

Middle School Youth

2011-2012

BASE & **Quest**

BASE is our Middle School youth family. BASE Sunday school and fellowship lays the foundation for youth to actively challenge their faith and develop practices to deepen their commitment to follow Christ's example living presently in love in every moment God provides. Everyone is welcome! BASE evening fellowship is for youth in 6-7th grade.

Quest is our 8th grade confirmation year where students actively engage in their faith journey. They will deepen their understanding of theology and will encounter Jesus as human and divine relating his journey to their own. They'll articulate their faith stories and be given the opportunity to join Covenant as adult members on April 29th 2012.



Middle School Small Groups

Home Base: Middle schoolers (6-8th grade) gather for worship, bible study and fellowship together at Claire and Joel Tomkinson's apartment on Queens Campus from 6:30-8:00pm Monday nights. Contact Claire for directions.

Leadership: Claire and Joel Tomkinson, Christina Crosby, Dan Morgan

Guy's Group: Boy's Bible study fuses the fun of spending time with your guy friends into biblical conversations on how you develop into a godly man. Wednesday Nights 6:30-7:30 in room 302 and 303 EW during Covenant Connection.

Leadership: Joel Tomkinson, Kevin Chege (youth intern), Dan Morgan

Girl's Group: Girl's Bible study weaves typical teen conversation into recognition of God's provision in our daily lives always pulling us deeper into God's love and understanding of the Word. Wednesday Nights 6:30-7:30 in room 302 and 303 EW during Covenant Connection.

Leadership: Claire Tomkinson, Joanna Ball, Heather Myers

DANCE Small Group: The dance small group will be leading worship in the fall, during Youth Sunday, Easter and Pentecost. The dance small group will meet on **Sundays at noon.**

Leadership: Nancy Atwell

Middle School Choir

Middle school has the opportunity to participate in worship by singing and ringing as members of the middle school choir. Choir is lead by Stephen and Susan Talley on Sunday evenings before fellowship.

5:30-6:00pm Sunday Nights until Youth Sunday 2/5

February 10-11th Choir Ski Trip

Adult Education (Leaders and Parents)

Faith-full Parenting: Faith-Full Parenting is in partnership with First Presbyterian Church and Myers Park Presbyterian Church. Contact Janine Rogers or Neeley Lane.

**While the parenting workshop is taking place regular fellowship will be taking place as usual.*

Friday, Feb. 10 at Myers Park Pres Outreach Center from 7pm-9:30pm

"Almost Christian" by Kenda Creasy Dean

- *If you are interested in purchasing this book let Neeley know!*

Sunday, April 15 at Providence Presbyterian Church from 6pm-7:30pm

Speaker Mark Devries - partnership between teen, family and church

"God Talk: A Primer for Presbyterians" is an adult education class held once a month and led by Sarah Kromer of In Christ Supporting Ministries. This is an opportunity for adults, parents and leaders to learn and discuss the theology that will be taught to the youth in the month that follows. The goal is to support and empower adults to initiate and continue conversations about faith inside and outside the classroom. This is an extraordinary opportunity for adults across the campus! Don't miss it! This class will meet 1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/15, 5/6 from 9:30-10:30 in Room FH 203 (*These topics follow the youth calendar of topics in this brochure*)

Parent Small Group: this group will meet every other week starting 9/18 to study and discuss the book "The Price of Privilege." It will meet from 6:00-7:00pm on Sunday and is open to all parents.

Leadership: Jane Robinson

BASE Council Small Group: the BASE council will meet 1/29, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 from 5:00-6:00 on Sunday in room 301 EW

Leadership: Claire Tomkinson

Quest Council Small Group: the Quest Council will meet 2/12, 3/11, 4/1, 4/22 from 5:00-6:00 on Sunday in room 301 EW

Leadership: Claire Tomkinson

Communication with Parents

Windows on Covenant: Be sure to sign up to receive the church-wide e-newsletter. From it you can link directly to the Middle School web page, which will have updated information on the coming opportunities for youth. These will often include important deadlines and sign-up information so please do not disregard them.

Website: <http://covenantpresby.org/connect/ministry/middle-school-youth/>
Please visit the church website "Middle School Youth" page to get the most up-to-date information on youth activities and participation. You will be able to view photos, download forms, download the calendar and upload your information to sign-up sheets. This should become your primary resource for receiving information and answering your youth ministry related questions.

