

Parent Meeting October 1, 2006

- Welcome and Prayer
- Still need more big bus drivers. Talk to Mike Boozer or Micky Evers for information about taking the test. The church will pay any costs for the test.
- Please complete health forms for this school year. These need to be updated each August. You can complete the form, sign and date. Micky Evers will backdate and notarize if you don't have access to a notary.
- The youth web site address is www.decaturfumc.org/youth/main.htm. There is a lot of information on this site. I try to update every Monday morning. You can find a calendar, what's happening this week, links, pictures, parent information, health forms, etc.
- Passed out the 2006-2007 school calendar and looked over dates.
- Mission Trips for Summer 2007:
 - SH/ College to Panama July 21-28
 - JH and SH who aren't going to Panama will go to Newport TN with Youth Works June 24-30
- Volunteers Needed:
 - Chaperones-
 - JH Lock In October 20 @ CUMC- (2 adults from 10pm-3am and 1 adult from 3am-7am)
 - SH 5th Quarter November 3 from 8:30-12:00 (2 adults)
 - SH Ski Trip December (1-2 adults)
 - Shopping Trip Dec. 3 (4 adults and driver)
 - Gatlinburg retreat JH and SH Feb. 23-25 (5 adults and driver)
 - Confirmation Retreat Feb. 2-3 (1 adult)
 - Homes-
 - JH Christmas party Dec. 6- (main course house and dessert house)
 - Fall Festival-
 - Help patrol inside games- (1 adult)
 - Help in kitchen with serving and clean up- (2-3 adults)
 - Provide chili (2 chili-o packets)- (4-5 adults)
 - Organize cake walk cakes- (1 adult)
- We will offer the Junior High Christian View of Sexuality Workshop January 25-27, 2007. Robin Blakemore, youth director at Morningstar UMC in Birmingham, is trained by the UMC to lead this workshop and will train our volunteers to lead the small groups. This is a commitment for JH youth and parents. More information will be available later in the year. If you have questions before, please don't hesitate to call.
- Confirmation Retreat will be February 2-3, 2007 at Camp Sumatanga. This will kick off our confirmation group. If your child is going through confirmation, please plan on them attending this weekend. Confirmation Sunday will most likely be May 6, 2007.

- The annual Gatlinburg Retreat will be February 23-25, 2007. This weekend is open to all youth, JH and SH. We have had a wonderful experience the past 3 years and look forward to another great weekend.
- UN/ Washington Citizenship Seminar for 11th and 12th graders will be March 16-24, 2007. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1. Please let Beth know ASAP if your youth is planning on going on this trip.
- My goals for the youth...
 1. I want to have the youth involved more in church as a whole. Most of our youth attend worship and youth events on a regular basis. I would like to see the youth involved in more leadership roles- participate in worship, be members of committees, help in other areas such as ushering, greeting and cleaning up on Wednesday nights.
 - a. This is happening on the 5th Sunday of each month. The youth will serve as greeters at both worship services. Also, Terry will be including the youth more in scripture reading in the worship services.
 2. I want to involve the parents, volunteers and youth leaders more in the behind the scenes aspects of ministry. If something were to happen to me I want to know that this ministry would continue like it is now. I want to better equip our volunteers, youth and parents to take care of the small things nobody knows about.
 - a. I plan on implementing a “youth advisory team” which will consist of 2 youth from each grade, one older adult without youth in the program, one younger adult without youth in the program, 2 SH parents, 2 JH parents, 1 SH leader, 1 JH leader, and myself. Hopefully we can meet quarterly or even monthly to discuss ideas, plan, develop programming and devotions, to organize trips and events and grow the ministry. If you are interested in helping in this area, please let me know!
 3. I want to have the youth do more of the programming aspects of youth ministry; to have them write devotions for retreats, lead discussions on Wednesday night, and mentor the younger children and youth.
 - a. Angel Floyd and I are brainstorming ways to connect the youth to the children’s department through a “big brother” type ministry.
 - b. Through the youth advisory team, this goal will also be met.
 4. I want to take the college and senior high youth to Panama in 2007 to work with Rev. Rhett Thompson from our conference in building a camp for the youth and children in Panama. Right now this trip is scheduled for July 21-28, 2007. We will need chaperones and financial help to pull this off. I will begin now by asking for your help in praying for this trip.

If you have any concerns, questions, comments, etc. PLEASE don't hesitate to call or come by the church office. My door is always open and I welcome any ideas, suggestions or concerns you have!

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