

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS—JUNE 2008

Dear Youth and Those Interested in Youth,

School's out. Woohoo. Way to go, gang. May was a month of Youth Sunday, worship, and pool parties as we welcomed up a new crop of high schoolers and middle schoolers. Now get ready for more great times with "Summer's Sensational Seven"!

Sunday, June 1st: Sunday School Move-Up Day: 10:15 am. This applies to graduated 5th graders and 8th graders who will be moving up to the PULSE and Senior High Sunday School classes respectively. PULSE will begin a series of study on Noah and the Ark, built around the upcoming movie release, "Evan Almighty." Senior High will do a thematic study around a different contemporary song each week.

Sunday, June 1st-Saturday, June 7th: Senior High Youth Retreat to the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina. Forty youth and advisors will be making this sojourn to the beautiful mountains together joining 1000+ youth from all over the United States for this retreat of Christian study, worship, and fun. We will leave at precisely 12:30 pm and will return by 1 pm the following Saturday. Contact Martha Skeeters or myself with any questions or concerns, or for late additions.

Wednesday, June 4th: PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm. PULSE, we'll probe the depths of the Christian faith in an exciting three week summer study. Don't miss it, y'all!

Sunday, June 8th: Great Escape Participants and Parents Meeting: 12:15-12:45 pm in Youth Center. This is a mandatory meeting for all Great Escapers and at least one parent and should not last more than 20 minutes. We'll go over last minute details for our trip together. Make sure all your stuff is in: money and medical form.

Sunday, June 8th: PULSE Mountain Climb/Picnic/ Laser Show at Stone Mountain. 6-11 pm. Only \$5 will get you a great picnic dinner, a great hike as we climb the big thing because it is there, and a great laser show as we lie on our blankets (bring one) and be mesmerized. Come join us for a great time, and of course, you can bring a friend.

Wednesday, June 11th: Senior High At-Home Bible Fellowship at Olivia Taylor's Home. 7-8:30 pm. As we move into homes for the summer, our Bible Study will begin a series on the Old Testament books of 1 and 2 Samuel. We will explore Israel's life as she transitions from a government under the judges to a monarchy. Major characters include the prophet Samuel, King Saul, and King David. Together let us experience these great stories of both faithlessness and faithfulness and explore where we fit in. Be there. Mapquest 1271 Summit Chase Drive in Snellville for directions, or from church turn right. After one mile, turn right onto Summit Chase.

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Thursday, June 12th: Senior High Water Water Rafting Trip Down the Ocoee River in Tennessee. \$32. 7:30 am-6 pm. It's the most exhilarating two hours of rafting anywhere in the world—near us. It's high adventure indeed, and we have 20 spots guaranteed to the first 20 people who get their money and permission form (enclosed) in to the Youth Office. Bring old tennis shoes or river sandals (with heel strap), change of clothes, swim suit, towel, sun screen, and some bucks for lunch/snacks. Hot showers are available, as desired.

Wednesday, June 18th: PULSE Mountain River Tubing and Water Slide Trip to Helen, Georgia: \$8 Plus Lunch Money: 9 am-6:30 pm. Get ready for one great, laid-back, chill-out time. Together, we'll visit this historic North Georgia alpine village and river tube and water slide to our heart's delight. It'll be great fun. We'll eat lunch on the way (bring fast food bucks). You might want to bring a change of clothes (in addition to swim suit) Bring your friends!

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Sunday, June 22nd: Senior High and PULSE Serve Homeless at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Breakfast, and Alternative Worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta: 6-11 am. Come join us, y'all, since you no longer have homework as an excuse. Let's do some good in this world. Come live out your faith in the flesh, then we'll worship at the church of Martin Luther King fame, and then grab a quick breakfast together (bring bucks) before returning to WPC by noon. What a morning!

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Senior High New Orleans Missions Team Lunch and Meeting in Room 22. 12:15-2:15 pm. All 25 of us who are destined for New Orleans, Louisiana must attend this meeting and bring at least one parent. Parents can stay for the full

two hours, but need to be there for at least the first hour (for dinner and important information gathering). Make sure all forms and money are in. Bring \$5 per person for provided lunch. This is our one meeting prior to leaving for New Orleans!

Sunday, June 22nd-Friday, June 27th: PULSE Trip to the "Great Escape" Youth Conference in Cleveland, Tennessee. All 25+ of us who have adventure in our blood will be joining 800 other middle-schoolers from across the Southeast for a wonderful youth conference of fun, fellowship, worship, singing, small group time, recreation, crud war, and more. It will be a scream! We'll leave Sunday after worship (around 12:30 pm), and barring unforeseen delays, parents, we will return Friday by 12:30 pm. See me, Scott, if you want to go and have not yet signed up. Spots are still open.

Wednesday, June 25th: Senior High Movie Night, Games, and Dinner at Amber Fratesi's Home. 6-10 pm. Senior High, come take a mid-week break from your life and watch another movie with a message, eat dinner together (\$3), play game room games, and talk about nothing, something, and everything at the coolest rec room anywhere. We're calling it "FFFF: Frolicking Fun and Frivolity at the Fratesis." Mapquest 3585 Grady Smith Road in Loganville for directions.
No PULSE "Digging Deeper" Today Because of Great Escape.

Sunday, June 29th-Friday, July 4th: Senior High Missions Trip to New Orleans, Louisiana. With cajun country on our mind, 25 Senior High and advisors are ready to go and serve in the name of Jesus Christ. We will be doing some serious work to help people in need, running the Kids Club program and doing some construction projects for needy families. We will leave at around 7 am Sunday morning and return around 6 pm Friday night. At present, all spots are sold out with quite a waiting list.

Get ready, youth, for a jamming July. The Senior High will go water skiing on beautiful Lake Burton and PULSE will have the coolest X-box Party ever. We will also all take in a Braves baseball game and do Bible Study and serve others. We'll also have a community-wide 4th of July joint celebration with our Baptist and Methodist brethren down the street. Stay tuned.

ATTENTION ALL ADULTS: THE YOUTH PROGRAM NEEDS YOU! We are looking for more adults to help out with the youth ministry, especially our middle school program. If you want to have a blast and help our kids (and yourself!) grow in their walk with God, please see me to explore the possibilities. You have more to offer than you realize.

Together, people, let us work to make a difference at our church and in our community.

With Laughter and Love,

Scott