

**Parent's Packet
July 14-19, 2024**

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Welcome to *UNITED For The City 2024*

In June 2017, a small group of high school students and adults participated in the Dothan, Alabama Missions week called, *WIRED 2017*. That week they were able to serve alongside of other Christ followers loving the neighborhoods around Dothan. Throughout the week and on the van ride back those individuals prayed over the possibility of bringing a missions week to Selma. Through the power of the Holy Spirit of God, partnerships with churches, youth ministries, All In Sports Outreach, and other non-profits: We announce UNITED For the City Missions Week! We consider the opportunity God has given us to serve local student ministries throughout the Dallas County/Selma area as a blessing and accept the responsibility He has given us to unite students and churches so that we can collectively do much more than we could ever do individually.

What would the Dallas County/Selma community look like if the entire body of Christ were UNITED to serve our community & worship together without any walls being in place?

UNITED 2024 will lead the community by training students in grades 7-12 to *Share* their faith & provide opportunities to *Serve* Selma through week-long mission projects.

Sincerely,

The *UNITED For the City* board:

Rand Smith, All In Sports Outreach

John Goings, Water Ave. BC

JP Pitts, Sonlife Ministries

Kathryn Hardy, Shiloh BC

JB Brown, Elkdale BC

Charlie Windham, Hillcrest BC

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UNITED For The City 2024

Dates – Sunday, July 14th – Friday, July 19th **Theme** – *I'm the Missionary*

Where – Elkdale Baptist Church, Selma AL

What is UNITED For the City Missions Week?

UNITED 2024 will lead the community by training students in grades 7-12 to **share** their faith & provide opportunities to **serve** Selma's children and adults through week-long mission projects. Those opportunities include Backyard Bible Clubs and Sports Camps.

Cost per person (7-12th grades)- \$100

- All meals & transportation from Sunday night through Friday
- Lodging for the week at Elkdale Baptist Church with genders separated by buildings and individuals stall shower trailers
- All materials for UNITED ministry sites & Disciplemaking manual
- T-Shirt, and other SWAG!

Camp Pastor(s)– Caleb Winningham is the Pastor of Valley Grande Baptist here in our area. He is excited about motivating students through God's Word to share the reason for our hope!

Charlie Windham is the Music/Youth Pastor at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Maplesville. This will be his 3rd year with the UNITED Family! He enjoys training students to love the Lord and share their story about Him!

Worship Leader– Andrew Morris is coming back to UNITED to lead us in worship! Andrew is a graduate of Samford U. and is one of the Worship Pastors at FBC Trussville. Andrew serves with the Student Ministry and in the Contemporary Worship Service on Sundays. He has a tremendous heart for worship, but when he's not leading worship Andrew loves to write music, and play basketball. Andrew is excited to be a part of the UNITED Family and bring alongside some talented musicians to lead in worship! Welcome back Andrew!

Registration Policy

Per Person Deposit Due with Participation Form – Monday, June 24, 2024.

There is a \$50 deposit per person registered. This deposit will go towards each individual's \$100 participation fee. Checks should be made out to ELKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH memo: UNITED and mailed to Elkdale Baptist Church 2221 Elkdale Street Selma, AL 36701. Online at elkdale.org/give (select: UNITED)

Final Payment due - Monday July 8, 2024.

**All payments & forms due to
Elkdale Baptist Church
2221 Elkdale Street
Selma, AL 36701**

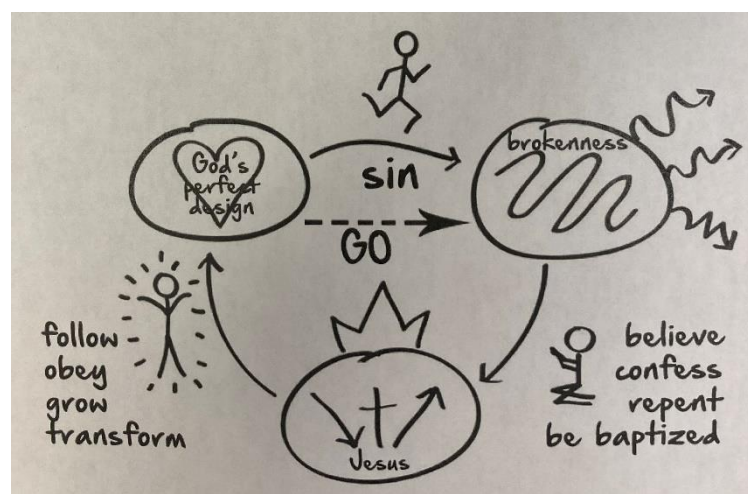
**All digital forms can be sent to Ashley.Potvin@elkdale.org
Online payment <https://elkdale.org/give> (select: UNITED)**

Discipleship Training in the afternoons

3 Circles Evangelism model and 15 second Gospel story

One of the best parts of UNITED For the City is the Discipleship trainings in the afternoons. Every afternoon 2 ministry site groups will combine to learn how to give their 15 second Gospel story and challenged to memorize the 3 Circles evangelism model. Our Camp Pastors/Youth leaders will be leading the training in a practical way in order to engage and disciple the UNITED students toward a thriving relationship with God. At the end of the week we will challenge our students to share the Gospel through this new method.

