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September Lunch Meetings

Fall is here—well, we wish it felt like fall weather, anyway. School is in full swing and life has begun another cycle just when we got used to sleeping late this summer.

Our Lunch Meetings also go back to the school-time schedule. We don't change the time, but we do change the group. We have spent the summer together upstairs in the Youth Center.

Like school changes our routine, September begins the time when we divide senior high and junior high. Everyone still meets upstairs at 11:30 a.m. to fill their plates, but the kids under 9th grade

will then take their plates to the Junior High room located in the Laura Building. An adult mentor will meet you there!



Time to divide up!

September Meetings

11:30 am—2:00 pm

Sept. 6, 13,
20, & 27

Question of the Month

How can Jesus resurrect bodies that have been cremated?

God will have no trouble finding everyone's molecules. He created people in the first place. No matter what shape a person's body is in, God will make it new and immortal. God will resurrect us despite the fact that we returned to dust.

The believers who are dead will be the first to rise to meet the Lord. Then we who are alive and remain on the earth will be caught up with them.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

Retirement Date Set

As one of the oldest youth ministers in the diocese of Texas, it is with much joy that I am announcing my retirement as of January 1, 2010. Even though I also say this with sadness, I know that it is the right time.

Youth Ministry takes many hours of work and physical stamina. The youth

program at Good Shepherd deserves the very best and it is time to step aside and let someone else give it all they have!

I will be available to mentor the new youth minister every step of the way so there will not be even a glimmer of a bump in the road. I ask for your prayers that God will bless this transition.

Swankie-Tackia Pizza Party



How good can you look? Tackifantastic!

Taco Sunday will have a new schedule to include the 11:30 service!

Make God your first priority and God will make room for everything else in your life!



Saturday, September 12, is going to be a fun afternoon! We had so much fun with our Tacky Dance this summer, that we are going to do something similar this month. Read on...

- Meet at the Nook at 11 am. Bring some cash as you will pick out a "swankie-tacky" outfit to buy and help The Nook, as well
- Then we will go to the

Youth Center and get dolled up (bring make-up, etc.)

- Next we will sit down to a pizza lunch but there is a catch to the meal
- You will learn about proper table manners before we get started (I have seen some horrible eating habits in the past)
- There will be added a team building exercise

- After our meal we will play some games (Apples to Apples, Fact or Crap, Imagine If, etc.)

If you think this sounds weird, I must tell you about one of my past EYcers who is out of college now. He shared with me that he got his first good job as an accountant because he was interviewed at dinner and he heavily relied on the information he learned at an E.Y.C. similar dinner where I taught him proper table manners!

Taco Sunday/Different Service

On Taco Sunday's we are going to change things up a bit. Instead of going to the 9:30 am worship service in the middle of Taco Sunday, we are going to use a different schedule.

7:00 a.m. time to get tacos in the warmers. We will not attend the 9:30 a.m. service, but will get all the tacos made and all the kitchen cleaned

except for the dirty dishes. We will sell until 10:45 a.m. to take a Sunday School break.

After Sunday School we will attend the 11:30 a.m. service and sit together as a group. Since you have already eaten a bunch of tacos, lunch will be delayed on Taco Sunday until 12:30 p.m.

This new schedule will allow us to experience the music at the

11:30 a.m. service once a month and get the kitchen all cleaned up.

Instead of a movie on Taco Sunday since we wouldn't have enough time for one, we might do something different such as a video series to discuss issues of teenage relationships with God, small group discussions, or play some games.

Mark Your Calendars Ahead

For those who like to plan ahead so they don't miss a thing, here are a few of important dates:

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| 1. Oct. 10—Nook Changeover | 3. Nov. 20-22—Happening #129 & YES #96 | Jr. High Retreats @ Camp Allen |
| 2. Oct. 17—Texas Renaissance Festival | 4. Dec. 19—Sweet Jesus Season | 8. Apr. 23-25—Happening #131 & YES #98 |
| | 5. Dec. 28-30—Sr. High Mid | 9. Jun. 21-26—CLC in Austin |
| | 6. Jan. 22-24—Happening #130 & YES #97 | 10. Aug. 20-22—Happening #132 & YES #100 |
| | 7. Feb. 26-28—Intermed. & | |

Senior High Mission Trip Goes International

It is time for the youth to experience their first international mission trip. Since the only out-of-the-country trips are for senior high, next summer there will be two mission trips—one for senior high and one for junior high!

