

Student Leadership University 101



Where: Orlando, FL

Who: Students grades 8th-12th (2026/2027 school year)

When: July 12-18, 2027

We are so excited that you are interested in attending Student Leadership University. SLU is a faith based, leadership program for students unlike anything you have ever encountered. Crafted over four experiences around the globe, SLU equips students with the rules and tools of leadership and provides students with a 20-year head start in their ability to think, dream, and lead.

The Student Leadership Journey starts at SLU 101 and will take you through an experiential leadership training that most adults could only dream about. SLU 101 is the beginning of the Student Leadership Journey. 101 is an all inclusive, leadership conference that combines hands-on international training with state-of-the-art facilities. You will stay in a business hotel, go behind the scenes at Sea World, visit Universal Orlando and learn the foundational rules and tools of leadership principles through the lens that “Leadership begins at the Feet of Jesus.”

In this packet you will find information about SLU 101. Since this program is designed for the leaders of our student ministry, more will be required of them. Every student who wishes to attend must meet certain requirements.

The Student Leadership Journey

You will be the same person five years from now except for the people you meet, the books you read, and the places you go.

SLU 101 – Orlando, FL

Take the leap and get a 20 year head start on the future at SLU 101, an exciting, hands-on week where students learn to see in a new way and begin their leadership journey.

SLU 201 – Washington D.C.

In the heart of our Nation's Capitol, students are challenged to think about their responsibility to shape their society while considering how a Christian worldview speaks into today's moral and ethical questions.

SLU 301 – Europe

At 301, the leadership journey continues deeper into history as students traverse Europe, learning to think bigger about the world. As students experience the sacrifices made in the past and consider the world views of great philosophers who have paved the way, they learn that leaders are called to shape history and leave a legacy for Jesus that is larger than themselves.

SLU 401 – Israel

In the final step of the journey, students travel to Israel and Jordan where it all began, connecting with the life of Christ and understanding their role in God's redemptive story of the world.

Schedule

Monday, July 12th

8:00 am Drive to Orlando

Tuesday, July 13th

9:30 am Free time Disney Springs
12:00 pm Lunch and bowling at Splitsville
2:00 pm Registration
4:00 pm Session 1
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Session 2
8:45 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Wednesday, July 14th

6:15 am Breakfast
7:00 am Sea World Sessions 3 & 4
2:15 pm Depart for Hotel
4:00 pm Sessions 5 & 6
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Session 7 & 8
9:00 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Thursday, July 15th

8:00 am Breakfast
8:15 am Session 9 & 10
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Session 11
2:00 pm Depart for Universal Studios
9:00 pm Depart for Hotel
9:30 pm Group Process Time
11:00 pm Curfew

Friday, July 16th

8:15 am Breakfast
9:00 am Session 12, 13, & 14
12:30 pm Lunch from Chick-fil-a
1:30 pm Conference Ends
2:30 pm Depart for Hollywood Studios
10:00 pm Return to hotel

Saturday, July 17th

Day at Disney's Magic Kingdom

Sunday, July 18th

8:00 am Drive to Knoxville



General Info

Who is going?

SLU is open for students who have completed grades 8 – 12 as of summer 2027.
Parents are welcome to attend. Please contact Caleb Nichols if you are interested at cnichols@fbconcord.org

Travel Info:

We will travel by van to Orlando.

Lodging Info:

Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside
7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, FL 32822

We will be staying 4 to a room. Each room has two queen beds.

SLU 101 Faculty:

Brent Crowe, Ph.D. – Vice-President of SLU
Jeff Wallace – Executive Director of LIFT Tour
Dr Ryan McDermott-Teaching Pastor/Senior Executive Director at Christ Fellowship Church
Dr. Robert Smith -Charles T Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity, Beeson School of Divinity
More Speakers are yet to be announced.

Requirements for SLU:

Because Student Leadership University is a program designed for students who are leaders in our student ministry as well as leaders in their schools and families there are certain requirements that must be met in order to attend. Each of these requirements is designed to prepare students for their experience at SLU.

- Students must attend Beach Week.
- Students must maintain a 2/3 attendance of Bible Study Groups and Midweek service.
- Students must attend 2 SLU training sessions and a parent meeting.
- Students must do required presentation on what they have learned from their choice of resource from our SLU 101 list.
- Students must be consistent in daily devotionals.

Training Meetings:

January 24th - Resource 1 Report
April 4th - Resource 2 Report
May 12th - Student and Parent Meeting

2027 Special Events:

Beach Week: June 28-July 2

Cost:

SLU 101 is \$975. A \$200 deposit is due at signup. This price includes van travel, hotel, park tickets, SLU fee, and food. The only items not included in this price are four travel meals, snacks, and any souvenirs.

We understand this is an expensive trip. However we believe that SLU can be one of the most impactful experiences of a student's life. We will be offering a payment plan that will allow you to pay out the cost of the trip.

Payment Deadlines:

November 1st - \$200 deposit and registration

January 24th - 50% due

April 4th - 75% due

May 12th - remaining balance due

Please note all payments are non-refundable and can be made early if you desire.

You may pay all at once or make payments.

How to register:

Every student who wishes to attend SLU must register by November 1st and pay the deposit. Registration and deposit payment are available online at

concordonline.org/students/student-events

In an effort to aid families with the cost of this trip, First Baptist has supplemented part of the cost of SLU. Because of this all registrations are due by November 1st.

Dress Code:

Please know that the dress code for SLU is different than other student ministry events. SLU seeks to put students in a business hotel, with world-class speakers, and treat students as young adult leaders. Therefore more will be expected of students in regards to their dress. In order to help you plan here is a day by day guide of recommended clothing:

Monday

Travel Day. Wear comfortable clothes.

Tuesday

In the morning we have a free day. Students can wear casual clothing. In the afternoon once the conference begins the dress is as follows: Guys pants, jeans, or khaki shorts with a polo or nice shirt. For girls jeans, capris, shorts with a nice top.

Wednesday

We will be going to SeaWorld in the morning. It will be hot. Casual clothing such as shorts and a polo or a t-shirt in the morning. No athletic shorts. Students will have the opportunity to change for the afternoon sessions at the hotel after returning from Seaworld. For the afternoon students may wear jeans, shorts, capris and a polo/nice top or t-shirt. However no athletic shorts.

Thursday

In the morning casual clothing same as Tuesday afternoon. For the afternoon we will be going to Universal Studios. It will be very hot. The dress is the same as Wednesday morning.

Friday

In the morning casual clothing. The same as Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. In the afternoon we will be visiting a theme park. It will be hot. Students will have the opportunity to change before going to the park. The conference portion of SLU will have ended so students may wear athletic shorts.

Saturday

Same as Friday afternoon.

Sunday

Travel day. Wear comfortable clothes.

Please note – SLU has dress code requirements for the time we are with them (Monday afternoon thru Thursday morning). That dress code is: Shirts should fully cover the front, back, and sides. Any sleeveless shirts should have a strap at least "3 fingers" width across. No spaghetti straps, racerback tops, or tanks with oversized arm holes should be worn. Any shorts, skirts, or dresses should come to no more than 2-4 inches above the knee. No hat may be worn in the meeting room.