

Roots

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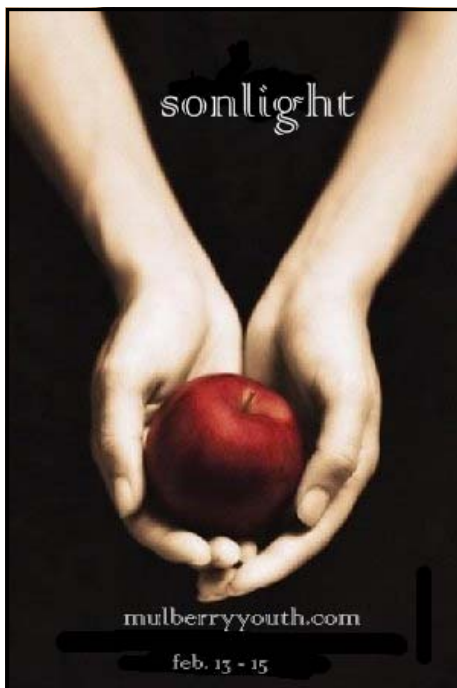
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Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him.

- Colossians 2:7



Winter Retreat

February 13 - 15



The 2009 Winter Retreat is being held at Epworth by the Sea this month. The retreat has been planned by a group of our students. Our weekend theme is loosely based on the recently popular book series Twilight. Don't get me wrong, we're not going to be talking about vampires or trying to pull any theology out of the books. The planning team simply took the titles from the four books and created an incredible series of talks, group activities, reflections, and worship. Throughout the weekend, our students will be engaging in a variety of teambuilding exercises. On Sunday morning, our group will be challenged by a ropes course (basically a huge teambuilding experience) under the leadership of a trained teambuilding expert. In short, we expect the students to not only grow in their faith but also in their relationship to one another. I hope you will join me in praying for this trip and the students and leaders who will be participating.

If you are a participant, please don't forget that **we are leaving at noon on Friday, Feb. 13** and will be returning Sunday, Feb. 15 in the late afternoon. You will need to bring your own linens, towels, and pillows as we are staying in the cabins at Epworth. Also, make sure you pack a pair of closed toed shoes for the ropes course. Bring your Bible but leave your iPod at home! Finally, make sure you bring a completed Medical Release Form with you (if you lost the form, you can download it from the youth website). Please contact Cameron if you have any questions.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time of personal reflection and fasting (giving something up) leading us to Holy Week. Tradition has Lent as a time of not eating meat, fat, eggs and dairy product. Shrove Tuesday, also called Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, is a time to use up the fats that have been kept for cooking, but that will not be used during Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up the fats in the house, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday!

Join us on **Tuesday, February 24 at 5:45 p.m.** for our celebration of Fat Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. Let's help Doris use up a lot of fats and enjoy a pancake supper.

Then come back for our weekly **Church Family Supper on Wednesday, February 25th**, as we begin our journey into the season of Lent. Our dinner will be a contrast from the evening before as we enjoy a simple dinner of soup and cornbread. Afterwards we will have the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. We will be exploring the meaning of Ash Wednesday and Lent during our Sunday night program on Feb. 22nd.

Upcoming BIG Events

Winter Retreat—Feb. 13—15
Confirmation Mentors Meeting—Feb. 22 @ 9:30
Confirmation Retreat—February 27—March 1
LiveLove Conference in Atlanta—March 20—21
Cherry Blossom Ice Cream Sale—March 28—29
Lock-In—April 24—25
Senior Recognition—May 10
Confirmation Sunday—May 17
Student Life Summer Camp—June 19—23
Youth Mission Project—July 19—24

Cherry Blossom Ice Cream Sale

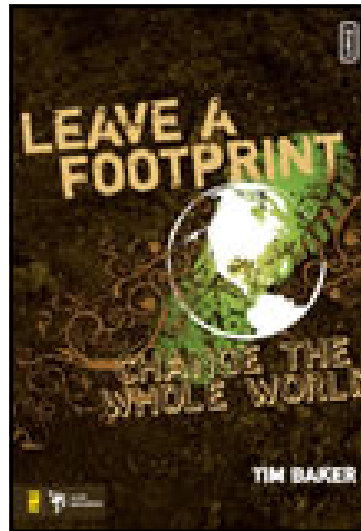
March 28 & 29

Please mark these dates in your calendar as we will need students and parents to volunteer. Proceeds will be used for our upcoming youth trips and events.

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 10 Mulberry will be honoring the graduating class of 2009 during worship, followed by a church-wide Mother's Day/Senior Recognition Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We are requesting that our students who are NOT seniors volunteer to help serve as table assistants during the meal. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan on joining us as we celebrate our Seniors and Mothers!

If you or your child is a Senior and would like to participate, please contact Cameron. More information will be in the mail over the coming weeks.



Looking for a great new book to read? Check out "Leave a Footprint" by Tim Baker.

H**OO**PS for the Heart!

Mulberry's Children and Family Ministry is hosting a fundraiser for Macon Outreach on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Wear a red shirt, bring a basketball, shoot baskets for your Valentine, and support a great cause. There is a \$10 registration fee if you want to play. Can't ring a basket to save your life? Then just come out to support the kids as they show off their skills. The party starts at 10:00 and will end at 12:00. If you need more details, give Pam Johnston a call (478-745-8601).

Leave A Footprint

What if you commissioned an artist to paint a picture of your life, and he returned to you a boring black-and-white picture with no creativity or color? Not one of those artistic, well-done black-and-white drawings...a boring, uninspired work. You'd probably look at the drawing and say, "Man, that drawing is worthless. It doesn't represent my life at all. My life isn't that boring, that colorless."

And the truth is, it's not. God made you with color and creativity. The paint and brush God uses on you was used for no one else. And your color, your personality, is the one your church and school need. It's the unique shade your family and friends need. . . .

Want to read more—then visit our website (mulberryyouth.com) - go to "Parents/Students" and click on the Footprint.

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