Information has already gone out about the senior high going to Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, July 11—17. In fact 15 people have already signed up! These are the facts:

- Must have finished 8th grade

A passport is needed for this mission trip!

- Adults are needed
- Cost per person \$1250
- \$50 deposit due Sept. 15
- \$300 due Nov. 15
- \$300 due Jan. 15
- \$300 due Mar. 15
- \$300 due May 15
- Scholarships are available*

*Scholarship policy for this trip:

1. Everyone pays \$50 deposit
2. \$300 off if you or your parent works at least five concession stand events
3. \$300 off if you work the fund raising events (at least 5)
4. \$75 off if your parents support the youth program as drivers, cooks, mentors, etc.
5. \$75 off for financial need per request and only one child per family



Take a chance and sign up for a mission trip.

It will change someone's life and it may be yours!

Junior High Mission Trip Plans

The senior high may be going to Canada, but that doesn't mean that the junior high will be stuck at home. Kids who are 12 years old or entering the 7th grade along with adult sponsor (high school and college included) will be traveling to Austin, Texas, for a Week of Hope.

The date is June 13- participants will be working on service projects in the Austin area

such as children day camps, food etc.

The cost will be \$350 per person with scholarships available. A \$50 deposit is due on September 15.

Adults are needed to go on this trip, as well. The requirement is one adult for every five kids. The lodging for a Week of Hope is usu-

ally a church. The week includes music, program, one afternoon of entertainment, food, and the fulfillment that only service provides.

If you have any questions about this trip, email the youth minister at:

youth@gshepherd.net

Taco Sunday is Sept. 20th/We Need You, too!

As you can see by the article on Page 2, Taco Sunday is taking on a new schedule. Starting with Sept. 20th, we will arrive at our usual (yawn) 7:00 a.m. The demand for our over-stuff breakfast tacos is great so we must start early.

We will cook, assemble, and serve all the way until Sunday School starts at 10:45 a.m. Then we are off

to the 11:30 a.m. service. We will not attend the 9:30 a.m. service!

In August we were blessed with so many kids that we breezed through the task and before we knew it, we were completely sold out! Oh, the smell of success!

Thanks for all the adults who helped: Pat & Elinor Tinsley, Kelly Brantley, Kathy Weaver, and Karen

Peterson. We especially love Rick Ansell's pico di gallo!

Remember that your scholarship for big trips depends on your participation at fund raisers. You can really save some money by helping on Taco Sunday.



Scholarship money is made when you work Taco Sunday



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Upper Room E.Y.C. News

E.Y.C. stands for Episcopal Youth Community. It includes everyone 11 years of age and up. We share our belief in Jesus Christ while having crazy fun activities. The program is led by the Youth Minister, Nancy Browning and is assisted by many adult volunteers. Friends from all faiths are always welcome. If you need additional information about any of the activities listed in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us.



Lunch and Mentor List for September

Lunch should be delivered to the Youth Center by 11:30 a.m. Plan for 20-25. E.Y.C. furnishes drinks and paper goods. Suggested meals are:

- Casseroles
- Spaghetti
- Sloppy Joes
- Chili Pies
- Queso Dip & Chips
- Lasagna
- Sandwiches & Chips
- Soup & Crackers
- Taco Salad
- Pizza
- Taco Bell Tacos
- Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Lunch Hosts	Jr. High Mentors
Sept. 6 Duplessis/Tinsley	Sept. 6 Duplessis
Sept. 13 Butterfield/Cassell	Sept. 13 McDonald
Sept. 20 Brantley/Abowd	Sept. 20 Cassell
Sept. 27 McDonald/Turner	Sept. 27 Peterson

*Thank God for the blessing
of volunteers!*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Adults @	5 Adults @
6 Lunch Meet-	7	8 Adults @	9	10	11 Adults @	12 Tacki Swanki
13 Lunch Meet-	14	15 Mis- sion	16	17	18	19
20 Ta- cos & Lunch	21	22 Adults @	23	24	25 Adults @	26 Adults @
27 Lunch Meet-	28	29	30			

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