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## Envisioning the Future: *Be Dope, Be Fly, Be You*

1 Cor. 2:9, Luke 7:7-8, Gal. 5:22, Eph. 4:12-16, Eph. 2:10, Eph. 3:6



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Greetings,

I greet each of you in the matchless name of Jesus. Bringing young Christian disciples to the point of preparation to become committed to strong, faithful Christian service is done through innovative Christian education. It is my goal to equip the youth and young adults with essential tools necessary to recognize the Holy Spirit, in hopes that through recognition, application of the **word** will become an intentional act. The theme for 2018, "Envisioning the Future: *Be Dope, Be Fly, Be You*," is encouraging the youth to embrace the kingdom authority given to us as believers. The word **DOPE** stands for Different, Original, Peaceful, and Extraordinary and **FLY** stands for First Love Yourself. I serve to help cultivate the uniqueness and self-worth in each of us. I trust that God has instilled gifts in all of us which need developing. In a compromising world, it is imperative that we embrace and stand on the uncompromising word.

As Baptists we commit ourselves to comprehensively equip our youth in providing the necessary Biblical, spiritual, and secular resources that will thoroughly prepare disciples. In this first year of leadership as BYF Director, I'm excited to build upon the foundation created by the trailblazer, Dr. Cheryl Stuart and brick layer, Pastor Frederick Smith. I want to personally invite **YOU** to attend BYF 2018. The staff of BYF requests the presence of your youth pastor, youth directors, young adults, and youth, **June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** at First Baptist Main, North Little Rock. We promise an exciting, enriching, and empowering time for all in attendance. We will focus on both biblical and secular education to have a transformational impact on both the scholar and local community. Classes are designed with Pre-k through Collegiate Freshmen in mind. The itinerary for the week, BYF class curriculum, and registration will soon follow.

We encourage you to utilize online tools to register your church and youth. We also invite you to stay in touch with BYF through social media. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram @BYFELLOWSHIP, or Twitter @BYFellowship. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to [byfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:byfellowship@gmail.com).

Praying God's Favor,

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