

Reality *and* Relationships

Dear students and families,

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and get a little more info about everything going on here at Faith Church. I hope as you flip through these pages you will see our desire to help you, the student, and your family grow in your faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Something that is important in this youth ministry is reality and relationships. We strive to build an atmosphere where you can be honest about where you are spiritually so that we can know how to serve you and help you understand what God really wants to do in your life.

In order to accomplish that, we have many opportunities where you can join us and build relationships with the Lord and with each other. Below you will find a list of weekly times where like-minded students can get together and learn about the Lord, relax in Him with each other, pray, serve, and re-create.

Together, all of these times aim to fill several important areas of the Christian life: Bible study, fellowship, prayer, outreach, service, accountability, etc... We simplify them into four areas: worship, service, fellowship, and discipleship.

Please flip through these pages to see what have coming up and, as always, if you have any questions, please give us a call.

In Christ,
Tim Hughes



Junior High

Sunday

9:30 am	Bible Study-Joshua
11:00	Worship
6-8 pm	Fellowship/Bible Study

Wednesday

5:45 pm	Dinner (\$3 each)
6:30	Prayer

Friday

7-10 pm	Friday Night Crossing (Dinner, friends, movie, relax)
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Senior High

Sunday

9:30 am	Bible Study-Joshua
11:00	Worship
6-8 pm	Fellowship/Bible Study (At Zamboni's home)

Wednesday

5:45 pm	Dinner (\$3 each)
6:30	Prayer

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How to get a hold of us

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"He himself bore our sins "in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Father and Son Retreat

April 8-10

All fathers and their sons 7th -12th grade are invited to go with us on another wild adventure to the outdoors. This year we will be going 45 minutes away to Bethel Christian Camp in Gaston, SC. They offer cabins, fishing, canoeing, hiking, lots of woods, and many other great camp experiences.

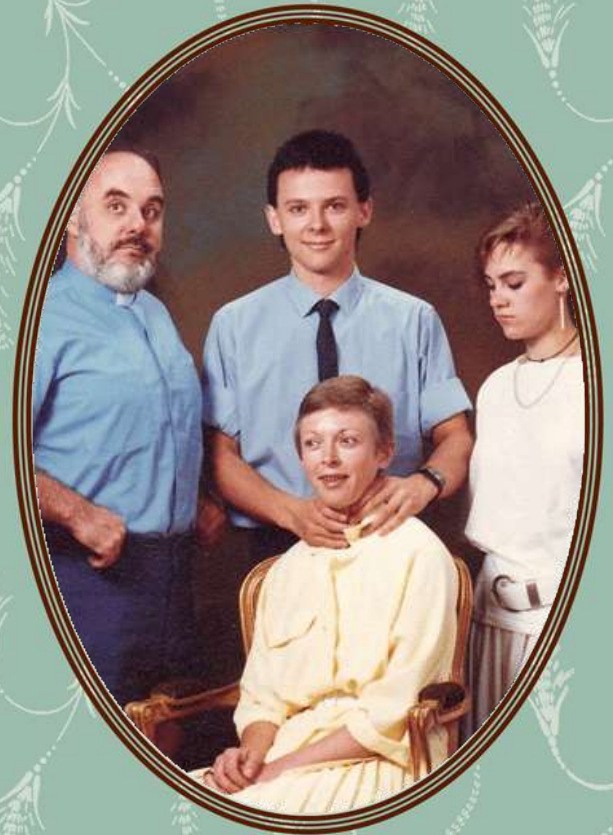
While there we will spend some Father time, group time, father/son time, sons time, fathers time, and everything in between in order to help grow your relationship with each other.

Whether you want to deepen your relationship with each other or you just want to take a great weekend opportunity to get away and hang out, we will provide the time, location, and activities meant to get you there.

Who: Fathers/grandfathers of 7th-12th grade guys.

When: April 8-10

Cost: Around \$50 per person.



