

State of Radiate

the Digital Guide



RADIATE
STUDENTS

A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHIP:

It's another year of student ministry, which means another opportunity to look forward to all that God has in store for Radiate Students in the new year. We are excited for you to join us this year as we disciple students to truly KNOW, LIVE, and SHARE the Gospel.

This past year our staff sat together for two days to discuss what our driving theme and vision would be. We are excited to share with you that it is found in 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In these verses we see that God prioritizes the process, not just the end result. The process that Radiate Students will focus on this year is to EQUIP students. The person who is equipped to follow Jesus is the person who is becoming like Jesus.

[EQUIP]

TO KNOW, LIVE & SHARE THE GOSPEL

To equip means to prepare, train, renew, and complete.

Prepared by the word daily:

»The nets James and John prepared in Matthew 4:21-22 were preparing them for the next day's fishing. We prepare so that we are equipped for future service.

Trained to be like Jesus:

»Luke 6:40 points to the fact that when we are equipped to follow Jesus, we are being trained to grow more in the likeness of Jesus.

Renewed for God's service:

»Sin has broken our relationship with Jesus, but Isaiah 40:31 tells us that Jesus renews our faith when our hope and equipping is in the Lord.

Made complete by God:

»1 John 4:16-17 shows us that it is through Christ's love in us that we are made complete and therefore equipped for his service.

As always, it is a blessing to be a part of your student's spiritual equipping process. It is also a joy to walk alongside your family during these developing years. Thank you for allowing us to be a part, and we look forward to all the amazing ministry God has for us in this next year for all Radiate Students.

In Christ,
Chip Paul

THE VISION:

Mobilize students to know, live, and share the Gospel.



WHO ARE WE?

A community of students following Jesus and loving others

We live in a world that is constantly changing. Some of these changes we like, and some we do not. Radiate Students exists to lead students to an everlasting, godly change. Radiate believes that godly change happens when one turns away from their worldly desires, which are never satisfying and always changing, and allows God to change their heart and mind toward his desires and plans for their life. This spiritual change allows us to be fully guided by God and his Word through our lives as we radiate the love of God in this world.



CORE ACTIVITIES:

Radiate has three core, recurring activities that help us accomplish our vision for reaching students in our community throughout the year: LifeGroups, MDWK, and Small Groups. We also offer various special events and activities for guys and girls, for Middle and High School, and even for specific grades. Our website and social media are great places to keep up with everything going on in Radiate Students.

Middle School Girls: Savannah at sbloodworth@burnthickory.com

Middle School Guys: Chip Paul at cpaul@burnthickory.com

High School Girls: Katie Meriwether at kmeriwether@burnthickory.com

High School Guys: Eli Laughlin at elalaughlin@burnthickory.com

Click below to stay up to date with all that's going on at Radiate Student Ministry:

[Events & Activities](#)



LIFEGROUPS

LifeGroups are a grade specific time of interactive Bible teaching on Sunday mornings.

Beginning with hangout time in the Radiate Café for announcements, we break out into classrooms for teaching and small group discussion. This is one of our core discipleship opportunities for students. LifeGroups meet at 9:30 & 11 AM.

[Join a LifeGroup](#)



RADIATE MDWK

MDWK is a large group student worship environment in the Radiate Auditorium.

Middle School begins at 6:15 PM followed by small groups until 7:30, and High School begins at 7:15 PM.

Students may hang out in the Radiate Café or on the back lawn when they are not in worship. Light refreshments are available to purchase in the Café beginning at 5:30 PM. After the Middle School MDWK, many students will hang out in the Radiate Café, on the back lawn, or play basketball in the gym until 8:30 PM.

[Radiate MDWK](#)



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are gatherings of students throughout the community for biblical application and discipleship. They are a core focus of our student ministry. If your student has been feeling disconnected, this is the perfect place to find new friends, grow in their faith, and build relationships with our Radiate leaders and staff. Click to find a group.

[Find a Small Group](#)

2023 HAPPENINGS



RUN FOR THE SON 5K/10K

FEBRUARY 4

The 2023 Run for the Son 5K/10K is an in-person race, or you can sponsor without running the race (we call this a Phantom Sponsor). All runners will receive a long sleeve t-shirt, a finisher's medal, and swag bag of promotional items from our sponsors.

This event is a student mission trip fundraiser for all students in grades 7-11 interested in going on the 2024 Summer Mission Trip.

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[Student Volunteer](#)



DNOW23

MARCH 24-26

DiscipleNow is a weekend where small groups of Middle and High School students come together for Bible study, fellowship, and learning about becoming a disciple of Christ. Separated by grade and gender, students will be placed in groups with their peers throughout the weekend where they will do Bible studies, play games, eat together, and be discipled. We will experience four large-group worship events, four small-group sessions, and a large-group recreation time. Registration opens February 8.