Supervision: It is the responsibility of the parent to make sure that youth arrives to their Sunday school, fellowship and small group locations. It is also the parent's responsibility to make sure that youth are picked up on time or make it to their next meeting or worship opportunity. Staff and teachers are not responsible for keeping track of youth outside of the classroom and fellowship setting, so please make certain you know where your kids are.

Leadership:

- **Director of Middle School Youth Ministry-** Claire Tomkinson
 - Contact: 704-804-8569
 - Claire.tomkinson@covenantpresby.org
- **BASE Council-** Joanna Ball, Randy Minter, Lucy Minter, Kim Robertson, Caroline Robicsek, Joel Tomkinson, Dan Morgan, Julia Steffens, Heather Myers, Scott Roehrig, Jordan Schriefer, Drew Quartapella.
- **Quest Council-** Mike Daly, Kathryn Martin, Tom Rogers, Alan Atwell, Mark Stack, Robin Goodson, Anne Lowrance, Robin Garcia, Sven Bader, Rusty Williams.

Sunday school 9:30-10:30 and 10:45-12:00, Room EW 301

Sunday school is for grades 6-8 curriculum is confirmation supportive

1/8	Grace Abounding
1/15	Grace
1/22	Grace
1/29	Grace
2/5	Union with Christ
2/12	Union
2/19	Union
2/26	Union
3/4	Life in Christ
3/11	Life
3/18	Life
3/25	Life
4/1	Palm Sunday
4/8	Easter Sunday
4/15	Sacraments
4/22	Sacraments
4/29	Sacraments
5/6	Church
5/13	Church
5/20	Church

Summer Schedule Begins *Bold Heading indicates an Adult Class Topic day

Wednesday Night: Covenant Connection

From 5:30-6:30 Covenant offers dinner and fellowship to families who would like to connect to this church and community on a regular basis during the work week in addition to their educational hour following supper. There will be intergenerational opportunities to learn together throughout the Spring that will interrupt our regular meetings.

February 29th 6:30-7:30 Lenten Convocational Speaker on Pilgrimage

Diane Lipsett from Wake Forest Divinity School will begin our Lenten theme of Pilgrimage in her inspirational description of our journey with Christ.

March 29th 6:30-7:30 Intergenerational Seder Meal (Passover Celebration)

BASE Fellowship Sunday 6:00-7:00pm

Fellowship for 6th and 7th grade youth

1/8	Devotion and Games in the Gym
1/15	Faith in Film in the Cinema
1/22	Youth Lead in the Gym
1/29	Service Sunday
2/5	No Regular Fellowship (Youth Sunday)
2/12	<i>Devotion and Games in the Gym</i>
2/19	No Regular Fellowship (Lock-in)
2/26	No Regular Fellowship (Fiesta)
3/4	Faith in Film in the Cinema
3/11	Youth Lead in the Gym
3/18	Service Sunday
3/25	No Regular Fellowship (30 hr Famine)
4/1	Devotion and Games in the Gym
4/8	No Regular Fellowship (Easter Sunday)
4/15	Faith in Film in the Cinema
4/22	Youth Lead
4/29	No Regular Fellowship (Confirmation Sunday)
5/6	Devotion and Games
5/13	No Regular Fellowship (Mother's Day)
5/20	End of Year Party!

BASE Important Dates

2/5 Youth Sunday

2/14 BASE hosts Room in the Inn (need parent involvement)

2/18-2/19 Lock-in

2/26 Fiesta

3/24-3/25 30 Hours of Famine

5/20 End of Year Celebration

Quest Mission Trip

Heifer International- June 24-29, 2012

This summer, our Quest class is going to participate in the transformative adventure of mission and exposure at Heifer International in Perryville, Arkansas. We will travel by bus making stops in Nashville to serve neighbors in need. We'll live for 3 nights in the global village at Heifer in circumstances that are known by our brothers and sisters in the world; urban slums, African villages, Asian rice patties, Appalachian poverty, etc. Youth will experience the world with new eyes and new understanding of why we are called to be love to those in need. We will help Heifer ranch prepare service opportunities on the ranch along with the joy of team building activities that continue to draw our group closer. Each moment on this journey is intentional and provides continual opportunities for learning. The youth will be stretched and pulled out of their comfort zones, open to experience Christ as we find God's provision each day of this pilgrimage of faith.

