

**C.R.E.W. LINES**  
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**JANUARY 15, 2012**

Life Below the Surface, 2012: A challenging journey into the mysteries of the deep.

Verse for the week: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

*YOU FINALLY HAVE A DAY OFF TOMORROW! Since I know you love to be together, even if bonding requires getting up slightly early, we will have a workday! Please sign up if you can come, and we'll meet at 9:00 in the new student center. Some will be building a wall and mounting windows. Others will be moving food into the new food bank area; girls will be cleaning out the GEMS space; Others will be transporting the coffee shop booths over from the gym and moving around other items that are either in the way or that will be sold at auction soon. We will work until noon, and then break for pizza. I will have it delivered, and it will be free for those who come and work. Should be loads of fun working in the new student center!*

**PARENTS!!!! There will be a meeting NEXT SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00 in the YOUTH HOUSE for all parents whose children are signed up to go either to the Florida or the Louisiana mission trip. This is also open to parents of college students who plan to go with us. There will be important dates and fund raising information shared at this meeting. PLEASE make every effort to attend.**

**Men's High School Basketball Practice will resume this afternoon from 2:30-4:00 unless otherwise directed by your coaching staff.**

*Men's Ministry Sunday...is January 29*

*Unfortunately, that is the same weekend as our Winter Retreat. If you are not going with us, however, please consider working with the men on their mission project on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Also, Pastor Rit would like to have two guys read the scripture on dedication Sunday, a middle school student for the 8:30 service and a high school student my .*

**THE NEW "C.R.E.W. MINISTRIES RECEPTION/INFORMATION CENTER"** will ultimately become the "gateway" into **"THE C.R.E.W. QUARTERS,"** the student center currently under construction. It has been named in honor of Shelia Gardner who dedicated many, many hours of service to the children and teenagers of our church. It officially opened this morning. This will be the place where visitors with youth will be directed from the main visitor center, which also opened this morning. From now on, parents will pay for trips in the Reception Center, and they can also sign you up for events, complete permission forms, buy tickets for upcoming events, and pick up information related to student ministry there as well. Even though you will still be able to sign up yourselves in the student center, the reception center will also maintain updated lists so that parents can check to see if their children have signed up. In the coming weeks, you will be able to stop there to purchase Student Ministry tee shirts, trip and promo videos, etc. It will be open on Sunday mornings (initially on Sunday only, but possibly expanding to Wednesdays in the future.) from 9:20 until 10:00, and then again after Life Groups from 10:45 until 10:55. The children's side will be open after the service, but

(since students are not generally being picked up from the nursery,) the student side will not be staffed again after worship services. There will be a team of Student Ministry Receptionists, and the Reception Center Coordinator is Linda Hoppes. Receptionists thus far include: Linda Hoppes, coordinator; Anna Lancaster, Angela Ramsey, Cathy Miller, and Kellie Grier.

## Winter Retreat "OPERATION SNOWBALL"

*Beginning today, you may sign up in pairs for rooming. There will be two per room. Be thinking of who your roommate will be. If you do not have a partner by Wednesday, I will lovingly assign one to you. A rooming sign-up sheet is posted in the youth house.*

**YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO ACCEPT IT, IS TO LOCATE AND INFILTRATE THE SACRED WRITINGS OF THE WORLD'S ONLY TRUE FAITH, CODENAME: "BIBLE," AND SEEK OUT THE HIDDEN FORCES OF EVIL PLANNING THE ULTIMATE ACT OF TERROR...THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION AND ANNIHILATION OF MANKIND ON PLANET EARTH. YOU WILL RENDEZVOUS FOR THIS MISSION AT MISSION HEADQUARTERS (EBC) ON JANUARY 27 AT 17:00 HOURS TO BEGIN YOUR QUEST. THIS NEWSLETTER MIGHT SELF-DESTRUCT IN FIVE SECONDS...BUT I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT.**

### MISSION TRIPS - Update

**Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Mission Trips for next summer. The final list has been populated, and the deposits have been made. I need two males and two females to go with us on the Florida trip. The Middle School Mission Trip for next summer is to Vero Beach/Ft. Pierce, Florida...June 11-16. If you want to go, 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.**

**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. Please consider going. We need at least as many if not more than last summer. DEPOSITS OF \$50 ARE ALREADY DUE. Pay in the Youth House on Sunday/Wednesday or through the church office. 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.

