

North Carolina Baptist Assembly

2026 Youth Week at Fort Caswell

The Dates

Our reservations are for July 27th – 31st. We will leave in the early morning of Monday, July 27th, and return late in the evening on Friday, July 31st.

The Program

The Youth week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly is a week of Bible study, worship, and fellowship for youth in middle school and high school. College students are welcome if space is available. The worship services and Bible studies are geared to building up the faith of Christian teenagers.



The 2026 camp theme is “SHINE”, and the theme verse is Daniel 12:3.

“Those who have insight will shine like the bright expanse of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

SHINE emphasizes the importance of shining for Jesus in a culture filled with darkness. It showcases how Daniel and his friends remain steadfast in their faith despite being surrounded by a society that pressures them to conform. Students will learn how they can live in the culture without conforming to the culture. Each character and story highlight God’s sovereignty and power as He controls the fate of nations and individuals, reminding us that no matter the darkness, God’s light will prevail.

During the week, youth will participate in personal quiet times, large- and small-group Bible studies, large group celebrations, recreation, creative worship, and church group devotions.

The primary worship leader for the week is the Rev. Andrew Hopper, lead pastor at Mercy Hill Church in Greensboro, NC. Mercy Hill was launched in 2012 by a group of 30 faithful individuals. By God’s grace, the church has seen rapid growth and sending!

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Prior to Mercy Hill, Andrew spent 5 years at the Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, NC, during which he



earned a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Andrew served as a campus pastor under his friend and mentor J.D. Greear, and Andrew's desire to plant a church came directly from the Summit's vision to plant 1,000 churches in a generation.

Who Can Come

The youth weeks at Caswell are open to middle and high school students. To attend, a student must have completed the 6th grade. College students may attend if space is available.

The Place

The North Carolina Baptist Assembly is located at Caswell Beach, about 30 miles south of Wilmington, NC where the Cape Fear River enters the Atlantic Ocean. The camp is self-contained, located on the site of an old Army fort, hence the name, Fort Caswell.

Caswell is owned and operated by the Baptist State Convention. The weeks are planned and coordinated by the student ministry office of the Evangelism and Church Growth Team. Approximately 1,000 young people from across the state will be in attendance.

For more information about the NC Baptist Assembly, visit www.fortcaswell.com.

Lodging and Meals

This year, we will be staying in Paradise, a church group cottage which has space for up to thirty people, in roughly equal numbers of boys and girls.

Paradise has a kitchen and dining room, and we'll be cooking our own meals.

Chaperones

We have space, and funding, for 5 adults, including the pastor. This will yield a ratio of one adult for every 4-5 youth. In order to satisfy the requirements of the church's Child Safety Policy, we must have two adult chaperones of each gender.

Chaperones will be responsible for general oversight of the group. From among the chaperones, we will also need to organize our small group Bible study and our church group devotions.

Transportation

We will travel together on the church bus, and in other private vehicles as necessary. All driving will be done by the adult chaperones.

What to Wear

The Assembly brochure contains the following guideline concerning appropriate dress.

"The Assembly is not a beach resort but an instrument in projecting Christ to others. Dress at the Assembly should be appropriate with our Christian ideals and standards at all times. For any evening worship service, dress as you would in your local church. For recreation and free time, dress should be casual as activities dictate, but always in good taste."

Short pants and halter tops are considered inappropriate for evening worship. T-shirts that depict alcoholic beverages, drugs, or profanity are also prohibited. Girls are required to wear one-piece bathing suits.

The Schedule

There will be an opening worship service on Monday evening, and a closing service on Friday morning.

The basic daily schedule for Tuesday - Thursday is as follows:

Morning

Personal Devotions
"Wake-up Celebration" and Large-Group Bible Study
Small Group Bible Study

Afternoon

Free Time (see "recreation" below)

Evening

Worship
Church Group Devotions

Recreation

The Assembly provides a variety of recreational opportunities, including basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming (at the beach and in the outdoor pool) and fishing from the pier. The Fort Caswell R & R Building contains a snack bar and activities area. A miniature golf course is open in the late afternoons, and at night, after worship.

Safety

In the interest of making Caswell a safe and peaceful place for all visitors, the Assembly prohibits the following items:

Minibikes	Motorcycles	Skateboards
Music Boxes	Metal Detectors	Narcotics
Firearms	Fireworks	Pets
Alcoholic Beverages	Laser Pointers	

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

We will take basic first aid supplies. In the event of more serious injury or illness, rescue personnel from the Brunswick Co. Rescue squad will be summoned, and treatment provided at the hospital in Southport. The parent's signature on the Guest/Counselor Registration Form authorizes the Assembly personnel to administer appropriate medical treatment.

The Baptist State Convention requires that all participants complete and notarize a health form, authorizing emergency medical care. In addition, all youth must have a signed, completed Moyock Baptist health form on file. In the event of an illness or accident, every effort will be made to reach parents before medical attention is rendered.

Insurance provided by the Assembly and by the church will cover all participants during the week, both at the camp and in transit.

Qualified lifeguards are on duty at both the beach and the swimming pool during all recreational periods.

The Cost

The cost for the week is \$425.00.

Lodging	\$245.00
Food	\$75.00
Program Fee	\$80.00
Travel & Misc	\$30.00
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Total Cost	\$430.00

Youth will also want to bring some money for lunch on the road on Monday, and for personal expenses at the Snack Bar or Gift Shop.

Fund Raising

Proceeds from our annual dinner theatre are used to help youth participate in summer youth activities. Youth receive a portion of the proceeds to offset their expenses based on their level of participation in the dinner theatre event.

A number of youth have credits available to them from prior years. Contact the church office to see if this applies in your situation. Credits may be used to pay for the cost of the trip, but not as a substitute for the initial deposit (unless you have enough credits to pay for the whole trip!)

No youth will be excluded from the trip because of insufficient funds. Other opportunities to work at odd jobs, baby-sitting, and so on will be given to youth in need of earning extra income for the trip.

Moreover, we have scholarship money available for youth in need of financial assistance. Speak privately with the pastor if you need information about a scholarship.

Reservations

The registration deadline is Sunday, March 15th.

To reserve a space, fill out the form below, and return it to the church office. Or, complete the form on the church website under **Events/For Youth**.

After that, any spaces left will be made available to friends who attend other churches. Aside from this provision, reservations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis.

Deposits

A \$100.00 deposit must accompany reservation requests. If you must cancel, this deposit will be refunded only if someone else goes in your place, or we are able to cancel the reservation with Caswell.

Make checks payable to **Moyock Baptist Church**, or pay via credit or debit cards on the website.

Return the form below with your registration fee to reserve a spot at Caswell.

Reservation Form for Caswell

NAME OF YOUTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____