

Youth Ministry Report

August 20, 2014

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.”- 1Timothy 4:12

“Our Youth Ministry exists to reach non-believing students, to connect with other Christians, to help them grow in their faith, and to challenge the growing to discover their ministry and worship God with their lives.”

Sunday School:

Looking for a new teacher(s) for the High School class. The Smiths would like to participate in the new class for parents beginning after Labor Day.

Also, Ben Williams will be facilitating a new young adult class beginning Sept 14 for post high school through ??? (20's & 30's & without school aged children???)

Youth Group:

Held a meeting for parents and potential mentors Sunday August 17. Had 8 potential mentors attend and 5 youth families were represented. I also spoke with 1 other family Sunday morning as they knew they were not able to attend the meeting. I will work on getting in touch with the other families and hope they will attend the Fall Kick Off Lunch on Sept 7.

Service Opportunities:

3 youth attended the Macon Electric annual meeting to help with trash duty (others attended the pool party which was scheduled at the same time)

Youth Mentor Program:

I am following up with potential mentors this week and hope to have them begin participating in youth activities Sept 7.

Naming the Youth Group:

Have at least one good idea we are working with. Will know more next time.

Tween Ministry?

After hearing from parents and several conversations with Rhonda, it is my recommendation that we keep the 4th & 5th graders in the K-5 Alive program. We could do something separate for them within that time-perhaps breaking away for their own Bible study...But I think it is beneficial for them (& the ministry) to remain a part of this program.

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Calendar Extras:

- Aug. 24 Acolyte Training- Some of the older youth are wanting to pull out of serving as acolytes. In the coming weeks I'll be visiting with them, Carl, & Rhonda about how we might train & utilize their gifts in other ways in worship.
- Sept. 6-7 Camp Jo-Ota Youth Rally- This event will serve as our “fall kick off”. We will come back to the church for lunch Sunday after the rally to give the youth information they need about the ministry plans.
- Sept. 24 See You At The Pole 7:30 am @ Macon R1 Schools
- October 3 Youth to design/develop church float for the homecoming parade
- October 5 Youth& families encouraged to participate in the Hayride & Weenie roast at the Hackmans'. No regular youth group at the church.
- October 11 Youth & families encouraged to participate in the Mini Festival of Sharing. (I need details)