Parents Seminar

**Generation to Generation:
Passing Along A Legacy of Faith.**

Dr. David Olshine is back by popular demand to do another seminar for parents and grandparents related to children ages 10-20. Attendees will learn some practical ways to mirror, model and mentor their children during the normal routines of family life. We'll encourage parents to take more responsibility for the emotional, moral, intellectual and spiritual development of their kids and how to implement strategies of discipleship in the family based on Deuteronomy 6, the famous "shema" --to love the Lord our God with all our being.

David Olshine is the Director and Professor of Youth Ministry, Family and Culture program at Columbia International University. He is co-founder of Youth Ministry Coaches. He has been married 29 years to Rhonda and they have two great kids: Rachel and Andrew. David is the author of 19 books and speaks regularly around the country.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27TH, 6-8 P.M.

LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

DINNER & CHILDCARE ARE INCLUDED IF YOU REGISTER

**PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 13TH @
GROWINGTHROUGHFAITH.COM/REGISTRATIONS.ASP**

Upcoming Events

February 6th

Superbowl Party 5:30-game over)

February 27th

Parents Seminar for
Parents/grandparents of 10-20 year olds

April 8-10

Father and Son Retreat

April 18-22

Spring Break for District 5

May 13-14

"Purposeful Passion" Weekend
(For students and parents)

June 3rd

Graduations for District 5

June 6-10

High School Summer Trip to Kentucky
for the Creation Museum.
\$150 deposit due April 15

June 25-29

The Edge Conference
\$150 deposit due April 15

July 17-22

Operation Compassion
Local mission Trip
Sign up by April 15



The Virtual Tool bag

Pluggedin Online

One of my favorite things to do on a slow day off is to go sit in a movie theater all by myself. I don't get to do this often but I enjoy it. I like to go 30 minutes early with a pad of paper and think and plan before the movie starts. I love new movies and the comfy seats in front of the wheelchair spots. I love being in a big empty space with plenty of cool air. I love the loud sounds and the ability to sit and stretch any way I please.

It's a great break for me. But there's one thing that can ruin it for me: Surprises. Not the suspenseful, edge of your seat, plot twist at the end kind of surprises, but the "I shouldn't be watching this" kind. The kind that burdens your heart, soul, or mind.

I think each Christian should have a list of things they will and will not endure when it comes to movies, and any media for that matter. Areas God has been working on you in order to be more Christ like. For example, some areas I avoid are demonic movies, anything that makes sex a tagline or selling point, and extreme gore. If those are present then the movie/song/TV show/art becomes a tool to break me down instead of build me up.

When it comes to movies I use Focus on the Family's Pluggedin Online. It offers me a brief overview of movies complete with language, sexual themes, spiritual content, positive elements, violence, etc...so that I can make a better informed decision and prevent the enemy from putting me in a position to compromise.

So before you go to the movies again take a few moments and visit www.pluggedin.com. I think you'll be thankful.

Why are you striving these days Why are you trying to earn grace Why are you crying Let me lift up your face
Just don't turn away Why are you looking for love Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough
To where will you go child Tell me where will you run To where will you run
And I'll be by your side Wherever you fall In the dead of night Whenever you call And please don't fight
These hands that are holding you My hands are holding you. (By Your Side- Tenth Avenue North)

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Food, Glorious Food!

An extra special thanks goes out to all the families that have made something delicious for the students to eat in the past few months. Because of you, we have had (in my humble opinion) better starts to our Bible studies, less noisy distractions from stomachs talking back, and a little more reason for students to come and hang out longer. Thanks!

If you're interested in helping the ministry out with a simple dish or some snacks, please do the following:

#1 Go to www.carecalendar.org

#2 Login (Calendar ID: 21090 Security Code: 1234)

#3 Pick a day (or more) and fill in the form so we know we're covered. Then just bring the food, glorious food!



He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. (Matthew 15:35-36)

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