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Keep an eye on the bulletins, weekend previews, newsletters, and website for updates, changes, scheduling, or events going on in the Student Ministry!

Thanks!



FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Parents'

Guide



Fall/Winter 2009

How to use this book:

This book is designed to provide you with information that will help us be ***partners*** in the spiritual development of your students.

My vision for the book is that you would gain an understanding of what we do in the student ministry, but, more importantly, why we do what we do.

Summer Trip Info:

Mission Trip to Maytown Kentucky

We are trying something new this year. Both the Jr. and Sr. High students, along with our youth staff will be going together to Maytown, Kentucky. This will be a great opportunity for us to grow and serve together as a group.

July 4-10

There are only 50 spots available, so make sure to get your \$75 deposits in on February

Fundraising:

Summer trips deposits come faster than you would think! Start saving and preparing now so that your students can take advantage of our summer trips!

Babysitting night.

November 6th

5-10 pm

December 12th

12-10 pm

We will be providing babysitting as a fundraiser for the summer trips. You will need to bring a sack lunch with you for dinner. Adults also needed.

Chili Cook-off

5-7 pm

Our second annual FSM Chili Cook-off is gonna be a hit. Come prepared to serve chili, and if you are feeling up to the challenge, bring a roaster of your famous chili!

Other opportunities will be added

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This book has a schedule, important dates, discussion ideas, and other helpful information for you as parents.

This booklet will always be available on the FSM website
(www.faithchristians.org/teens).

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions you may have.

Our Vision:

The Student Ministry exists to help Junior and Senior High students encounter Jesus Christ. Once you have an encounter with the Living God, it is impossible to leave unchanged.

By investing in the lives of students and creating an environment where they can encounter Jesus, we are changing eternity!



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A typical evening at Encounter will consist of some hang-out time that starts at 6 pm. We will then have some sort of group game or activity that helps bring the group together and transition into worship. Our worship team is made up of students and adults that come early and often mid-week to help prepare for Sunday night. We then transition to a time of teaching that is followed up by some sort of debrief, usually in the form of small group discussion.

Again, the whole idea is to help students encounter God in ways relevant to their age.

What goes on at Encounter?

I'm sure you are interested in knowing exactly what goes on while your students are at Encounter. Our goal is to provide an environment where your students can Encounter God through worship, teaching, and fellowship.

I have been blessed with an amazing youth staff that is there to support and encourage your students. But more importantly, to model what it means to be a man or woman of God.



Our Theme: Authentic

This fall and winter we will be walking through the book of Daniel. The church is facing an identity crisis. We spend more time creating and faking an image than truly worshipping and following our awesome God. This semester will be about recapturing the meaning of being real and authentic in **every** aspect of our



The Programs:

Sunday School:

Jr. High Sunday School
Sr. High Sunday School
Sunday mornings at 9:00 am

Encounter:

Sunday night program for Jr. and Sr.
High students.
6:00-7:30 pm

Bible Studies:

Guys Bible Study
Wednesday night at 6:00 pm
@ Nathan's House

Girls Bible Study
Wednesday night at 6:00 pm
@ Mickie Jackson's House



Ways to Help:

to keep track of them all. Any information you can pass my way helps me be supportive by showing up at games, concerts, or other activities.

Offer feedback.

We are partners in this. If you have any suggestions or constructive criticisms of what we are doing in the student ministry, I want to hear about it. We want to make sure that we are ministering to our students and your children in the most effective way possible! I would ask as a youth minister that you address any concerns with me as opposed to a member of the youth staff so that your concern will be effectively heard and addressed.

Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray...

We cannot pray for our students enough. It's tough out there. Also, please pray for me and the other members of the youth staff.

Nathan and Kelly Downs
Randy Harper
Steve and Michelle Gooding
Mickie Jackson
Thom Waugh
Amy Moeller
David Russell

Ways to Help:

Volunteer to provide snacks.

Contact Michelle Gooding and we can set up a Sunday night for you to bring cookies, chips, or other kind of snack.

Review with your students.

Engage your kids in conversation about Sunday nights. The topics schedule has our big questions for the evening. Talk to them about the evening. Ask them what they learned. And don't give up if your kids don't open up the first time. Trying to be involved says to them, "Mom or Dad cares" even if they don't engage back at first. It may take several weeks or even months, but you **will** see a difference.

Bring the me into "The Loop."

We want to be available to your child. If there is a need in the life of your child, don't be afraid to let me know. I'm not doing this to be nosey, but if there is something that we can help address or just offer encouragement to your child at FSM events or programs, we want to help. Feel free to also get me sports schedules, band concerts, or whatever your child is involved in. There are a lot of teens in the ministry, and it is tough

The Schedule:

(Subject to change)

September:

13th—Cook-out at Nathan's house

20th—Encounter

27th—Encounter

Ocotober:

4th—Encounter

11th—Encounter

18th—Hay Ride at the Harper's

25th—Trunk or Treat

November:

1st—Encounter

8th—Encounter

15th—Encounter

22nd—Encounter

29th—Encounter

December:

6th—Christmas Extravaganza

13th—Staff Open Houses

The Topics:

(Subject to change)

September:

13th— Cook-out at Nathan's

20th— Character

Daniel Chapter 1

27th— Worship

Daniel 2:1-23

October:

4th— Praise

Daniel 2:24-49

11th— Faith

Daniel Chapter 3

18th— Hayride at the Harper's

25th— Trunk or Treat

November:

1st— Humility

Daniel Chapter 4

8th— LORD

Daniel Chapter 5

15th— Walk

Daniel 6:1-12

22nd— Power

Daniel 6:12-28

29th— Authentic Life

Spring Topics:

December:

6th— Christmas Extravaganza

13th— Staff Open Houses