Balance Due 3/1: \$400 nonrefundable full payment

Trip Total Cost: \$500.00

Payment in full by April 1. Payments are nonrefundable after April 1 due to mission trip fees and travel with the organizations that are our partners in ministry.

Middle School Summer Mission Trip

BASE Mission Trip

CROSS Missions- June 17-22, 2012

Last summer we ventured to Atlanta where we were given a glimpse of God's work with the needy in our neighboring city. However the question remains among our youth's inquiries: "What are we doing for the needy at home?" This summer BASE will have the opportunity to serve our own city. 6-7th graders will spend one week residing at Myers Park Presbyterian Church while going out into Charlotte and serving at various agencies, shelters, food banks and ministry sites around our city. Students will eat together, live together, worship together, serve together and play together in the community of youth groups participating with CROSS during our stay at Myers Park. Small groups will be sent all over Charlotte with CROSS leaders to serve at a different ministry sites each day. Groups will debrief and worship together when they return home. This trip should be respected and treated just as if our group were going to Atlanta. Participants will complete the full week and will see sides of their hometown they never knew existed. It is our hope that after becoming active servants and visionaries in our city, youth will discover how they can use their God given gifts and resources to care for our neighbors just outside of our comfort zones.

Balance Due 3/1: \$200 nonrefundable full payment

Trip Total Cost: \$300.00

Payment in full by April 1. Payments are nonrefundable after April 1 due to mission trip fees and travel with the organizations that are our partners in ministry.

Quest Fellowship Sunday 6:00-7:00pm

Fellowship for 8th grade confirmation students

1/8	Devotion and Fellowship
1/15	History of the Church (Gym)
1/22	History of the Church
1/29	No Regular Fellowship (24 hr Retreat)
2/5	No Regular Fellowship (Youth Sunday)
2/12	Worship and Sacraments
2/19	Church Government (Gym)
2/26	No Regular Fellowship (Fiesta)
3/4	Being the Church (Gym)
3/11	Christian Life
3/18	Memory Verses
3/25	No Regular Fellowship (30 hr Famine)
4/1	Creeds and Confessions
4/8	No Regular Fellowship (Easter Sunday)
4/15	Preparation for Confirmation (Gym)
4/22	No Regular Fellowship (Beach Retreat)
4/29	No Regular Fellowship (Confirmation Sunday)
5/6	High School Transition (Cookout!)
5/13	No Regular Fellowship (Mother's Day)
5/20	End of Year Party!

Quest Important Dates

1/15 Worship Experience (Caldwell Pres)

1/28-1/29 Destination Unknown 24 hr Retreat

2/19 Worship Experience (St. Pat's)

2/26 Fiesta

3/20 Quest Hosts Room in the Inn (need parental involvement)

3/24-3/25 30 Hours of Famine

*4/20-4/22 Beach Retreat (Faith Statements Workshop)

*4/28 Confirmation Exclamation and Celebration Dinner

*4/29 Confirmation Sunday

5/6 High School Transition

5/20 End of Year Celebration

() indicates a mandatory event*

Participation in Worship

It is very important to model worship to our youth. As adults they look to us to understand the purpose of worship and will only discover its richness when they understand worship is encountering God. We want to encourage families to worship together and make it a priority this year.

BASE Worship Role: 6-7th grade students will be asked to participate in 9:30 worship as the acolyte and the baptismal water sprinkler. 6th grade will be filling the baptismal font and 7th grade will be acolyte. Their families will have a reserved pew up front to worship all together.

Sign up here:

6th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/water70>

7th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/acolyte26>

Contact Person: Kim Robertson, Anne White

Quest Worship Role: Each week a Quester will be asked to carry the Bible into the church and lead the Prayer of Dedication which that Quester will have prepared in advance.

8th: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/bible49>

Contact Person: Claire Tomkinson

Special Lenten Opportunity

February 29-April 8th Pilgrimage Prayer Walk- during the season of Lent Covenant will have a prayer walk stationed on the Green every day. Groups, classes, individuals, members, visitors, everyone is welcome to take part in this pilgrimage anytime they would like during Lent. It is an opportunity to remember Christ's own walk to the cross while reflecting on our journey of faith as a church and individuals. Please take advantage of this great spiritual discipline of pilgrimage this Lenten season.