Cost: \$75 by March 8 / \$100 starting March 9

[DNOW Info Hub](#)

[Adult Volunteer](#)

Parents and Volunteers:

This weekend cannot happen without you, and we are asking for your help in the following areas:

- **Group Sponsor:** we will have groups meeting throughout our campus for meals and small group sessions. Students will simply go home at the end of each day and spend the night in their own homes. We are asking the adult LifeGroups of our church to “adopt” a group or two (for example 9th grade girls) and give that small group a unique and meaningful DNOW experience.
- **Group Host:** Each group will have a Group Host that will be in the room over the weekend, hosting the group physically in person. We are asking for Radiate LifeGroup leaders for this role, or someone from an adult LifeGroup may be interested in signing up for this.
- **Food Services:** set up and serve at one or more of the following meal-times at the church – Friday dinner, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast
- **Recreation:** help with set-up, facilitate games, monitor students, and maintain high energy on Saturday
- **Registration:** register and check-in students on Friday night and Saturday morning

If you would like to discuss serving or have questions about DNOW, please contact Katie Meriwether (kmeriwether@burnthickory.com).



STUDENT MISSIONS AUCTION

APRIL 22

Our auction is an in-person Silent and Live Auction where people from the church and our community bid on items for sale and enjoy a delicious meal. The event provides the opportunity to raise significant funds for the 2024 Student Mission trip. Fundraising requirements and deadlines can be found on our website or contact Janet Allison for more details (jallison@burnthickory.com).

Time: 5-8 PM

Cost: \$18/Adults, \$8/Children

[Adult Volunteer](#)



SENIOR SUNDAY

MAY 7

Graduation is sooner than you realize! Radiate wants to be a part of celebrating this incredible milestone and thank our students for their involvement in our ministry, so each year we host a whole day to honor you and your parents. We'll have for breakfast in LifeGroup, a recognition in the Sunday morning services, and a banquet at 6:30 PM. Listen in LifeGroup for more details. Contact Maria Thomas for more information.

[Contact Maria](#)



BEACH CAMP - MS & HS

JUNE 19-23

Join us as we head to Myrtle Beach to worship, sit under some incredible teaching, and enjoy building friendships. Think of this as an incredible way to reach out to your friends that would usually join you at the beach, but now they have the chance to hear the saving gospel of Jesus.

Cost: \$400/Flash Sale on March 26, \$450/March 27-May 7 or all space filled

[Adult Chaperone Signup](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

Lookout for more events in the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2023: Girls and Guys Hangouts, LifeGroup Parties, MS Move Missions, Summer Bible Studies and Hangouts, Senior Lake Trip, Back to School Bash, and much more!

CONNECT. SERVE. LEAD. GO.



THE DREAM TEAM

We believe every student has the potential to be a leader, but it requires training, accountability, and-most importantly-an opportunity to step into a leadership role.

The Dream Team will provide the opportunity for students to lead among their peers, both here on our campus and out in their community. Contact Savannah at sbloodworth@burnthickory.com.

[Contact Savannah](#)



RADIATE GO/GIVE

Engaging in the mission of the church has been a foundational part of Radiate Students from the beginning. The goal has been to train up disciples that serve others and share the good news of Jesus. You can be involved in missions every single semester. Keep up-to-date on various opportunities by checking our Facebook, Instagram, and weekly news email.

[Event Schedule](#)



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The opportunities are many: from stepping in to serve in our Radiate Café, helping cook, and checking in students at events, to being a Group Host for DNOW or chaperoning on trips. We would LOVE to have you be involved!

Sign up tonight on the Adult Volunteer Form, click one of the buttons, or email Katie at kmeriwether@burnhickory.com.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL VOLUNTEER: SPECIAL EVENTS OR INQUIRIES

For those of you that want to be involved but cannot commit to a regular position, you may be contacted from time to time for various opportunities like our bigger events or special Sunday morning breakfasts. You may also just be curious what is out there for you to be involved in. Contact: Katie Meriwether

[Sign up!](#)

[Email Katie](#)

CAFÉ WORKERS: SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will work with your schedule to be added to a rotation. Working the café involves selling candy, soft-drinks, and biscuits on Sunday mornings or sandwiches on Wednesday nights, and providing a pleasant attitude while interacting with students and their families. Contact: Stephania Abney

[Sign up!](#)

[Email Stephania](#)

TALKBACK GROUP LEADERS: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

You may be interested in a teaching or mentorship role in the lives of students but cannot commit to Sunday mornings. We would love to have you jump in on Wednesday nights or throughout the week in a small group, facilitating biblical conversation as you unpack the messages with middle school students. Contact: Savannah Bloodworth

[Sign up!](#)

[Email Savannah](#)

TECH TEAM: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

You may be interested in a more behind-the-scenes role like running slides for lyrics and sermon notes, learning how to run lights, assisting in the sound booth or even taking photos. Let us know, and we can help get you connected! Contact: Maria Thomas

[Sign up!](#)

[Email Maria](#)



PARENT INFO

Stay Connected!

One of the best ways to help your student be connected is for you to be connected. We do our best to help you through Facebook, Instagram, and a weekly email blast! Email mthomas@burnthickory.com for details on how to stay in communication with what is going on in Radiate.

Be Informed!

We have curated a Parent Resource page on our website to walk alongside you as you parent your student. From social media to college prep to doubt, you will find practical tips for raising a godly student. Our team has also developed family discipleships tools and conversation guides to help you build spiritual depth.

[Parent Resources](#)

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STAY IN THE KNOW!

Weekly Email:

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Text Reminders:

[Sign me up!](#)



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