

2021 THEME: FAITH WORKS

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

James 2:14-18

This year's theme has some of our favorite things: A good theological conversation and a good play on words. Let's break down some of the aspects of the theme that we will explore this summer:

How does **Faith Work** in your life? Does it inform how you understand and respond to the issues going on in the world, your community, your family, and yourself?

Do I have to choose **Faith** or **Works**? How do we understand the theological meaning of the faith versus works debate? We cannot earn the grace and love of God through our works, but as James says, "Faith without works is dead." What do you think about this? What have others throughout Christian History thought about it?

How does **Faith** inform **Work**: How can you live out your faith through your career? Should your faith inform what job you choose and how you do that job, even if it isn't a ministry profession? What is God calling you to do with your life?

And most importantly, this theme poses an authentic question about how to live faithful lives. Here at Discover we are all about growing in our faith and discerning our vocation(s)- our calling-what we are called to do with our lives. Faith. And work(s). This summer we will dig deeper into how our faith informs what we do in a variety of ways, and how what we do with our lives can and should be informed by our faith--both in the big picture and in the details.

We can't wait to see you- **in person** and **on Catawba's campus** (for the first time ever!)- soon!

Blessings,
 Shannon Axtell Martin, Director

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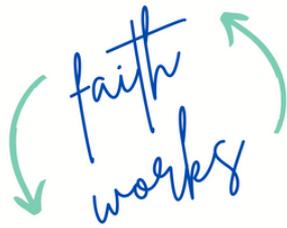
- visit our website www.catawba.edu/discover and fill out the application
- have a mentor in mind and have their contact information ready: you will need that person to submit a recommendation on your behalf
- choose your track preference
- pay the deposit of \$50
- you're done!



KEEP IN TOUCH!

We are on Facebook and Instagram and share many updates and pictures there! We will be posting introductions of our summer staff soon! Find us @catawbatheologyinstitute

Make sure to add samartin12@catawba.edu to your email contacts to prevent our emails from landing in your junk mail box.



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Catawba College
Youth Theology Institute

We have some exciting new updates and aspects of the program this year! We are so excited to debut our tracks to allow you to deeper in your vocational discernment and to explore theology through particular disciplines. Read more about the tracks below!

This year we will meet in person on Catawba's campus. We will have COVID protocols in place in accordance with the most up to date guidance.

DISCOVER TRACKS!

Sport Management

The Sport Management DISCOVER track will provide students the opportunity to explore multiple facets of a billion dollar sport industry alongside an investigation of sport from a theological perspective.

Worship Music

Inspiring worship services come from understanding the elements of music making, planning and production. Regardless of your age, experience, or background - tools, skills and strategies will be shared and applied through live hands-on experiences. Catawba College Worship Arts graduates and faculty will make these concepts "come to life" in a fun and interactive setting.

Service and Ministry Leadership

In this track we will explore a theological framework of servant-leadership, including how service is a crucial calling in our lives and how service can help us to engage and wrestle with the issues of our time in a tangible, personal way.

DISCOVER SPOTLIGHT

Maia Barrow
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Maia is a Junior who loves podcasting, writing poetry, drawing, and taking care of her dogs. She is a math tutor and helps run her school's literary magazine. She is also the Lead Graphics producer for her church's live-streaming services. She first attended Discover in 2019 and her favorite memory is the night everyone shared their stories under the stars. Last summer Maia organized and edited a virtual talent show for her Discover week which we sent to the retirement home we visited in 2019. It was amazing! She is still exploring her calling, but is interested in ministry through psychology and neuroscience. Maia recommends anyone new to Discover try it out: "Take the jump and be pleasantly surprised!" Maia, we can't wait to see what you do next!