

DNOW 2025 – *Made For More*

Parents and Students,

DNOW is one of our most anticipated events of the year! We are excited and in prayer about what God is going to do. We are looking forward to a weekend of fun, games, food, service, fellowship, Bible study, and worship! During this weekend, students will worship in large corporate groups and be challenged spiritually by Jerrod Gunter. Students will also study Scripture and share what God is doing in their hearts during small group Bible study. All activities will take place at the host homes, the church campus, and at the service project site. Adult supervision will be provided for all activities.

Our goal for DNOW is to see students place their trust in Jesus Christ for the first time, to teach them to deny their fleshly desires, and to pursue Christ with an intentional heart. The theme is ***More***, so we will look at the idea that we are made for more than what this world has to offer!

Jake Clark
Student Pastor

In this packet are several items for you and your student to become familiar with:

- 1) The FAQ sheet provides you with helpful need-to-know information about *this year's* DNOW. Even if you have been to DNOW in the past, you still need to look at the FAQ form and take note of any relevant changes.
- 2) The Covenant of Growth exists to set some common guidelines for the weekend. Because we are asking God to move in our hearts, we want to come with the right attitude. We are asking both students and parents to read over the Covenant of Growth and understand the commitment that we are asking of you for **DNOW 2025**.
- 3) A schedule is provided for parents so that you will know where your student is throughout the weekend. Please know that this schedule is tentative and could be slightly adjusted throughout the weekend so that we can be sensitive to what God may do with us at DNOW.

Please feel free contact the church office by email at jclark@fbcob.org or by phone: 662-895-5481 if you have any questions or concerns about the weekend. My personal number is 501-231-7194.

Frequently Asked Questions

Time Away

-What is this all about? -If you have to leave at any time during the weekend, a time away card **must** be filled out and signed by a parent.

Packing

-What should I bring? -Need to Bring List: Bible, pen, bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, etc.), toiletry items, towel and wash cloth, casual clothes, and any snacks you need for the weekend. **Please bring a limited amount of luggage.** Remember it's only a weekend!

Drop-Off & Check-in

-Where do I GO on Friday? What TIME on Friday? -Students will NOT be allowed to enter the building on Friday until 6:00 pm! That is when the glass doors to the FLC lobby will open. This is where you will need to arrive on Friday to check-in. Then you will need to follow all of the registration procedures and instructions. After students have been checked in, they will head into the gym for the opening party!

-Do parents need to stay with their student? -Parents are encouraged to stay at the church until 6:30 pm on Friday if they would like to meet host home and small group leadership, but it is not required.

Housing

-Where will I stay? -Students will stay in host homes. For more specific information, please contact the church office. Host home parents are approved by church staff, required to be FBCOB church members, and have background checks.

Food

-Who will feed me? - Students will be fed at host homes and at the church during DNOW. **HOWEVER, THERE WILL NO DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT.** Which means you will need to get something for your child before you drop them off for orientation. There will be snacks at the church on Friday night after our first session. You are welcome to bring extra snacks, but it is not required.

Lanyards

-Do I have to wear my lanyard? - Students will receive their lanyard on Friday and must wear it at all times throughout the weekend. It will have your weekend schedule and will be your ticket to eat!

Covenant of Growth

Because I desire to grow through the opportunity of DNOW, I stand in agreement with and willingly submit to the following guidelines. I understand that violation of these guidelines could result in my immediate return home.

