



The Compass Rose: The core of the logo is a compass rose. This is an allusion to the compass rose that forms the logo for the Central church of Christ. It is important that a youth group never feels completely separated from a congregation. Our students are members of the church as much as anyone else. While we do our own youth group things from time to time, one of our goals is to build intergenerational relationships with the rest of the congregation because we want our students to be connected to His church. The compass rose reflects that connection and unity.

The compass rose also represents direction. As Christians, we are trying to walk in the direction of Christ and, just like a compass, trying to point other people in that same direction. We have a purpose and a mission as a youth group, as the church, and as God's people.

The Four Rivers: If you look closely, you will see that the compass rose is composed of four rivers that flow into and out of the compass. This alludes to the four rivers that our foundational to our community here in Paducah (the Ohio, Tennessee, Cumberland, and Mississippi rivers). But the rivers also represent the transient nature of a youth group. We have students from all different backgrounds and demographics that have come together in our youth group and that is a tremendous blessing from God. After a few short years, those students will be swept away by life to new places, opportunities, and ministries. It is our hope and prayer that for the short time that they are a part of the Central Youth Group, that they will fall in love with Jesus, commit to a life of discipleship to Jesus, and be transformed by Jesus so that they are prepared for what is next in life after the youth group.

The Ripples: The compass rose is surrounded by three circles that look like ripples in water. Ripples represent change and transformation. We want every student that comes through the Central Youth Group to be changed and transformed by Jesus so that they can go out to change and transform the world for His Kingdom.

This is who we want to be as a youth group. My request is that you would pray for our youth group. Pray for our parents, that they will be strengthened and encouraged to lead their families closer to Jesus. Pray for our former youth group members who are in college, in the workforce, and away from home, that they would be faithful to Jesus and transform the world wherever God has placed them. Pray for our students in the youth group, that they would be transformed by Jesus, put Him on in baptism, and grow into leaders who point others to Jesus. Pray for our kids who are not yet in the youth group that they will never lose their awe for God and His world and that they will be the future leaders of the Central Youth Group.

Finally, please pray for me and Allison. It is an honor, and a dream come true to work with these kids and families, but we are imperfect and fail a lot. Thank you for honoring that request. I'm so excited to see what God has in store for our youth group and this congregation!