



Dear Parents of Middle School Youth,

Your child should have received an invitation in the mail from me regarding youth activities beginning this fall. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of these opportunities for your child to learn and grow in Christ through fellowship and other important information that is necessary to ensure that this year of youth group will be a success!

On Wednesdays, beginning September 3, Middle School youth will begin Life Connections - A New Kind of Bible Study, from 6:15-7:15 pm in the Youth Lounge (ED #3). This Bible study is a part of our Midweek Manna program and will follow dinner (from 5:30-6:15 pm). We'd love to have you come as a family to have dinner and to participate in your own Bible study (adults will have 4 to choose from). The Youth Bible study, called "Essential Truth: Inviting Christ Into My Reality," will help students to figure out who God is really, how to respond to Him, how to relate to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, to understand life and death, freedom, faith, temptation, staying real and what makes life worth living! This small group setting will help us to connect to God and to others. Each lesson will help us to answer many of the questions students bump into as they try to understand and live out real-life faith. With the pressures that face many youth today, our goal is to provide a caring and loving environment for them to explore their own faith and what it means to be a Christian in our world today. I hope that your child will take advantage of this new program!


On Sundays, beginning September 7, we will begin another year of Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC). From 6:00-6:30 pm we will have dinner and give the youth a chance to chat with each other before our program. Last year we weren't able to have dinner every week because it got to be too expensive and difficult for me to prepare alone. With your help, I hope we will be able to incorporate dinner into our weekly program once again because it gives the youth a great opportunity to get to know each other better. I'd like to have each set of parents to sign up for 2 dinners this fall (between September 14 and December 14). I'll be taking care of a few of the dinners as well. I will have a sign up sheet next to the door of the Youth Lounge (ED #3) so that you can conveniently sign up between services and Sunday School. Dinner doesn't have to be anything extravagant. Sandwiches, soup, pizza, chicken fingers or any other simple meal will do. When all of the dates have been taken and I get an idea of how many youth we will have, I will send out a schedule. For the program, each week we will alternate between Bible activities, service projects, fun outings, and writing letters and making cards for our Compassion Child in Tanzania, Onesmo, and our Guatemala scholar, Liseth. Every week, we will also take up an offering for Onesmo to send with his letters and cards. I encourage all youth to come and to bring friends!

I have also included a copy of our Medical Release and Permission Form. Please fill out the form in its entirety and return to me before September 3rd. Because accidents happen, it is important for me to have this form on file before your child can participate in any youth activity. You may drop it off in the church office by handing it to me personally during office hours or by putting it in my mailbox.

If you have any questions, please call me at 884-2645 x33 or send me an email at bdrpcdycm@citcom.net.

Thank you for all of your help and support! I am looking forward to another fun-filled year of youth group!

In Christ's Awesome Love,



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