

TO BE FOUND

Faithful

Dawson Student Ministry

DNOW 2024

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Dawson's DNOW is a community event where small groups of middle and high school students come together for a weekend of intentional Bible study, worship, small group discussions, service projects, late night activities, and learning about how to be a disciple of Christ. The theme this year is TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL where our students will learn what it looks like to faithfully follow Jesus.

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Please note that there are some items that we need back ASAP.

1. **Medical Release Form:**

We need a medical release form for every student. If your form is less than a year old, you will not need to do it again. The medical release form can be found at: <https://dawson.churchcenter.com/people/forms/191581>.

2. **DEFY Waiver (all middle school students):**

Middle school students must complete this waiver to participate in the Friday late night activity: [CLICK HERE for the DEFY waiver](#)

3. **Time Away Form:**

If your student needs to leave DNOW at any point, fill out the time away form online at: <https://www.dawsonchurch.org/dnowtimeaway>.

4. **Medication Form** (optional if your student requires medication):

A copy of this form is included at the end of this packet. You will print and bring this form, along with medication, to your host home on Friday, January 12.

THE SCHEDULE

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00-7:15 p.m. Mandatory DNOW Host Home Night
Students come to the FRC to find out their host home, expectations, and to make plans for the weekend. All information for DNOW will be provided on this night and not before this night.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 p.m. Arrive at Host Home
6:30 p.m. Doors Open
6:45 p.m. Session 1 Worship
8:30 p.m. Middle School Late Night/ High School Discussion Groups at Dawson
9:15 p.m. Dismiss to High School Late Night
10:00 p.m. Middle School Dismiss to Homes
10:30 p.m. Middle School Discussion Groups
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m. Breakfast in Homes
9:00 a.m. Devotion Time in Homes
9:45 a.m. Doors Open
10:00 a.m. Session 2 Worship
11:15 a.m. Discussion Groups on Campus
11:45 a.m. Lunch in Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Service Projects
3:30 p.m. Free Time
5:00 p.m. Session 3 Worship
6:30 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall | Senior Dinner at Eldridges
7:30 p.m. Middle School in the FRC to hang out
High School in homes for grade level hangouts
9:00 p.m. Discussion Groups in homes
Pack/Shower/Clean up
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30 a.m. Arrive at Dawson/luggage in classrooms
9:45 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Group Picture
11:00 a.m. Worship

PACKING LIST

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WHAT TO BRING

- Bible (We know that many students use the Bible app on their phones but ask that you please bring a physical copy of God's word. If you do not have a Bible, we will gladly give you one!)
- Pens
- We will provide a booklet for taking notes
- Pillow and sleeping bag or air mattress
- Towel (your host home cannot provide towels for all guests, please pack this)
- Toiletries (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Comfortable, modest clothes and shoes for worship, free time, and hanging out at your host home. Students will be active and possibly outdoors for part of the weekend. Check the weather and wear comfortable and weather appropriate clothes. Layers are always a good idea.
- Jacket or hoodie
- Medication, if needed
- Snacks to share
- Clothes for your Saturday service project (closed toe shoes, clothes to work in outside/potential painting jobs). You will find out your specific needs for your service project on Host Home night.
- Anything you might need for free time on Saturday (You will discuss this with your leaders on Wednesday night. This might include a frisbee, football, money for a pit stop, etc.)
- Students may bring a cell phone. However, we are asking students not to use them during worship, recreation, small groups, etc. (see more information about cell phones on pages 8-9).

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Electronics such as iPads, gaming devices, laptops, etc.
- Drugs, alcohol, juuls, firearms, knives, etc.
- Anything you would get in trouble for at school, home, or with the law. A general rule is that if you think it might be inappropriate, it probably is. When in doubt, leave it out.

*We are not responsible for anything lost or stolen.

THEME

TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL

Each Discipleship Now weekend we pick a theme to focus on, and this year our theme is TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL. God is faithful to us. This means he is constant in loving us and created a way for us to be in relationship with him through his son, Jesus. God's faithfulness, or his consistent character, allows us to trust he will always be who he says he is. Because of God's love for us, we can turn and trust in God through faith. Our faithfulness as followers of Jesus relies first and foremost on God's love for us.

If you have placed your faith in Jesus, you have been called to live a life that honors God. When we trust God's ways above our own and live out our faith, this is when we are found faithful. This weekend, our hope is that you see God's faithfulness to you, trust in him, and lay down your own ways to take up God's ways for your life! In our three sessions we will progress through what it means to be faithful to God, faithful to each other, and faithful on mission.

SPEAKER

CHRIS BROOKS

Chris Brooks is the Lead Pastor of Local Church, a house church network in the Nashville area. He is part of equipping and encouraging ordinary people into extraordinary discipleship because we have an extraordinary God.

