



STL YOUTH GOSPEL EXPLOSION

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STL Youth Gospel Explosion Returns to St. Louis on October 25, 2026

A citywide youth choir celebration unites churches, schools, and community for a third annual season.

ST. LOUIS, MO —

Encouraging Nations is proud to announce the return of the STL Youth Gospel Explosion on Sunday, October 25, 2026 at 5:00 PM in St. Louis, Missouri. Now in its third annual season, the event continues to grow as a citywide celebration uniting youth and young adults from churches, schools, and neighborhoods across the metropolitan area for an unforgettable evening of praise, worship, song, and interpretive praise dance.

Founded in 2022 at Compton Hill Missionary Baptist Church with 35 young voices and now partnering with congregations across the city, the STL Youth Gospel Explosion was created to surround young people with messages of hope, faith, purpose, and love — replacing negative influences with positive inspiration that lasts long after the final note and final movement.

"The youth are coming together in a positive environment fellowshiping and having a great time," said event coordinator JoAnn Roberson. "All I see is God doing bigger and better things with this."

Rehearsals begin in the summer and continue through the fall at participating congregations. The event welcomes participation from church youth choirs, praise teams, interpretive praise dance ministries, school choir and dance students, community youth organizations, individual youth and young adults, and musicians.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at six tier levels, from \$250 Youth Advocate to \$10,000 Visionary title sponsor. Churches, schools, businesses, and community organizations across the St. Louis metropolitan area are invited to partner with this citywide effort.

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