

# YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS OVERVIEW

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## **I. Youth Ministry Events**

### **a. Yearly Events**

- i. Winter Retreat-January/February-Past events: Ski Retreat, Sapphire, NC
- ii. Summer Camp-June/July-Past events: Centrifuge
- iii. Fall Retreat-August/September-Past events: Rafting Retreat
- iv. Disciple Now Weekend- Usually done during the Spring or Fall months.
- v. Youth Conferences-Youth Evangelism Conference, Acquire the Fire, and Student Life.

### **b. Monthly Events**

- i. Youth Night Out-The Youth Night Out is mostly, although not necessarily always, done on a Friday night in order to prevent staying out too late on a Saturday night and, therefore, hindering Sunday Morning church attendance. Some past events include: Bowling, Emerald Falls Adventure Park, going to the movies, and having supper. The purpose of this event is to build fellowship among those in the youth group and to draw others in who may not have a church home.
- ii. First Priority Praise-A monthly gathering of youth in the Elmore County area for a large youth praise and worship service. These events are almost always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night of the month at a sister church in the county. June, July, and December are usually off-months for First Priority Praise. The purpose of this event is to expose the youth to youth-led worship in sister churches, and also to build fellowship with those in other churches.
- iii. Youth Mission Project-This event is typically done every other month, and is usually done on a Saturday, although not always. The purpose of this type of project is to cultivate a servant-like heart in our teenagers through participation in various service projects. Some past projects include working at the Adullam House and at the church.

### **c. Weekly Events**

- i. Sunday School-At the present time we have two youth Sunday School classes that are divided into two separate sections: 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sunday School begins at 9:30am on Sunday mornings (9am for Spring 2009 season), and we meet in the educational building on the second floor in the multi-purpose room next to the kitchen.
- ii. Sunday Night Discipleship-This youth meeting is designed specifically for believers desiring to grow in their walk with God. These sessions will focus on maturing and discipling believers in Christ through various studies that are designed for that end. We currently meet between 5pm-6pm in the youth room, although for some studies we may meet in the Education building.
- iii. Wednesday Night Bible Study-Generally these meetings are focused on the youth group as a whole, and will include both doctrinal and topical teachings that are relevant to the students' lives. These sessions are generally aimed at giving the students a time to experience the Word in a venue that is conducive for worship, prayer, and reflection. We currently have these meetings in the "Youth Room" which is located outside in the last mobile unit next to the office section of our Main Building.