Here is a snapshot...



WHAT TO BRING TO UNITED

- Bible, notepad, and pen
- Sleeping Bag and/or Air Mattress (you will be on the floor for a week, so an air mattress may feel better. However, if you bring an air mattress it needs to be a twin size for only one person to sleep on.)
- Towels, wash cloths, pillows, and blankets (linens if bringing an air mattress)
- Toiletries such as toothbrush, shampoo, soap, **shower shoes***, etc.
There will be separate shower trailers on site for guys and girls.
- **IMPORTANT** - Closed toe, closed heel shoes for all missions sites and any outdoor activities.
- **IMPORTANT** - Sun protection.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO UNITED

- **DO NOT BRING** alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, water guns, or any kind of weapon or tool including pocket knives.
- **DO NOT BRING** items that may be used for pranks such as water balloons, shaving cream, silly string, etc. Pranks are not allowed at camp. Your church will be charged for any damages or issues related to clean up.

ELECTRONICS & PHONE POLICY

The decision for electronics & cell phone usage is in the hands of the Student Pastor/Group Leader of each church. During limited downtime & before lights out, there will be time to play video games in both of the separate housing buildings & common rooms. Throughout the week, UNITED will have some elements that allow participants to join in via social media (i.e. Instagram, Facebook, etc.).

However, unless instructed by staff, students with cell phones are **not** allowed to have them out or in use during programming elements: Morning Celebration, Bible Study, Worship, and while at Ministry Sites. Ringers should be turned to silent or vibrate during these specific times. UNITED staff will not be responsible for any lost or damaged electronics/phones.

DAMAGES

Please be aware that your group is personally responsible for damages to any facilities including but not limited to the rooms your group occupies.

DRESS CODE

Please ask your students **NOT** to pack anything that:

- Advertises alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs.
- Explicitly or implicitly promotes racism, sexism, or hatred of any group or person.
- Explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual actions, immorality or situations.
- Is sleeveless, has spaghetti/small straps, or an open back, except for sleepwear. This includes tank tops.
- Is excessively short or tight fitting.

Please ask your students to:

- Wear modest shorts (when hands are extended to the back or the front, fingertips must touch fabric).
- Wear closed-toe and closed heel shoes while at ministry sites.
- Wear modest shorts, pants, jeans, or dresses for worship. Dresses with spaghetti or small straps, open backs, and excessively short lengths are unacceptable (when hands are extended to the back or front, finger tips must touch fabric).
- Not dress in a way that calls attention to their underwear (sagging your pants, rolling down your waistband, etc.) or wear pants or shorts with lettering on the bottom.
- Bring a dark t-shirt in case of being around water games (mostly Children's Ministry).
- Adult leaders have the responsibility of modeling and monitoring their group to ensure students are dressing appropriately.
- **FRIDAY FUN DAY SWIM clothes: 1-piece swimsuit/ tankini or Dark t-shirt over tops. No speedoes or loose fitting bathing suits (there will be tubing at high speeds).**

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Sunday

3:00 PM Registration begins at Elkdale Baptist Church
4:30 PM Supper at Elkdale
5:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings
7:30 PM Opening Celebration
8:45 PM Late Night Snack
9:30 PM UNITED Staff/Youth Leaders Meeting
(at least 1 Representative from each church)
10:00PM Church Debrief
11:00PM In Rooms
11:30PM Lights Out

Monday-Wednesday

7:15 AM Breakfast at Elkdale
7:50 AM Morning Celebration
8:30 AM Leave for Ministry Sites

- Group A Summerfield Baptist VBS
- Group B Valley Creek Apartments VBS
- Group C Elkdale Preschool Kids Camp/ Selma Area Food Bank
- Group D Basketball Camp at Ellwood Christian Academy
- Group E Meadowview Christian Football Camp
- Group F Felix Heights Apartments Kickball Outreach (4:45-5:45PM)

9:00 AM Arrive at Ministry Sites
12:15PM Arrive Back at Elkdale/Lunch/Free Time
2:30 PM Discipleship Training
#3:30PM Tuesday – Prayer walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge
4:30 PM Leave for *Felix Heights Apartments Outreach
6:00 PM Supper
7:30 PM Evening Celebration (Open to the Public)
8:30 PM Late Night Snack
9:00 PM Church Debrief
10:00PM UNITED Staff/Youth Leaders Meeting
(at least 1 Representative from each church)
10:30PM In Rooms
11:00PM Lights Out

EVENING CELEBRATION THEMES

Sunday:

What is our mission?

