

JULY 28, 2021

Dear Parents and Friends of New Heights Student Ministries.

Pastor Josh Tuttle has done an outstanding job serving our families and students for almost six years. We love him and want to thank him for his faithful service and outstanding leadership. I know we all wish him the very best as he takes up his new role as Bible Teacher at Dayton Christian High School. But I also know everyone is anxious to hear what is next for our students at Washington Heights.

Mark and Jen Holsinger: Student Ministry Coordinators

We are happy to announce that Mark and Jen Holsinger, our veteran missionaries to Nicaragua, have agreed to become our student ministry coordinators for the coming school year. Mark and Jen are long-standing members of Washington Heights who bring their years of experience working with camps and children at the Managua Ministry Center in Nicaragua. They also bring their experience raising four teenagers.

In addition to Mark and Jen taking leadership and coordinating our New Heights Student Ministries during the coming year, they will be supported by an outstanding team of volunteer youth leaders.

Tim Erlandson: Wednesday Night Bible Teacher

Tim Erlandson will share Wednesday Night Bible teaching responsibilities with Mark and Jen. Tim brings his experience as a former youth pastor and as the current Director of the Salvation Army Kroc Center.

Matt Comer and Linda Martin: Sunday Morning Small Group Leaders

Matt Comer and Linda Martin will support Mark, Jen and Pastor Justin Hoppe to provide Bible instruction during New Heights Sunday School on Sunday mornings.

Caleb and Nicole Hornback: Wednesday Night Worship Leaders

Caleb and Nicole Hornback will take up the responsibility of leading worship and developing our students in Wednesday Night Youth Group. Caleb and Nicole are new to New Heights Student Ministries, but they bring several years of experience as youth and worship leaders in a previous ministry.

Nick and Amy Kildal: Student Activity Directors

Nick and Amy Kildal are all about the fun. Well... fun with a purpose! Nick and Amy will be coordinating games and activities designed to build relationships and open doors to friends and neighbors in our community and developing the weekly Wednesday night game activities and Friday Fundays. They will also seek opportunities to develop one or two activity-based weekend retreats over the coming year. In the past, weekend retreats like rafting and skiing have been a great opportunity for our students to step away from the daily grind, have some fun and focus on key discipleship questions.

Thaddeus Williams: Summer Missions Trip Assistant

Thaddeus has agreed to assist Mark and Jen with our Youth Mission trip for 2022. No firm commitments have yet been made for a destination, but Mark and Jen are excited about the opportunity to lead our students in cross cultural missions. More to come as things develop.

Special THANK YOU for Continued Support

And finally, we want to thank Christina Comer, Lynette Keenan, and Hannah Ross for their continued support as Wednesday Night small group leaders.

And YOU??

What about you? We can certainly use some additional support in our student ministries. You don't need a lot of special skills, just a desire to love our students and spend some time connecting with them. If you would be willing to give an hour or two each week, or even volunteer once a month for activities, we would love to have you on our youth leadership team.

As Pastor, I'm excited about the outstanding volunteers and the effective program for growth and discipleship that we have available to our students this year at Washington Heights. This will be a great experience for our students. And, thanks to the skill and faithfulness of our volunteers, we will have time to conduct an in-depth search for a permanent student ministries pastor. Please keep our teams in prayer for this year of ministry and for our search process.

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Dave Kisner