**Remember also that you need to put INVASION on your spring calendar for April 19-22!**

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

Below are the passages for this week and next:

Sunday, January 15: Genesis 36-38; Matthew 10:21-42

Tuesday, January 17: Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12:1-23

Thursday, January 19: Genesis 46-48; Matthew 13:1-30

Saturday, January 21: Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14:1-21

Monday, January 16: Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11

Wednesday, January 18: Genesis 43-45; Matthew 12:24-50

Friday, January 20: Genesis 49-50; Matthew 13:31-58

Sunday, January 22: Exodus 4-6; Matthew 14:22-36



**"180" will be Wednesday evening at 6:30. We will begin with a book in the Bible rather than a specific topic. We might even try meeting for the first time in the "CONSTRUCTION ZONE" of the new student center. It isn't finished, but if it is safe, we can move in enough chairs so that we can all be in the same space rather than being squashed into three rooms in the youth house. Bring your Bibles and a friend or three.**

### Hang Time

*Hang Time will start this Wednesday at 6:00. This is a great time to get to know each other a little better.*

**The Guys/The Gems** will be meeting at 6:00 tonight in the gym. **The Guys** will pack backpacks for **Backpack Buddies** and discuss plans for moving the **Harvest Corner Food Bank** into its new location in the renovated student center. Additionally, they will be discussing moving into a new meeting space. Ryan Jaynes will also be sharing from scripture this evening, so everyone is asked to bring Bibles. **The Gems** will be meeting in the Youth House and making some important plans for the clothing closet, the new meeting space, and upcoming events.

**ignite Light the Fire!** Your rehearsal will be Wednesday at 7:30 in the Christian Life Center (the new building) on the new stage. You will be working on a number of upcoming projects, among them, completing several promotional videos to be aired soon...and possibly some more projects that just came up this week.

### East to West

**Rehearsal resumes this afternoon at 4:30 in the Youth House. We will begin making the transition into the Christian Life Center today, as that becomes our new place for rehearsal. All middle school vocalists and instrumentalists are asked to continue regular rehearsals with us on a weekly basis with Tony Morton. We need your constant presence so that we can begin creating a new band that will fill in from the bottom as our older students graduate. Sometimes you will work with the existing band, and sometimes by yourselves. IMPORTANT: If you play a band or orchestra instrument and would be willing to play for worship, please plan to begin rehearsal with us next Sunday, January 20 at 4:30. I need to get a list of everyone who can play an instrument. We also need singers, guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboardists, etc. to join up with the newly formed middle school band.**

### **Xcelerate...VERY IMPORTANT (MUY IMPORTANTE)**

**A few months ago, this tech team began with just a few people, but we just experimented with the possibilities it had to offer. Now, we are ready to crank it up into a full-fledged ministry with a regular meeting time and (sound, lighting, photography, website design and maintenance, video) needs of our student ministry. As we grow, this team will also need to grow and expand as well. This is the technically creative arm of the ministry. The leaders of this organization are Kevin Atchley, Chance Witherspoon, and David Sparks. Other members I know of right now are Hannah White and Mallory Greene (our photographers), Zach Heaton, and Ian McCall. We need additional members, and we need a good representation of middle school students who can grow with the ministry. Our first meeting will be Wednesday evening, January 18 at 7:30. We will start our meeting in the youth house and go over to the student center from there to begin planning for the installation of sound, video, and WiFi. If you would like to become part of this team, please sign up on the sheet (on the bulletin board) today! If you cannot make it to this meeting, please let me know that as well. It is important, though, to have as many as possible at the first meeting. Some of the tasks immediately before us include updating the website and online calendars; shooting, editing, and uploading video to the website and creating video productions for **ignite**.**

### **WINTER JAM!!!**

Many of you expressed an interest in attending Winter Jam. Because of some issues that other local youth groups had at the Charlotte event last year, I have decided that if we want to attend, we need to try again for the one in Greenville, SC. It is on Friday evening, February 10. One of the concerns from parents about the one tonight was the late hour when you would be returning. The one in February is on a Friday night, so that won't be a problem...but, if you sign up, remember that you would have to leave school just after lunch on the tenth.

**Have a great week!**

**Blessings,**

**David**