

JUNIOR YOUTH NEWS...

Here's a basic calendar for the next 4 weeks:

August 21st – Back to school beach party – 5:00 p.m. at Big Creek (bring snacks to share, I'll bring hot dogs, buns, plates, beverages).

August 28th – 4:00 p.m. Meeting at church

September 4th – No meeting due to Holiday

September 11th – 4:00 p.m. Meeting at church

September 18th – Laser Tag (time TBD)

Jr. High School Youth Gathering – October 29-30, 2011

This year's gather takes place at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. The theme for this year's gathering is "Sacred" and focuses on the topic of baptism. **Registration deadline is September 21st.** Cost for registration is: \$115 / youth. We will travel to the Gathering in one of the child care vans. Please pick up your registration materials in the church office and return all completed forms with your check for \$115 by September 21st. Financial aid for part of the registration cost is available through the church and District. Please ask for a financial aid form when you pick up your registration materials. As in previous years, the youth are invited to bring new toys (\$5 - \$10, newborn – 14) to help support their mission project: "Toys for Children in Los Angeles."

Gathering Fund Raising

If any of you are interested in helping defray some of the cost of attending the Gathering by doing a fundraiser, please speak with me. Fundraising is a great way to build excitement for the Gathering and a good way to help the youth be more "invested" in gathering participation.

Finally...

My thanks to Kristi Hauger and Deb Patterson for the great job they did on the Slater swim party last weekend. Kristi and Deb will continue to help with Jr. Youth meetings on a regular basis (Aug. 28 for example). I appreciate and am grateful for their creativity and support!

God bless,

Pastor

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