Chris earned a Master of Divinity from Beeson Divinity School and a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation from Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Brooks is married to Audrey, and they have four children. He's also a competitive popcorn eater, paper cut survivor, and an award-winning unpublished author.

Chris is no stranger to Dawson. He was the worship pastor during DSM's Back-to-School Retreat in 2022, so we are excited to have him back to speak to our students for DNOW.

BAND

ANDREW MORRIS

WORSHIP

Andrew is the Worship Pastor at FBC Trussville, Alabama. A graduate of Samford University, Andrew was a Religion major with a concentration in leadership and organization. He leads the contemporary worship team at FBCT, mentoring and leading those who serve in the Student Ministry and in the Contemporary Worship Service on Sundays.

Andrew has a tremendous heart for worship, but when he's not leading worship, he loves to write music and play basketball.

FRIDAY LATE NIGHT

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HIGH SCHOOL LATE NIGHT

JANUARY 12 | 9:30-11:00 p.m.

Join us at Vestavia Bowl - We've rented the whole bowling alley, and we can't wait for an hour and a half of unlimited bowling! Don't forget your socks for bowling shoes. Late night food will be provided!

1429 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills AL

MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHT

JANUARY 12 | 8:30-10:30 p.m.

DEFY=Middle School Late Night. We've got the whole place to ourselves!! Wear your flight gear (comfortable and modest, no midriffs) to the first service, and join us and 200 of your closest friends at DEFY (6009 Tattersall Drive, Birmingham AL 35242). We'll bring some late night food!

You must fill out this waiver to participate: [CLICK HERE](#) for the waiver

SERVICE PROJECTS

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1:30-3:30pm

We live in a wonderful city where God is working in and through so many people already! This year at DNOW, we are serving alongside Birmingham ministries who currently serve various populations in our city. We have 12 incredible partners who we will send our students out to serve with on Saturday.

Almost each group is divided by grade and gender. Students should come prepared on Saturday to work outside and potentially get dirty. Closed-toe shoes are required at every site. Below is a list of ministries that each grade/gender will be working with. At Host Home night, each student will receive a full overview of their service opportunity for the weekend.

GIRLS		GUYS	
6 th	Morningside Senior Living	6 th	Yard Work for Seniors/Homebound
7 th	Lovelady Center https://www.loveladycenter.org/	7 th	Renew Birmingham https://renewbham.org/
8 th	The Leaf Food Pantry https://www.theleafpantry.org/	8 th	Royal Divinity w/Restored Sight Church https://royaldivinity.org/
9 th	Grace Klein https://gracekleincommunity.com/		
10 th	Garrett's Place https://www.garrettsplace.org/	10 th	Urban Purpose https://www.urbanpurpose.org/
11 th	Be Kind Birmingham https://bekindbirmingham.org Night to Shine timtebowfoundation.org	11 th	Jimmie Hale https://jimmiehalemission.com/
12 th	Restoration Academy https://www.restorationacademy.org/		

HELPFUL INFO

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1. What is expected of me during DNOW?

Come with a heart prepared to learn and grow closer to God. Be a friend to others—opportunities will arise. Enjoy being involved with the different activities and choose to have a positive attitude. Be a servant as you look for ways to engage others. Respect your leaders as well as the host home, church building, and community where you spend this weekend. Be attentive during small group sessions and worship experiences. Come expecting to hear the Lord speak into your life.

2. What is the set up for host homes?

Dawson leaders and families have graciously opened their homes and will provide an open space for Bible study and sleeping. Host homes will provide specific guidelines about their home at DNOW Registration Night, Wednesday, January 10.

Most homes average between 8-15 students, at least two small group leaders, and of course, the host home family members! During small group time, the small group leaders will facilitate discussions based on Scripture and what we are learning during the worship sessions. Students will also share meals and free time with their small group and move throughout the weekend together.

3. Can I change my host home?

Students have been placed in a specific home for a specific reason. Changing or swapping homes with another person is not an option.

4. What about cell phones?

Students can bring their cell phones. Phones will not be allowed out during worship or small groups. At any time, their small group leader has the authority to take a student's phone for inappropriate use, whether that is distracting others, themselves, or viewing inappropriate content. Phones can be held for the duration of the weekend at the

discretion of the Student Ministry Staff. Each night at “lights out,” students will turn in their cell phones to their small group leader. Dawson is not responsible for any damage or lost property. We ask that all other electronics such as iPads, gaming devices, etc. are left at home.

