

YOUTH PASTOR NEWS

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Purpose

To encourage and continue to build our relationship with you, our Youth Pastors! My hope is that this newsletter will be a blessing to you and a helpful tool for your ministry!



Word of Encouragement:

Our fall programming is underway, and we are in the midst of planning for winter and spring as well! It's a whole lot of busyness that, for me, is easy to get caught up in. However, I recently listened to a sermon by Craig Groeschel in which he makes the statement, "You will never do all that God wants you to do without the right people around you...and so often, the biggest missing ingredient in most people's lives are great relationships." That made me to stop and think...in the midst of my busy schedule, do I continue to make the *effort* to build into the people around me—the ones who encourage me, listen to me, pray with me, and keep me accountable? And who are "my people" – the ones that I can do life with, the ones who support me, heart and soul?

"I mean this. When two or three of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of Me, you can be sure that I'll be there!" (Matthew 18:20 – *The Message*) So, my encouragement to you amidst our busy fall schedules is this: continue to make time to connect with those who can fill you up and journey with you! Allow these people to speak into your life with truth and encouragement! We were never created to do life or ministry on our own.

(Quote by Craig Groeschel, from the first message of series Two/Gather; can be downloaded for free from iTunes—Trust me, Craig does a much better job of explaining this!)

Camp Promos

We would love to come visit you! Normally we do camp promos in March, but we are trying to spread them out so we can reach more people. So, if you would like us to come talk about camp, or just come hang out with your youth group, call or email us to set up a date – fall, winter, or spring!

What's Going On!

Senior High Fall Retreat!

Here is one last reminder that our Senior High Fall retreat is happening October 14-16th! We would LOVE to see your YOUTH and YOU at this retreat! As we have been preparing and praying for what God will do through this time, I am confident that God is ready to show up and move in the hearts and souls of all those who attend. We are going to have a lot of fun playing and spending time learning about who God is and how He can – and will – transform our lives. It's not too late for your youth to register, and remember that you can come for free to simply hang out with your kids – just let us know that you're coming. Call the office at 320-732-3218 or go online to www.lbbc.com.

Extra:

Our Serf Camp program name is changing to Leaders In Training (L.I.T.). As we continue to build this program, our hope is that it becomes a training opportunity for your youth in which they are learning and being challenged to become Christian leaders in all aspects of their lives. Applications for L.I.T. will be online starting in November. Feel free to start talking to your youth about this now and encouraging them to think about applying!

Looking for Your Input

I would love to hear from you about how we, as a camp, can better serve you!

- How can we do better at partnering with you in ministry?
- How can we better serve you in your ministry?
- Are there things that we could offer or do here at camp that would better serve you in your ministry?
- How can we be better at communicating with you?

I would LOVE to hear your feedback! Feel free to email me at christa@lbbc.com.

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