- 1) Students must dress appropriately and with Christian modesty in mind. No tight fitting apparel is permitted at any time (at church or in a host home). No clothing will be permitted that exposes your midriff area or promotes secular music groups, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or suggestive messages. *Definition of inappropriate attire is left to the discretion of DNOW leadership.*
- 2) Students MUST NOT use personal vehicles for any reason, or leave DNOW events without first contacting DNOW officials. You CANNOT drive your car during DNOW unless you have permission from church staff and fill out a time away card. Time away cards are available and must be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and submitted at the time of check-in.
- 3) Lights out means LIGHTS OUT. You need to be very quiet. Do not disturb those who actually want to sleep.
- 4) DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOST HOMES FOR ANY REASON unless you have permission from church staff or your host home leader. You cannot leave to get food, run errands, or to play a joke on someone. Help us keep you safe.
- 5) DNOW students must submit to the direction and supervision of the DNOW staff. They care about you and love you. Trust them this weekend.
- 6) Participants must wear name tags at all times.
- 7) Cell phones must always be on silent or turned off completely during times of worship and Bible study. Remember, the enemy will try hard to distract you from what God wants from you this weekend. Don't take your eyes off of the Lord. *Be aware that small group leaders can temporarily take up phones.*
- 8) While we know that most of you have secular music and videos on your phones and media devices, we ask that you refrain from participating in secular entertainment during DNOW. This includes the music you listen to, any television or videos that you may watch, and your internet activity for the weekend. Do not use the internet to access secular entertainment while at DNOW. We do not want to give easy access for anything to distract you during the weekend.
- 9) Fireworks, firearms, knives, or any other kind of weapon, alcohol, drugs, vape pens, juuls, or any form of tobacco are not allowed. (Even if you are of legal age for some of them, THEY ARE ALL PROHIBITED on church campus and at host homes during DNOW Weekend.) These items can be destructive to you and those around you. Use good judgment, don't be distracted and don't be a distraction.
- 10) Public Display of Affection (PDA) is not allowed during DNOW. Focus your relationship with God this weekend.
- 11) Your host home leaders, small group leaders, and all DNOW leadership will be treated with respect. Take care of the home that God has provided for the weekend and be kind and respectful to your hosts.
- 12) If a student fails to comply with the rules, that student could be sent home with no refund. We want this weekend to be centered around Christ, and we cannot allow distracting activities to hinder the Spirit at work.

By attending DNOW, I am agreeing to these guidelines and believe that they are necessary for me to maximize the spiritual opportunities during this weekend. I willfully commit myself to abide by them.

DNOW 2025 Schedule

Friday Night: (4/11/2025)

- 5:45 pm** – Doors Open: Back doors of FLC Gym
- 6:00-6:30 pm** – Check-in for FBCOB Students
- 6:30-6:45 pm** – Check-in for GCC/Meadowbrook
- 6:45-7:50 pm** – DNOW Opening Party
- 8:00-9:30 pm** – Session 1: GCC/Meadowbrook head out after session 1
- 9:30-10:00** – Orientation
- 10:00 pm** – Head to host homes
- 10:30 pm** – Small group session 1
- 12:00 am** – Lights Out

Sunday Morning (4/13/2025)

- 6:00 am** – Breakfast at host homes
- 7:00 am** – Pack up and clean up
- 8:30 am** – Head back to FBCOB
- 9:15 am** – Connect Group Time in Student Center
- 10:15 am** – FBCOB Group Photo (**WEAR SHIRTS**)
- 10:30 am** – Head to sanctuary and sit in reserved area...service starts at **10:45**
- 12:00 pm** – Collect your luggage in Connect Group Rooms and head home

Saturday: (4/12/2025)

- 7:00-9:00 am** – Breakfast/Small Group Session 2
- 9:15 am** – Head back to FBCOB
- 10:00-11:30 am** – Main Session 2
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm** – Lunch in the FLC
- 1:00-4:00 pm** – Rec Time in the FLC Gym
- 4:00 pm** – Head back to churches/host homes to clean up
- 6:00 pm** – Dinner at church for FBCOB Students
- 7:30-9:00 pm** – Main Session 3
- 9:00-9:15 pm** – Large Group Photo: GCC/Meadowbrook head back to churches
- 9:15-10:15 pm** – Snack/Open Gym
- 10:15pm** – Head back to host homes
- 10:30pm-12:00am** – Same as Friday Night