Monday:

Why has God saved us?

Tuesday: Prayer night -Who do we need to reach?

Wednesday: How has God fueled us?

Thursday: Celebration! Begin a Movement

Thursday

7:15 AM	Breakfast at Elkdale
7:50 AM	Morning Celebration
8:30 AM	Leave for Ministry Sites
9:00 AM	Arrive at Ministry Sites
1:00 PM	Arrive Back at Elkdale/Free Time
3:30 PM	Prep for Community Outreach
4:45 PM	Community Outreach* Felix Heights Apartments, Valley Creek & Summerfield Baptist Family nights
7:30 PM	Evening Celebration (Open to the Public)
9:00 PM	Church Debrief
10:00PM	UNITED Staff/Youth Leaders Meeting (at least 1 Representative from each church)
10:30PM	In Rooms
11:00PM	Lights Out

Friday

8:00 AM	Breakfast at Elkdale
9:30 AM	Leave for Fun Day- Holy Ground Battlefield Park
3:00 PM	Return to Elkdale -Camp End

Parents!

Thanks for considering being a part of this great week! We ask especially for your prayers and support, BUT if you can serve once or twice this week, the next page details some of the ways you can serve.

IF you want to serve with students please give me a call! For safety reasons, all of our adults that serve with students will have background checks and a child protection seminar. This can be done within a few days.

Please let me know if you can do any of these and serve UNITED with us!

Jonathan (JB) Brown 334-796-1269

Student & Education Pastor

Elkdale Baptist Church

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Serving Opportunities for Adults

For more info contact: Ashley Potvin 334-872-3456

- 1) **Chaperones for students** - We will separate same-church students (based on students choosing their missions sites and having at least 2 students from each church, as best we can) and we ask that the chaperones do the same and choose the sites where God has gifted them. Adults can serve and lead alongside of students...not necessarily with their own church kids but with the UNITED ministry sites.

We ask that ALL WEEK each church have at least 1 adult male for 6 boys and 1 adult female for 6 girls.

Each site will have 1 adult Site leader, at least 2 adult chaperones (one, possibly being a driver), and 8-10 students in 7-12th grades. All adults age 19+ will require State & National background checks to work with minors in any capacity during this week.

- 2) **Sponsor and serve on a breakfast, lunch or dinner team.**

Lunch sponsors: Wide Open for your church to plug in!

Dinner sponsors: (2023) Sunday-CSUMC; Monday- FBC Selma; Tuesday- Cornerstone Pres; Wednesday-Elkdale. Contact Sylvia Odom 412-2338 to schedule your church or Sunday School to host a meal.

- 3) **Serve as hall monitors** during the day when students return from missions sites on Elkdale Campus.

- 4) **Extra adults can serve on all mission sites.** We would ask that the adult stay at 1 mission site ALL WEEK to build Christ-like loving relationships with the families of the community that attend and with our students. State & National background checks are required for adults.

- 5) **We welcome all adults and students to come and worship with us at night.** Worship geared towards the students will be held 7:30pm-9:00pm every night in the Elkdale Sanctuary. The Bible will be preached passionately & the hearers will be challenged to become doers of God's Word.

Individual Registration

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Ministry Team Choices -

Please rank your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Ministry Team choice to serve with during UNITED For The City. We will try to place you in your ministry team based on the location you choose and the order you have given us.

Children's/ Sports Ministry- (5 Teams)

For 2024, UNITED has combined the best of backyard Bible club and Sports camps. These ministry teams will go into local neighborhoods to do backyard Bible clubs with the children. Activities will include Bible stories, arts and crafts, music and dance, outdoor games, WATER GAMES, food, and some much need attention and love for these children.

- ___ VBS Summerfield Baptist (Ryan Skiebe, 9a-12p)
- ___ VBS Valley Creek Apartments (Lee Tate, 9a-12p)
- ___ Basketball Camp at Ellwood Christian Academy (Rand Smith, 9a-12p)
- ___ Football Camp at Meadowview Christian School (John Treherne, 9a-12p)
- ___ Kickball Outreach at Felix Heights Apartments (JB Brown, 4:45-5:45pm)

Social Ministry- (1 Team)

These students will partner with the Selma Area Food Bank (SAFB) and Elkdale Baptist in Selma. They will encourage and serve with preschoolers at Elkdale's WeeKid Camp.

