

**C.R.E.W. LINES**  
**(CREATED TO REACH THE ENTIRE WORLD)**  
**JANUARY 1, 2012**  
**Happy New Year!**

**Life Below the Surface, 2011-12:** A challenging journey into the mysteries of the deep.

Verse for the week: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and with man." Luke 2:52 (NIV)

**Of Note Regarding Winter Jam...**

We are going to have to reschedule the trip to the Winter Jam concert and try to go to the one in February at the Bi-lo Center in Greenville, SC like we did last year. It is on a Friday night rather than Sunday, and coming back in on a school night at 1:00 a.m. is never a good thing for parents or the youth minister who planned it. This schedule change is also necessary because of some conflicts with other events at EBC and the need to devote time and energy this month to the student center renovation so that we can be moved in within about six weeks.

**IMPORTANT CELL PHONE ANNOUNCEMENT!**

I now have a second cell phone that I will begin using for church business in the coming months. Although my personal phone number will still be in operation, my newer phone has features that the older one doesn't, so I will begin using it more and more. Please put the new number in your phone alongside the older one so that your phone will recognize who is calling or texting. You can reach me on either phone for now, though. The new number is: **704-301-5618**. Please share this with your parents so that they can update their contact information as well.

**Men's High School Basketball Team will not practice today, but games resume this week on Tuesday night.**

**THE C.R.E.W. QUARTERS**

**THIS WILL BE THE NAME FOR THE NEW STUDENT CENTER, AND IT IS NOW OFFICIALLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION! IF YOU WANT TO BE ON ONE OF THE WORK CREWS TO HELP CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE THE OLD FELLOWSHIP HALL INTO THE NEW "C.R.E.W. QUARTERS," LET ME KNOW BY SIGNING UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE YOUTH HOUSE. SOME TEAMS...LIKE THE TECH TEAM...WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION EVEN AFTER THE RENOVATION IS COMPLETE. CEILING TILE REMOVAL BEGAN THIS PAST WEEK, AND THE KITCHEN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY GUTTED AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPAINTED. THIS PLACE WILL BE AWESOME! I CANNOT WAIT UNTIL IT'S FINISHED. I DON'T THINK YOU WILL FIND A NICER ONE ANYWHERE ONCE THIS ONE IS COMPLETE!**

**Winter Retreat...Sign up to Ski/Snowboard...DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY**

If you are going on the Winter Retreat, please sign up for your preference (ski, snowboard, etc.). The signup sheet is located in the hallway of the Youth House by the stairway. I mailed you a letter this past week if you had signed up to go. If you signed up a friend, I likely didn't have the address for that person, so I sent theirs to you. If you get your friend's packet, please forward it on to them and try to get their address to me ASAP. If you have not signed up for one of the options in the letter sent to you last week, please remember that **THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11. PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY FROM THAT LETTER. IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER, IT IS EITHER LOST IN THE MAIL OR YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST. IN EITHER CASE, LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY. Thanks.**

**C.R.E.W. STAFF MEETING**

There will be a meeting of all C.R.E.W. Chiefs on Tuesday evening, January 10 at 7:00 in the Youth House. Please text me and let me know if you can come or not.

**MISSION TRIPS – The Final Update**

**Next Sunday, January 8, is the final day to sign up and pay the \$50 deposit for either the Middle School or High School/College mission trip. I have been able to add a couple of spots this past week, so hurry if you still want to go. There will be**

**no extension of this week's deadline.** I am required to send in the deposits after next Sunday, and I will have to release all unfilled spots at that time. There is no guarantee that I can add anyone after that date. If you have signed up but haven't paid your \$50 deposit and have not made other arrangements with me, please either pay today or Wednesday evening, or let me know if you need to make other arrangements or get an extension. If you want to sign up, there is now a waiting list, but you need to tell me quickly. I will try and add you when I pay the deposit in a few weeks. Remember, it is easier to remove your name than add it. Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Trips are listed below:

1. *The Middle School Mission Trip for next summer is to Vero Beach/Ft. Pierce, Florida...June 11-16. Total cost of the trip is \$249.00, but that will be reduced through fund raising. Hopefully, you will not have to pay over \$100.00, if even that much.*
2. *The High School/College Mission trip is to Lake Providence, Louisiana...July 7-14. This is an area of extreme need, and they need many to participate. Total cost for the trip will be \$260.00, but that will be reduced through fund raising. Hopefully, you will not have to pay over \$100.00, if even that much.*

### **Scheduled Fund Raisers**

1. Friends and Family Night, February 25.
2. Parade of Tables, March 17.
3. Guys Car Show, June 2 (Rain date June 9).
4. Golf Tournament, TBA.

**CASWELL SIGN UP FOR SUMMER, 2012 HAS ENDED. RESERVATION REQUESTS WERE MAILED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT. The theme for next summer is "Ethics: Choosing to do the right thing, even when no one else is around." I have already been in contact with the Caswell staff, and this summer's theme and program personalities promise to be very, very powerful and timely. If you didn't get signed up, I will start a waiting list immediately. Please sign up if you want to go but missed the deadline. I will fill any slots that come open in the order that you sign up on the list, first come first served.**

**Remember also that you need to put INVASION on your spring calendar for April 19-22! The theme will be "Rooted," and Nathan Smith will be the speaker, and Shane Williams and his band will provide the worship music. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.**

### **ARE YOU READING THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR?**

Below are the passages for this week and next:

**Sunday, January 1: Genesis 1-3; Matthew 1**

**Tuesday, January 3: Genesis 7-9; Matthew 3**

**Thursday, January 5: Genesis 13-15; Matthew 5:1-26**

**Saturday, January 7: Genesis 18-19; Matthew 6:1-18**

**Monday, January 2: Genesis 4-6; Matthew 2**

**Wednesday, January 4: Genesis 10-12; Matthew 4**

**Friday, January 6: Genesis 16-17; Matthew 5:27-48**

**Sunday, January 8: Genesis 20-22; Matthew 6:19-34**



"180" will resume on Wednesday at 6:30 in the Youth House.

### *Hang Time*

*Hang Time will resume this Wednesday night from at 6:00-6:25. This is a great time to pay for trips and just get to know each other a little better.*

**The Guys/The Gems** will be not be meeting today because there are no services or activities this evening.

**The Guys** will not need to pack for **Backpack Buddies** this week. They have already been packed.

### **ignite Light the Fire!**

Your next rehearsal will be this Wednesday, January 4. You will be working on the Dessert Dinner Theatre and two promotional videos to be aired soon.

East to West

You will resume rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, January 8 at 4:30.

**Happy New Year From David and the Student Ministry Team! (S.M.T.)**

