

Roots

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

- Colossians 2:7

Upcoming BIG Events

Winter Jam 2009—Jan. 18th (Cost \$10)
Confirmation Parents Meeting—Jan. 25 @ 9:30
Youth Talent Show—Feb. 11
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
Confirmation Sunday—May 17
Student Life Summer Camp—June 19—23
Youth Mission Project—July 19—24

TBA—Senior Recognition

Weekly Programming

There are a variety of opportunities for students at Mulberry to gather on a weekly basis. We hope that you will encourage your child to become involved.

Sunday Mornings—We have three Sunday School classes. The 6th grade class has been led by Ed and Melinda Powell. As they transition into Confirmation, Flo Martin will also be assisting with this class. The 7th and 8th grade class is led by Catherine and Casey Gardner. The 9th—12th grade class is led by Baron and Susie Gibson. To ensure our teachers have adequate time to complete each week's discussion, we will be starting Sunday School at 9:50a.m. Juice and doughnuts will be available starting at 9:30a.m.

Youth Choir—Cam Bishop leads the youth choir. They meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:45. The youth choir sings on a regular basis in our worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn scripture through music.

Sunday Night Programs—We meet every Sunday night from 6:00—8:00. During this time we have dinner, games, and a lesson.

Wednesday Night Bible Study—Following Wednesday Night Suppers, the youth gather for Bible Study in the youth room.

Acolyte Ministry—Our students serve as acolytes during our worship services each week. Harold Chapman is the contact person for this aspect of our ministry.

Communication

We want you to know what is going on with the youth ministry at Mulberry. There are a variety of ways we communicate on a regular basis.

The Church Newsletter—each week we have a column on the inside page. Due to limited space, the information is limited.

Weekly Email—every week we send an email with a large amount of information regarding upcoming events, topics, etc. This is the best method of having the most up-to-date information about what is happening with the youth ministry. This weekly email is titled "Weekly Ramblings." You can subscribe by visiting our "Students/Parents" page on our website.

Youth Website—our website consists of three different options: the "Main Site", "the Blog", and "Students/Parents". The Main Site has basic information about our group, photographs, and a calendar. The Blog contains a variety of information ranging from events and calendar issues to thoughts about the topics we discuss at youth programs. From the Students/Parents page you can access PDF's of things sent out in the mail, the Weekly Email Archive, Roots Newsletters, and other information.

Other Communications—as you already know, we send postcards and letters throughout the year. Each week we make announcements before Sunday School and our Sunday Night Program. Finally, we have a group on Facebook (there is a link on our website to this group).

If you cannot find the information you need or have questions, you can always contact Cameron.

Youth Coordinator

We are very pleased that Glenn Smith has agreed to serve as the Youth Coordinator. Glenn is a veteran volunteer with the youth ministry at Mulberry. In his role as Youth Coordinator, Glenn will be relating to the Youth Council and Church Council. Feel free to contact him with any questions about the youth ministry.

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Our Winter Retreat will be held at Epworth by the Sea February 13—15. The cost for this trip is \$100 and \$20 deposit is needed by January 9th (designate “Youth Winter Retreat—student’s name”). Cost includes transportation, programming, and 4 meals. A group of our students are developing the theme and discussions for the weekend. More information will be available soon.

Winter Retreat



The LiveLove Student Life Conference is all about creating an atmosphere that will be full of great worship and transforming teaching. During this time together your child will be inspired with essential truths, motivated with unbridled worship, challenged from God’s Word and unified not only with our group but the entire body of Christ. The Live Love Conference will be tons of fun. But ... the goal is not to entertain, but to bring the teachings of Scripture to life.

This cost of this trip is \$85 which includes transportation, event tickets, and lodging. Students will need to bring money for food (continental breakfast included). Please send in your payment by January 15th (designate “Youth LiveLove—Students Name”).

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” – Matthew 20:16

Love those who hate you. Rejoice in your trials. If you lose your life you find it. Less of me is more. Jesus teaches us to live in a way that is completely opposite of what the world says. He changes minds and hearts as he turns lives upside down.

We will be joining with Student Life during the summer of '09 as we explore the “FLIP.” The cost to attend this camp is \$260 and includes transportation, event tickets, lodging, and daily breakfast. A \$50 deposit is due by January 21st (designate “Youth Flip—student’s name”).



Summer Mission Project

“Give as freely as you have received!” Matthew 10:8

This summer our students have the opportunity to participate in a mission project with the Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC. This will be a wonderful trip for students of any age and grade. The total cost of the trip is \$400 which includes housing, food, building materials, and transportation. The deposit deadline has been extended to February 1st (designate “Youth Mission—Student’s Name”).

Visit the “Students/Parents” page of our website for more information about these trips.

Financial Commitment

We want every student to be able to attend all of our events. We believe that finances should not limit a student’s ability to take part in his or her desire to grow closer to God. Our prayer is that through fundraising efforts and scholarships sponsored by various church members/groups, we will never have to tell a student that he or she cannot attend an event. We recognize that the events listed above require a serious financial commitment. If your child needs assistance in meeting these costs, please contact Cameron. We will find a way to make it possible for our students to attend whatever events they desire.