, Vicarious Trauma, Compassion Fatigue, Burnout, and Trauma Resolution. *(Nov 2 / Session 2)*
- III) **#SocialSavvy.** Children are active online at younger and younger ages, and parents are rightly concerned about their safety. The following danger zones will be covered: Addiction, Anxiety, Depression, Bullying, Online Reputation, Privacy, Inappropriate Content, Predators. What are the best rules for online safety? This information-packed session will open participants' eyes and equip them to keep their children safer. *(Nov 16 / Session 1)*
- IV) **Harmony at Home:** Bridging the Gap between Parents & Youth. How does your child perceive you? Various Attachment Styles. Inner Child Healing. Family Restoration. *(Nov 16 / Session 2)*

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS:

- I) **Empowered.** OBRIA Health has been serving schools and community organizations since 2002. Since then, they have shared the message of optimal health with more than 140,000 teens! This workshop will help our youth acquire skills and insights for building healthy relationships, including communication, conflict management, sexual delay, risky behaviors, resisting sexual coercion, and avoiding dating violence. It is a lively, media-infused and activity-based comprehensive healthy relationship skills program made possible by a government issued grant. JosiahKids will offer this as a fused, four-part workshop. *(Nov 2 / Session 1 & 2), (Nov 16 / Session 1 & 2)*

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS:

- I) **Healthy Childhood Experiences:** Jessica Banner, MS, Assistant Clinical Director, Professional Pastoral Counselor. Specializes in child and adolescent counseling, substance abuse counseling, and trauma resolution counseling.
- II) **Safety Sense for Elementary Age Children:** The easiest target for a predator is a child who doesn't know predators exist. Recognizing an unsafe person (lies/lures/tricks). Leave them feeling strong, not scared.
- III) **Unlocked Greatness for Elementary School Students:** Building Friendships, Managing Emotions, and Managing Thoughts.

7) OUR END OF SCHOOL YEAR CEREMONY—THE BUFORD HARVEST: Our 2025 end-of-year event will remain scaled down to honor our graduating seniors, appreciate our students officers, thank our dedicated mission investors, and focus on the following objectives:

- ✓ Hear from an inspiring keynote speaker
- ✓ Celebrate our enrolled students' achievements
- ✓ Enjoy diversified performances
- ✓ Highlight what our students have learned in:
 - Prayer
 - Youth Discipleship
 - Performing Arts
 - Oratory & Public Speaking—(*Verbal Art*)
 - Community Outreach
 - Educational Workshops