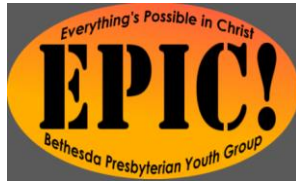


YOUTH



Group!

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April / May

April and May Birthdays



- Marshall Batten.... April 9
- Callie Copley..... April 9
- Eliza Reames..... April 10
- Alexi Garcia..... April 16
- Connor McLeod.... April 28
- Addison Melton.... May 8
- Sydney Goodwin.... May 10
- James Reames..... May 14
- Caroline Reames.... May 14
- Hannon El-Sherif.... May 30



Youth Movie Night: Mark Sunday, April 8th on your calendar. We will travel to Columbia for a movie, God's Not Dead III. We will have dinner at CC's Pizza. Cost of dinner and movie is \$15. (Church supplementing costs!) Tickets are first come and first serve.... Contact John Gardner to reserve your ticket.

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April / May Calendar:

- April 1 – No Youth (Easter)
- April 8 – Movie and Dinner: God's Not Dead III
- April 15 - The Gathering Worship Service with Youth Skit 11:15 dinner)
- April 22 – No Youth Meeting (Adult Social)
- April 29- Youth Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Moody dinner)
- May 6 - Youth Meeting 5:30-7:30 (Open)
- May 13 – No Youth (Mother's Day)
- May 20 – End of the Year Party
- May 27 – Senior Recognition Breakfast/ Worship



Bethesda Church is having an alternative worship service called The Gathering at 11:15 on Sunday, April 15th in Westminster Hall. We need 10 youth to participate in a skit. See John Gardner ASAP if you are interested!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
The following families have provided meals so far this semester. Thanks to Elizabeth and Rick Reames, Joey and Charlotte Mayconich, Stephanie Beam, Allison and Brett McLeod, Bob and Fran Miller, and Lisa and Brian McCaskill.

Final Montreat Fee due April 1!!!

Questions and Answers:

Q: Why can't all youth go to Montreat?

A: Montreat Youth Conference requires that attendees complete grades 8-12 before attending Montreat. It is not a Bethesda decision.

Q: Why does Montreat Cost so much?

A: Montreat costs approximately \$800 person. We charge \$425 because the session of Bethesda graciously pays the majority of housing. The conference itself is \$300. We charge \$125 to cover food, snacks, and dinner out on Friday. While the cost is \$425, you can always save money by registering before December 15th. Again, never let money be the reason you don't attend Montreat. We have scholarships available if there is a need.

Q: Why don't we have youth meetings during the summer?

A: Summers are interesting... Because of vacations, VBS, Windshape, Montreat, etc, we schedule a couple of outings a month.

Q: Can friends attend youth trips?

A: Yes, The only time the answer is sometimes no is on overnight trips. They need to be participants in our youth program. We don't take friends we don't know on overnight activities. If your friend wants to go on an overnight activity, they need to come to 3-5 meetings first. Any friend who attends an off-campus youth activity, must have paperwork on file in the church office. See John Gardner for details.

Q: Why do I have to get a pre-purchased ticket when we go to the movies?

A: Christian movies are very popular and often sell out. *I Can Only Imagine* and *God's Not Dead* both were sell out movies and we have two people both trips who were not able to enter the theatre. They went home early. We always purchase 30-35 tickets. Just let John G. know if you are going. Our next movie is April 8th. RSVP early!!!

Q: Sometimes I disagree with the church or the leaders on their viewpoints.

A: While that is a statement, not a question, Yay! That means you are growing in your spirituality. Our leaders try to teach Biblical truths, but there is always room for individual interpretation. That's what Youth Group, Sunday School, and Bible Studies are for... To grow, question, and interpret the word. While we learn from those around us, ultimately, your beliefs are between you and God.

Q: Who is attending Montreat this year?

We have a record number of youth this year: Anna Mock, Caroline Woolard, Heather Woolard, Jacob Hoke, Garrett Lawson, Mabry Parrott, Jeffry Moody, Marshall Batten, Sydnie Goodwin, Grace Floyd, Emily Guy, Katharine Coplin, Neal Blank, Van Blank, Kate Jones, Martha Jones, Hannon El-Sherif, Adaya El-Sherif, Banks Mosier, Sailor McKoy, Madison Montgomery, May Dawson Lindsay, Grace Montgomery, Leila Long, and chaperones. (John, Brent, Lisa and Lisa)

Q: I hate when people die, especially kids. Why do we grieve when isn't death suppose to be a good thing?

When a person is saved, death is a good thing. Can you imagine meeting Jesus face to face? I don't think we can fully comprehend how wonderful heaven is. Think of the happiest you have ever seen a person. Multiply that by 10,000 and that is heaven happy. There is no high, like heaven high! There's no hug like a Jesus hug. Wow, I can only imagine. Really, I don't think we can imagine... The sadness and the reason we grieve is because we are going to miss that person, but in reality, that person is the happiest ever.