- ___ Elkdale Baptist WeeKid Camp/SAFB (Michele Dyson, 9a-12p)

Please fill out and return by _____ Total Cost: \$100 Deposit paid: _____

NAME: _____ [] 2nd Year of UNITED? Adult T-shirt Size: _____
Grade Completed: _____ Date of Birth: / / _____ Male Female _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: Zip: _____ Phone #: _____
Parent/Guardian Names: _____ Phone #: _____
Church: _____

UNITED 2024 INDIVIDUAL RELEASE FORM – JULY 14-19

Note: All participants (students and chaperones) must have 1 completed participant form and have it **notarized** to be eligible to participate in United 2024. Students under 18 years of age must have the signature of a parent.
ALL SELECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETE FOR ELIGIBILITY. Return this form to your group leaders as soon as possible.
Student Ministers/Group Leaders: Bring **ONE notarized copy** of this document to registration and keep a **photocopy** for yourself to have with you in case of emergency at camp. In addition, **Attach a photocopy of insurance card.**

Participant Name: _____ Date of Birth / / Age Sex Grade completed _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Church _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

In case of an emergency notify: Name _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone Numbers – Home: () Work: () Mobile: ()

Medical Profile

Generally, the participant's health is: (Check one) Excellent Good Fair Poor

If **Fair** or **Poor**, please explain your condition: _____

List any medical difficulties for which you are CURRENTLY being treated: _____

List any medicines or substances to which you are ALLERGIC: _____

List any previous operations or serious illnesses: _____

List any medication you are CURRENTLY taking: _____

List any special diet or special needs: _____

Date of **Tetanus Immunization** ___/___/___

Family Physician: _____ Physician's Phone Number: () _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy or Group #: _____

Subscriber Name: _____ Subscriber Number: _____ Work Phone: _____

Employment: _____ Subscriber Occupation: _____

Permission For Medical Treatment, Photograph/Video Notice, and Release and Indemnity

My permission is granted for the camp or event director, church official, any camp or event staffer, or adult present or in charge of first aid, to obtain necessary medical attention in case of sickness or injury to me or my child. Also, I understand that as a Participant, I or my child may be photographed or videotaped during normal camp activities, and these photos/videos may be used in promotional materials. I, the undersigned, do hereby verify that the above information is correct, and I do hereby release and forever discharge Elkdale Baptist Church, its Officers and Directors, all of its agents, employees, including the United 2024 staff, the venues we are located at throughout the week, and the camp or event sponsors ("Released Parties") from any and all claims, costs, demands, actions or causes of action, past, present or future arising out of any damage or injury in connection with my or my child's participation in this camp or event. I agree to indemnify the Released Parties for any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, costs, suits or causes of action, past, present, or future, arising out of or caused by myself or by my child while participating in this camp or event or while on property leased or owned by any of the Released Parties. **Assumption of Risk** – I am aware of the risks associated with participation in the above event and do hereby voluntarily assume full responsibility for any risk of loss, property damage or personal injury, including death, that may result from participation in event activities. **Understanding** – I represent and acknowledge that I have completely read and understand this document and all its terms and all matters referred to herein, and I signed voluntarily as my free act and deed, that I have had an ample opportunity to obtain the advice of counsel and that, by signing this document, I understand that I am relinquishing legal rights and remedies that may have otherwise been available to me. I understand that this Waiver and Release shall be construed as broadly and inclusively as is permitted by applicable law and agree that if any portion of this document is held invalid, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect. To the extent the restriction on filing lawsuits is deemed unlawful, I agree to submit any Claims to a Christian conciliation/ arbitration organization for binding resolution. **Copy to Camp Venue** – It is understood and agreed that a copy of this form shall be treated as authentic and binding as the original and that a copy of the same shall be provide to camp venue.

---Please complete and sign below (participants who are minors per your state statute require Parent/Legal Guardian signature) –

Participant's signature (only if 18 years of age or older): _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Phone: () _____ Date: ___/___/___

Notary Acknowledgement: State of _____ County of _____ On _____ before me, _____, Notary Public, personally appeared _____ who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the state that the forgoing paragraph is true and correct.
Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary signature: _____ My commission expires: _____

Individual Special Needs & Request Form

Parents please help us!

This form is to help keep track of your student if they need to leave campus for some reason: practice, doctor' appt., etc.



STUDENT NAME

PARENT NAME & PHONE #

Special Needs:

(Handicap, Food Allergies, Dietary Needs, Medicine Taken & times, etc)

Special Requests:

(Please put Jordan & Jim at the same Ministry Site/ Will has before Breakfast MA Football Practice; He is driving himself/ etc.)