

Hi Middle and High School Parents,

So great to see nearly 50 people at the Parent meeting on November 5, 2017. Here is a detailed recap from the meeting on Sunday. There are **10 categories**, so you can scroll to what you might be looking for!!

### 1. Wednesday nights are going GREAT!

- a. Send snacks (chips, fruit, veggies, dessert) for the SNACK BAR--\$2 to eat ALL MONEY goes to Scholarships for Summer Trips
- b. On THURSDAYS we post a **PARENT CONVERSATION PAGE** on our website with the Bible lesson and questions to talk to your son or daughter at home about the things we covered in Youth Group. **Anytime** you can go to ChurchofthePalms.org—Families—“Students & Parents” (It’s on the opening page towards the bottom.) Here is the link: <http://churchofthepalms.org/students.html>

**HUGE THANKS to our AWESOME VOLUNTEERS:** Ray Bakich, Cindy Lanoue, Brian Leaver, Bill Mallett, Andrea McHenry, John Segó! (Pam Kelly & Lona Voigt in Snack Bar)  
**Wanna join the FUN?** Talk to one of these adults or to Laurie.

### 2. SUNDAY MORNINGS-room to grow!

- a. **Worship continues to be at 9, 10 or 11.** The VISION behind this:
  - i. One Voice for the whole church (usually Pastor Steve)
  - ii. Sustainable model for time, energy and resources
  - iii. Attract MORE people to a 10:00 Contemporary service
- b. **WORSHIP is a first priority for MS and HS students** (if you can only be at church for one hour on Sunday)
  - i. Studies show that Faith STICKS much better when students are participating in adult/intergenerational worship. When they graduate & leave home, they join a church (hopefully) not a youth group.
  - ii. Currently, virtually no students are seeking Bible study at 9:00—so those kids who need an alternative to worship can serve in the Nursery, in Kids Worship, in the Sanctuary as Usher, behind the scenes in the Sanctuary with the tech crew or with Miss Kathy in the kitchen. **No Connect Class at 9 for now.**
  - iii. GOSPEL PROJECT Connect Class @ 10 in Room 209 for HS and MS. (Will break into smaller groups as numbers dictate.)  
**HUGE THANKS to JOHN SEGO and CAMERON DEEMS**

### 3. STUDENT DIRECTOR

- a. Laurie has been acting as the Interim Director—GREAT FUN, but probably not her true calling for the long term =0))
- b. Local candidate with 15 years of Young Life experience is very interested!!
- c. STAY TUNED

### 4. LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- a. New program for Juniors and Seniors
  - i. Meet bimonthly for Bible study, leadership training, team-building, sharing & fun
  - ii. Expected to worship and to lead & plan events
  - iii. Earn a Leadership academy certificate

- iv. Allowed to apply for paid summer internship
- v. Honduras mission trip June 16-23, 2018

## 5. SUMMER TRIPS 2018

- a. Middle school Mission trip / Lakeland, FL/ June 11-15 / \$350
- b. Local Mission Trip/Palm Center/June 25-29/\$150
- c. High school mission trip / Lookout Mtn., GA / July 7-11 / \$450
- d. Montreat Youth Conference/ Montreat, NC / July 15-21 / \$550
- e. (Mark your calendar for VBS—June 4-8)

(\* Nicaragua is not yet planned. Currently considering going every other year--to perhaps add a new trip in between the two years. Also adding a LOCAL mission trip to serve our community! Serving during the morning, adventure in the afternoon and sleeping in the new Palms Center at night.)

**REGISTRATION OPENS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

MS Mission Trip: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/?k=ZCUCF6U6GVNA8JQG>

HS Mission Trip: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/?k=F292G5CBV1DBA3EZ>

Montreat: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/f/?k=BEZL1CMWAVRAVHIM>

## 6. PAYMENT for SUMMER TRIPS (not including Local Mission Trip)

- a. Two PAYMENTS for each TRIP
  - i. **ONE HALF of the trip cost** due at registration-deadline January 31
  - ii. **Final Payment** due by March 23
  - iii. **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!**

## 7. VOLUNTEER HOURS

**WHY VOLUNTEER?** *To help our kids experience the joy in serving, to keep our kids connected to their church home during the year, to help us to continue to follow the example set by Jesus to serve and love others in His name!*

- a. 15 hours of volunteer service are **required** to attend a trip
- b. All volunteer service hours must be done at or for CoP
- c. 30 hours of volunteer service will earn the student a \$100 reward
- d. A \$100 check will be rewarded once the final payment for that trip is made
- e. **The \$100 reward is only good toward one trip!**
- f. Track your hours: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/cop-youth-vol>
- g. GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES coming SOON:
  - i. **November 26**--Decorate Campus Center 11-12, Sanctuary 12-2 (pizza @ noon in the Chapel Reception Room)
  - ii. **December 2**--CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARENTS DAY OUT 12-4:30
  - iii. **December 12<sup>th</sup>**-ADVENT DINNER-5:30-8:30 (I think)
  - iv. Remember nursery care, Kids Worship, ushering, greeting and acolyting COUNT!! (Just balance your serving and worshipping!)

## 8. ROCK THE UNIVERSE REFUNDS ARE HERE!!!! You should receive your refund by the end of next week!

## 9. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. **Rise above hunger**—pack 10,000 meals-Campus Center  
Wednesday, November 15 5:45-7:45
- b. **Worship @Temple Beth Shalom**  
Wednesday, November 22 6:00 (no youth group)
- c. **Luggage drive**—Panel on Foster Care & packing event  
Wednesday, November 29 Regular youth group times
- d. **Christmas Pageant** December 2<sup>nd</sup> Pageant @ 4, Parents Day Out 12-4
- e. **Messiah Concert** December 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- f. **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY** December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00

## 10. STAY CONNECTED with REMIND TEXTING GROUPS

**NOTE NEW NUMBERS for this YEAR**

**TEXT to this number 81010**

**In message line type the correct code for your group**

- a. HS PARENTS @f7k6cbf
- b. HS STUDENTS @2dh2a2
- c. MS PARENTS @4fccb7
- d. MS STUDENTS @223kfk

**We are here to serve you! Please let us know**

- **how we can help**
- **how you might want to be involved**
- **or anything about your student that equips us to love them better!**

Grace & Peace,

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