

C.R.E.W. LINES
(CREATED TO REACH THE ENTIRE WORLD)
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Life Below the Surface, 2012: A challenging journey into the mysteries of the deep.

Verse for the week: "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways..."
Psalm 91:11 (NIV)

**Men's High School Basketball Practice will resume Sunday afternoon, January 15
from 2:30-4:00 since there is no game this week.**

THE NEW "C.R.E.W. MINISTRIES RECEPTION/INFORMATION CENTER" will ultimately become the "gateway" into **"THE C.R.E.W. QUARTERS"** that is currently under construction. It will officially open next Sunday morning, January 15 and will be the place where visitors with youth will come when they first arrive at the church and where parents will stop by to make payments, gather information, and complete necessary forms. All of the transactions that have been handled in the Youth House will occur in the Reception/Information Center beginning next Sunday. The right side of the center is for the Student Ministry, and the left side is for the Children's Ministry. Watch this area as it grows and evolves in the coming months! It will be exciting. There will be a team of Student Ministry Receptionists, and the Reception Center Coordinator is Linda Hoppes.

Winter Retreat...Payment Deadline

If you are going on the Winter Retreat, please complete the Activities Form (pick one up from Beth Beam or me this morning) and be sure it is completed and turned in by Wednesday night (January 11). Beth will be available to collect money today and Wednesday. She (or someone) will also be available beginning at 6:00 tonight to collect. If you cannot find Beth, pay me. I will get it to her. If you were on the waiting list and were added this past week, you have likely not paid your initial \$25 deposit and will need to do so when you pay for the remainder of the trip. **GOOD NEWS!!!!!!** We were able to keep costs down to the point that everyone will get a \$20 reduction in cost for your rooming. So, instead of owing \$69, you will now need to calculate your lodging cost at \$49. If you have already paid, please see Beth Beam to request a \$20 refund. **All money must be collected by Wednesday so that we do not incur a late charge from the retreat center and have to take back your \$20 credit. If you are not paid up by Wednesday and you have not made other arrangements, your name will have to be dropped from the roster and your partial payments refunded.**

Beginning next week, we will be working on rooming. There are two per room, so be thinking of who your roommate will be. If you do not have a partner by next week, I will lovingly assign one to you. A sign-up sheet will be posted later in the week for rooming.

MISSION TRIPS - Update

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Mission Trip for next summer. I am assuming that everyone who was interested has signed up. The lists have been removed from the bulletin board. If you haven't paid your \$50 deposit and have not made other arrangements with me, please either pay today or let me know if you need 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. I can probably get you in if you act quickly. Please don't let this opportunity pass you by. Trips are listed below.
(Deposit will be made after Wednesday of this week, and the final list will be populated. Only those on the list at that time will be assured of a spot.)

1. The Middle School Mission Trip for next summer is to Vero Beach/Ft. Pierce, Florida...June 11-16. If you want to go, **DEPOSITS OF \$50 ARE ALREADY DUE. Pay in the Youth House on Sunday/Wednesday or through the church office.** 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. 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.

CASWELL SIGN -UPS ARE CLOSED, AND THEY WERE POSTMARKED AND MAILED JANUARY 1. SOME HAVE ASKED TO BE ADDED SINCE THEN, SO WE HAVE BEGUN A WAITING LIST. IF WE ARE GRANTED THE RESERVATIONS WE HAVE REQUESTED, I WILL TRY AND CALL TO HAVE YOU ADDED IF YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST. OPEN SLOTS WILL BE FILLED IN THE ORDER THAT PEOPLE SIGN UP ON THE WAITING LIST. WE HAVE TO REQUEST ONE WEEK AND PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE DATE. WE ASKED FOR JULY 23-28 AS OUR FIRST CHOICE (THE DATE WE HAVE PUBLICIZED) AND JULY 30-AUG. 4 AS OUR SECOND CHOICE. 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

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 8: Genesis 20-22; Matthew 6:19-34
Tuesday, January 10: Genesis 25-26; Matthew 8:1-17
Thursday, January 12: Genesis 29-30; Matthew 9:1-17
Saturday, January 14: Genesis 33-35; Matthew 10:1-20

Monday, January 9: Genesis 23-24; Matthew 7
Wednesday, January 11: Genesis 27-28; Matthew 8:18-34
Friday, January 13: Genesis 31-32; Matthew 9:18-38
Sunday, January 15: Genesis 36-38; Matthew 10:21-42



"180" this week will answer the question, "If God loves us, why did he allow sin to come into the world?" This is a question that so many lost people, and saved people, ask. If you ever wanted to know the answer to this, come Wednesday so we can DISCUSS it. This week, we will begin with a discussion that will end with taking a look at what the Bible has to say about the matter.

Hang Time

Hang Time will start this Wednesday at 6:00. 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 meeting at 6:00 tonight. **The Guys** will GO SHOPPING FOR FOOD AT WALMART! Then, you will head over to Dairy Queen before returning to pack backpacks for **Backpack Buddies** and discussing plans for working in and moving into the renovated student center. Be sure to bring money for food. **The Gems** will be meeting in the Youth House and taking down decorations while making some important plans for the new year and their move into the you student center.

ignite Light the Fire! Your rehearsal will be Wednesday at 7:30 in the SANCTUARY...for the last time☹. You will begin having rehearsals in the new facility beginning on January 18! ☺ You will discuss rescheduling the Dessert Dinner Theatre and completing two 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 likely make the move into the new facility next Sunday. All middle school vocalists and instrumentalists who began with us in September are asked to return this afternoon for a rehearsal with Tony Morton. We are beginning the process of creating a new band that will enable us to fill in

from the bottom as our older students graduate, and that can also function as a separate organization.

IMPORTANT: If you play a band or orchestra instrument and would be willing to play for worship, please let me know. 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. If you attended earlier in the year but have not been coming recently, we have additional leadership now and can begin working with you. We will likely not rehearse formally again until after Christmas...perhaps even into January, but we need you immediately when we resume.

Xcelerate

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, and 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 in the youth house and go from there. 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 to have as many as possible at the first meeting.

WINTER JAM!!!

Many of you expressed an interest in attending Winter Jam in Charlotte this afternoon. 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 early on the tenth.

Martin Luther King will have a birthday on January 16, and to celebrate it, we will have a workday! Please set aside some time to help Monday morning, and we can do lunch together on that day! Should be loads of fun working in the new student center! Hopefully, things will be ready by then so that we can get in to work. Look for more details in next week's newsletter!

C.R.E.W. CHIEF MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 IN THE YOUTH HOUSE. MUCH TO PLAN AND CONSIDER AS WE GO INTO THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!

WOW! Busy times ahead...and a newsletter of record length. Time to stop writing!

Have a great week!

Blessings,

David