

**Parent Meeting  
January 15, 2005**

**Here is a quick recap for those who couldn't be at the meeting Sunday night...**

- Welcome/ Prayer
- Think back over past 2 years:
  - Continue mission trips, and the shopping trip in December
  - Programming/ events are good. This past December was too hectic for youth.
  - In the past, SH Sunday School has gone to the county jail for a lesson. May want to try this again.
  - Try another Applebee's fundraiser this spring, maybe fall too.
  - Additional fundraisers: silent auction/ dinners/ art show/ casserole sale
- Safe Sanctuary training will be Feb 19 after worship. If you haven't received training and want to help with the youth you need to attend this workshop. Lunch is provided and it will last about 1 ½ hours.
- Need more drivers for big bus. If you and/or your spouse is interested in studying to take the CDL test, you can find the information online at <http://www.dps.state.al.us/public/driverlicense/manual/cdlmanual.pdf>. Or you can call Beth or Micky Evers. We need more help in this area. Most of our current drivers are older and retired.
- Please let Beth know your current cell phone numbers and email addresses. This will help in communication. You can call (w) 355-0277; (c) 476-2065; email [beth@decaturfumc.org](mailto:beth@decaturfumc.org) or [carbonigal@yahoo.com](mailto:carbonigal@yahoo.com)
- Please complete Health Forms for youth from the 2005-2006 school year. Anyone going on the Gatlinburg retreat or Mission trips will need this on file with Beth. (If your youth went on ski trip, I have it.)
- Sell Boston Butts!! Additional tickets were passed out.
- 2006 Calendar was passed out. The following events were highlighted and discussed.
  - G'burg retreat money \$50 is due **Feb. 1**. The balance is due Feb. 15. If your youth signed up showing interest, I mailed more information to them. If you still need this information, it's in the youth office.
  - **Feb 4**- 3:00 prepare butts; 4:00 **need parents (dads)** and strong youth to help move furniture to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from basement
  - **Feb. 12**- 9:30-10:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> open house for third floor. Will have refreshments and need youth to be present to say thank you for support and funding from congregation. We'll also have a "**wish list**" posted at First Fellowship a few weeks before so members can choose an item to purchase for the new youth space. The items can be brought to the open house. Items would include: kitchen

- items (pots, pans, can opener, etc), TVs, game systems (Nintendo, playstation, sega, etc), tables, lamps, furniture, etc. If you think of a good item for the wish list, let Beth know.
- **Feb 21-** 6:00pm youth prepare and serve dinner for volunteers and spouses who worked on the third floor. We have had dozens of volunteers from our church spend over 80 days and countless hours creating our youth space on the third floor. **This is just a SMALL way we, the youth and parents, can say thank you to the volunteers.**
  - **Mission \$75 is due March 8.** We've lost almost \$3000 in the past 2 years because of youth backing out of the trip or signing up and changing their mind before money is due. I won't let this happen again. I know it's early and schedules aren't set yet, but I'll have to know by March 8 if your youth is going or not.
  - **Confirmation** starts March 5, dinner May3; confirmation Sunday May 7. This is for current 6<sup>th</sup> graders and any older youth who have not joined the church yet.
  - **April 30-** Sunday schedule change for worship/ youth mission lunch fundraiser. We decided to do a nice lunch and silent auction that afternoon with items donated by congregation and community members: college football tickets, beach house, lawyer services, items from a store, lawn care, play tickets, babysitting, original art, baked goods, etc. Youth and parents will be needed in collecting items, organizing items and helping with the dinner.
- Mission Trips
    - I'll be getting more information in the next week about specific work details, safety of working in these areas, boundaries and protection for the youth, facilities we will stay in, any vaccinations needed, etc. Please email or call if you have any specific questions about the trips.
    - I'll need LOTS of volunteers for both trips. We will bring several work teams. Each team consists of 5 youth and 2 non-related adults. Each team needs their own transportation (SUVs, mini vans, church vans, etc). Start checking calendars and praying now about volunteering for these trips.
    - JH Mission Mobile June 25-July1
    - SH Mission New Orleans July 16-22
  - Volunteers for summer and fall:
    - Summer: Need parents to teach/ assist SS, UMYF, Mission Monday's, Thursday Lunch Club.
    - Fall: Volunteers for SS assistant/ teachers, UMYF, Wednesday night bible study
  - Chaperones:
    - Super bowl Parties Feb. 5: JH at Katherine Herbert's; SH at Peyton Johnson's- need chaperones and parents to provide snacks
    - Gatlinburg Feb. 24-26: need a bus driver and chaperones. If I can't get the help needed, the trip will be cancelled.

- Purple Retreat in April if youth are interested. I have to go to lead a girls small group but will return Saturday night to help with the lunch on Sunday.
- SH Rafting Trip in June- bus driver if it's a big crowd and chaperones
- Mission Trips
- Homes Needed:
  - SH Lake Aug. 6
  - JH Lake Aug. 20
- Long Range Plans:
  - We have been planning and working on the third floor for some time! Now that it's almost complete, we don't have any big event to look forward to... aside from regular events (mission trips, retreats, fundraisers, etc.) and the new building! I want something for the youth to look forward to...a big event.
  - I am planning a SH/ College mission trip in 2007 to Panama. Rett Thompson is a UM missionary from N. Alabama. I would like to work with him in Panama and plan the trip through Volunteers in Mission.
  - Other long range plans?

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I try my best to keep the youth web page up to date: <http://www.decaturfumc.org/youth/main.htm>. There is a lot of information at that site.

Please send me your thoughts, ideas, concerns, suggestions, criticisms, etc. It takes all of us working together to have a great youth program.

Last, please update your email/ cell phone numbers for me.

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