5. What if I need to leave DNOW for a while? Can I take my car?

The time-away card is a must for necessary leaving. It requires that you notify leadership at the beginning of DNOW and that you have parent approval. If you need to leave at any point, please fill out our online time-away form here: <https://www.dawsonchurch.org/dnowtimeaway>. Students who drive will give their keys to their small group leader at the beginning of the weekend. The leader will return keys when the student needs to leave. However, it would be best for parents to drop off students at host homes at the start of the weekend.

6. How late can I stay up?

You need to sleep long enough to wake up the next morning with a positive attitude and a productive mindset for the duration of the day. Consequently, lights will be out by midnight—you will need to sleep! Please be considerate of your host homes and your leaders.

7. What will I eat?

You will eat great food all weekend long! See the end of the Info Packet (page 12) for specific meals and instructions for food allergies and sensitivities.

8. What is the plan for Sunday morning?

Wear your DNOW shirt. Prepare to leave your host home when you come to Dawson on Sunday morning. Pack all your things as DNOW concludes with the 11:00 a.m. service. Tidy up your host home before leaving. When you arrive at Dawson, drop off your luggage in your Life Group room and go to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy breakfast.

HELP YOUR STUDENT PREPARE

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It is important to understand your role while your student prepares to spend the weekend with us. You can be a great influence in helping your student have the best experience possible.

1. We ask that you pray with and for your student daily in these days leading up to and during DNOW weekend. Ask God to move in your student's life and ask that their heart be open to the things God plans to teach them. Pray for the leaders and volunteers serving students this weekend. Pray for the DSM staff as we prepare for the weekend.
2. Talk to your student about coming to DNOW with a Christ-like attitude and behavior. Students will be required to repair, replace, and/or clean up anything damaged during the weekend. Encourage your student to respect their volunteer host home and leaders. It is never our desire to send a student home; however, we want the focus of the weekend to be about being and becoming more like Christ.
3. Check your student's luggage before leaving. Be aware of what they are bringing to DNOW.
4. Sign up ([click here for the SignUp Genius link](#)) to help in one of the many volunteer roles throughout the weekend. We are able to provide DNOW weekend to students because of our team of amazing volunteers!
5. When your student returns home, be aware that they will be physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted. We know you want to hear everything! It may be helpful to give them a chance to get a good night's sleep before getting all the details. Give them a chance to clear their head and be at their best for you.

Quick-guide to the Schedule:

Wednesday, January 10 | 6:00-7:15 p.m. | FRC | Host Home Night

Friday, January 12 | 5:30 p.m. | drop off at Host Home

Sunday, January 14 | 11:00 a.m. | DNOW ends at conclusion of worship

FOOD

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FRIDAY NIGHT | JANUARY 12

Students should eat something before arriving at their host home at 5:30 p.m. on Friday night. We will serve food at the late night activities, but those don't start until 8:30 p.m.

- High School Late Night: Pizza and drinks at Vestavia Bowl
- Middle School Late Night: Pizza and drinks at DEFY Trampoline Park

SATURDAY MORNING | JANUARY 13

Host homes will provide breakfast for students. Breakfast will vary by host home.

SATURDAY LUNCH | JANUARY 13

At 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, we will serve Chick-fil-a sandwiches, chips, apple slices, and cookies along with water and soft drinks.

SATURDAY DINNER | JANUARY 13

Starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will serve burgers from Sam's Deli along with a salad bar, chips, dessert, soft drinks, and water.

Our seniors will enjoy a dinner catered from Costa's at the Eldridge home.

SUNDAY MORNING | JANUARY 14

Starting at 9:45 a.m. students will come to the Fellowship Hall where Amy Turnbow and her wonderful team have prepared a warm breakfast for all our students and leaders. Breakfast will be sausage biscuits, cinnamon rolls, apple slices, chocolate milk, juice and coffee.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We have done our best to provide a variety of healthy options for students to enjoy throughout the weekend. If your student is unable to eat any of the food options listed above, you may drop off a meal for them 15-30 minutes before mealtimes. We ask that students stay on campus for meal times.

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DAWSON STUDENT MINISTRY

Medication Form – DNOW 2024

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

It is the parents' discretion if the student or an adult leader should keep medication for both Middle School and High School students. However, we need you to complete and turn in the Medication Form even if your student will keep their medication.

1. Print this form.
2. List all routine medications that need to be administered while at camp.
3. Sign this form and bring this form along with medication to check-in at your host home on Friday, January 12. You will give the form to your host home or small group leaders.

DRUG	DOSE	AM/PM/PRN	REFRIGERATE?

PLEASE SIGN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

The information listed on this form is correct and complete. I hereby give permission for Dawson Student Ministry adults and staff to administer the medications as directed above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information listed on this form is correct and complete. I hereby give permission for my child to keep and administer the medications as directed above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____