

FALL 2009

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IN Touch

fbc YOUth Parent Newsletter

Note From Rick...



I'm looking at a picture of some smiling teenagers on my desk (I know; as a parent we don't see them smile that often.. We usually just get a grunt and a sneer). And it is another reminder to me of how quickly life flies by. I remember these smiling Middle Schoolers as laughing children in VBS just a few years ago... And then I look up at some pictures on the walls that line my office and I see more smiling faces looking back at me. Some of them have moved far away, gotten married, and some have children of their own. Time moves by really fast. I can still remember the bus rides to camp and the laughter and tears that were shed...

And then there are my own children. I just made copies of baby pictures for a class project and it took me back 15 years ago to when my child's breath still smelled good and I was her world... But they grow up. And with a few deep breaths they are off and out the door on to new adventures and experiences.

God has given us each a great gift in the eyes of our children (even though for now they seem to glare at us more than smile). They are becoming adults right before our eyes whether we want to believe it or not. And the crazy thing is that God would trust us with a life that He made. But He does. That's his plan. And His call hasn't changed; **"Train up a child in the way he/she should go and when..."** Well you know the rest. if not look it up. (*Proverbs 22:6; and while you're at it look up Ephesians 5:15-17*).

Our time is short with our kids at home, let's pray together for the wisdom to point our teens to Jesus as we do our best to follow Him.

in Christ,
rick



Check Your Calendar

What's Going on...

Here are some Fall activities that you and your student can plug into...

See You at the Pole September 23rd



If your student wants a shirt, **all orders must be placed and paid for by Sept. 9th. But shirt or no shirt, I hope they will take time to pray.**

The prayer event starts at 7 a.m. around your student's school flag pole... this is also a good reminder for you to take some special time to pray for God's intervention in this school year and in our world.

Let's all pray for REAL CHANGE!!!



Building Community...

One of the important things we do in the life of a teenager is build a vibrant community of support and love where every student knows he or she has a place to belong.... Here is what we are doing this Fall.

We are always looking for folks to bring food and even stay and chaperone...

Sept. 23 - SYAPT Student Time (7-8p.m.)

This will be a student led Wed. Night LIVE with a video of the day's prayer event . You are welcome to join us!

Oct. 11 - Bowling SNACK (7-10:30p.m.)

We will leave right after church, make sure your student joins us at 6 for church. The Cost is \$5. (call if you would like to drive or just come tag along)

Nov. 22 - Game SNACK (7-9 p.m.)

In the YOUth Room after evening church (call if you want to help out with food or help chaperone)

WNL Coffee Houses (7-8 p.m.)

To break up our studies on Wednesday nights, we'll take a break from studying for some fun; on **October 22nd** we'll have a goofy costume contest, and on **December 17th** we'll have a talent show in the youth room during our regular meeting times.

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To the Parents of:

Providing Parents tools to disciple their teens. Our two main teaching times are Wednesday nights and Sunday Mornings. Our small groups on Sundays are a great place for kids to discuss with their peers and a caring adult (we have the best youth teachers!). and Wednesday nights are our large group, "youth rally/worship" setting... less discussion and more preaching and singing. And I want to make sure you as a parent know what could be going through your teen's mind as he or she comes home. With the right kind of question, you could get into a nice conversation about Jesus and His power to help you live. So, let me encourage you to talk to your teens about more than just sex and drugs. Talk to them about your faith in God!!! *"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* (Deuteronomy 6:7)

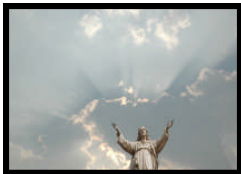
I am always looking for Parent Feedback... If you have any suggestions or ideas that would help us help teens grow in their relationship with Jesus, please let me know. You can contact me through the following ways: **cell: 903.276.3428 church: 903.628.2531 web: www.fbnewboston.com e-mail: rick@fbnewboston.com**

Wed. Night L.I.V.E.

"LIVE" stands for "living in view of Eternity" and it is our aim to point teens' attention back to their Creator and His plan for this life and life to come every time we meet...

We will do a variety of activities to reinforce our topic; some things will be very serious others funny and relaxing... The goal is to get folks thinking about life from God's perspective. Just about every night I give the students talk sheets with Bible study notes. So, if your are interested, you can ask your teen to let you see their talk sheet. It may open up some good spiritual conversations.

Here are the topics for the FALL:



What did Jesus Mean when He said,
"REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR."

This Fall we will be studying the **Sermon on the Mount** (Matthew 5:1-7:27). We will be talking about how Jesus is calling each of us to live life by His Kingdom's principles and teaching. We'll be looking at issues like Christian Character, Christian Conduct, Christ-Centered Motivations, and the Cost of Following Jesus.

Sunday School:

I would like to provide a separate newsletter to every parent that would like to follow up on your teen's Sunday School lesson. We will attempt to send it home with every student, but if you don't get a copy, we will post them on the Church web site. Here are the Bible Study topics for the Fall:

September

4 session study focusing on who Jesus really is

October

4 session study in The Gospel of Mark
(looking at some of the basic essentials of our faith.)

November

5 session study in the Book of James
(looking at some practical ways to live for Christ in the real world.)

Volunteers and SUBS are welcome...

We are always looking for folks to sub when our **Sunday School** teachers need to be gone. If you would be willing to teach, talk to Rick or your student's teacher.
We are also always open to more adults on **Wednesday nights**; to stand in the hallways and help keep order. Call Rick if you would like to help....