



We started up weekly youth group meetings again on Wednesday nights

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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday—
Youth4thecity 6-8 p.m.
Sunday—
- Western Playland ,
Saturday, Aug. 15. 4-
11:15 p.m.
- Worship 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
and 11 a.m.
- Sunday - Puppets 1 p.m.
- August 17 –6th Grade
banners 4:30 –5:15 p.m.
- Deadline for Fall Retreat
September 6th

Ucc Student Ministries

Summer Dreaming!

This Saturday, August 15, we will be traveling to Western Playland in Sunland Park/El Paso. We will meet at the building at 4 p.m. and return to the church around 11:15 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. If you could bring cash that would be helpful, although you can make a check out to UCC. The \$30 is only for entrance into the park and all the rides, if you wish to eat supper there, you will need to bring an extra \$20. You can get a meal under \$10, but everything is overpriced. You are encouraged to bring a friend, Western Playland is an amusement park, they have two roller coasters that are ok and lots of rides you would find at a Fair. The park closes at 10 p.m. so we will be heading home shortly after the park closes. It is a fun activity, and I hope you can make it.

6th Grade Banners

We will continue to meet with the new 6th graders after school on Monday at 4:30 p.m. We will conclude at 5:15 p.m. This activity is our orientation to the youth group, helping the 6th graders form

We had 8 people at puppets last Sunday; we could use about 2-4 more people if you are interested. We practice on Sunday at 1 p.m. and I provide a meal for you, so if you came to 3rd service, I could feed you afterwards. We are meeting this month, August 16,23, 30 and then September 27, a week before the

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relationships with the peers, and interact with our seniors. We also get ice cream from Sonic so that is a plus. If you are in 6th grade and I have not visited with you yet, please let me know, I would love to come over and help you plug into the youth group.

Fall Retreat

We are starting to push registration for the fall retreat. You will see a QR code in the newsletter that you can scan and register online. You can register with paper which I mailed out earlier, but the online registration is



Garrett, Miles, Paxton, and Payton led us in youth worship last Wednesday

Puppets

puppets show. The fair is October 2-3, and we will do 15 shows. This is a community service activity which we have been participating in for the past 40 years. This is our last year so please consider participating with us at the fair, it is a lot of fun, and you are at the fair, so double the joy!

quicker. The cost is \$65 before September 6, then it goes up to \$75. The cost includes everything, food, lodging, transportation. We already have several groups coming, El Paso, Ruidoso, and Cloudcroft. Most of the people from camp. It will be at Pine Springs, and we leave after school on September 11 around 4:30-5 p.m. and return Sunday afternoon. The theme is Reframing your world, lessons from Philippians. I would encourage you to attend, it should be worth your time.

Parent/Teen Meeting

We will be meeting after 2nd and 3rd worship services on August 30 for a parent/teen meeting in the youth wing. This is for the entire youth group. We will lay out the next 4 months' programming and have all the sign-up sheets available. We are already pushing for sign ups for food on Wednesday nights. I will also include the QR code for the food sign-up as well. We will also need help with various activities such as the Fall Retreat and our various community service projects like Puppets and Thanksgiving baskets. Please come support our teens. I do meet with parents to help with planning every first Friday of the month. We meet in the youth wing at noon and stop at 1 p.m. Everyone brings their own lunch as we discuss the activities of the month and any changes we need to make.

Parents Page

If you would like to go with us to Western Playland, please just send me a text we would love to have you attend. You can bring the whole family. I will need help at the fall retreat, September 11-13, especially in the kitchen and with transportation. If you can help again, just let me know so I can put you down to help. If you work in the kitchen, I can get your registration paid for, and the rooms are actually nice. There is a deadline for registration, September 6th which is Labor day weekend. Below are the QR codes for the retreat and for food signup. We still

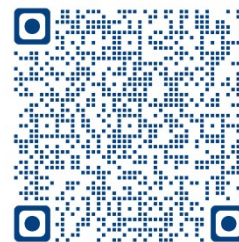
News and Notes (08/12 – 08/18)
 Wednesday – Youth 4 the city 6-8 p.m.
 (new classes begin)
 Saturday – Summer Dreaming “Western Playland” 4-11:15 p.m.
 Sunday – Worship 8; 9:30; and 11 a.m.
 Sunday – Puppets 1-2 p.m. (I am feeding you lunch!)
 Monday – 6th Grade banners
 September 6 – Deadline for the Retreat!
 September 11-13 - Fall Retreat
 September 20 – Kick off for Bible Bowl!
 October 2-3 – Puppets

Birthdays (08/12 -08/18)
 Josiah Crowl birthday is Friday, August 14, and Lilianna Carruth's birthday is Tuesday, August 18. Please wish both of these students a wonderful day and a happy birthday!

need help with most of September, October, November, and December. I have August covered now. Thanks for your support! God Bless, David



FOOD!



RETREAT!

