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- *Loving God, Living Faith, Serving People*

Future Special Events:

- **Youth Christmas Party**– Sunday, December 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. We will gather to watch Christmas movies, and have a gift exchange. We need to know who might be interested in hosting this event.
- **Winter Mission Trip to Joplin**– leaving December 27 early, and returning December 31 around 4 p.m. We will be working with the Geezers and all youth and parents that can join us are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity!



Fall Newsletter

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Randy's Reflections

Greetings All,

I hope all of you had as wonderful of a summer as I did! Of course, it is hard to believe how fast the time flew. From VBS, to Mission Trip, Summer Activities, ROC N' Summer, Youth Council Retreat, Choir Retreat, Messy Olympics and beyond, it has been a busy and exciting summer! Now, as we move into the fall, I look forward to all that lies ahead.

Plans are well under way for the Fall Campout, Saturday October 1st through Monday October 3rd. Winter Mission Trip to Joplin, (Dec 27-31), as is our Winter Lock-in @ Group Dynamix (Jan. 13-14), Choir Tour is coming together (March 10-15), and I have made contact with folks in Joplin Missouri to see what possibilities there are for the Summer Mission Trip (July 1-8).

In the mean time, we will start the fall on Sunday nights with a youth version of Alpha and encourage our youth to bring friends to this wonderful opportunity! We will look at what it means to put our ultimate trust in God, and how we can challenge each other to do so. We will follow this series in

November with a look at movies that inform our faith understanding.

Wednesday nights Junior High will meet after dinner at 6:30 followed by Senior Highs at 7:30 pm. Junior High will be looking at the letters of Paul as we discuss putting faith into practice in our daily lives.

All these activities will tie into our theme passage for this year:

He has told you O mortal, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

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Parent's Notes

I am looking forward to this Fall! There are many exciting things that we have been working towards that seem to finally be taking shape. We will be kicking off the Fall with an Alpha study for our youth and conclude each night with a short prayer and praise service. Kathy Durham and others will be helping coordinate Alpha, and Maggie Jenkins, our intern this year, will be helping lead and coordinate the prayer and praise experience along with several other musically incline folks. We are strongly encouraging the youth to bring friends throughout these sessions. Our Campout, October 1-3, will be connected to the things we will be discussing during Alpha.

Also, plans are in place to do some exciting things with our college age young adults including: every

other week gathering of local students and UNT students in Denton on Tuesday evenings, weekly Sunday activities, Christmas gatherings, involvement in Winter Mission Trip, Early Responder Weekends, and a retreat at Bridgeport. We hope these things can be a springboard for much more! If you have a college age young adult, make sure the church has all their contact information.

Speaking of our Winter Mission Trip, mark your calendars for December 27-31, and join us as we head out most likely to Joplin, Missouri.

And finally, keep an eye out for our quarterly Parent's Meeting so we can share the details and the vision of our youth ministry as we partner for a faithful future at FUMC Garland!

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- October Campout
- New Games and Movie Nights
- Alpha

Fall MYF September-November

Wednesday, September 7: Wednesday Windows begins for the fall and continues through, December 7, (Except Nov. 23). Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Junior High Bible Study in the LOFT @ 6:30 p.m., Senior High Share Group 7:30 pm.

Sunday, September 4: As a group we will participate in the Austin Street project meeting in the church parking lot at 4:30 a.m. **No Pure Joy!** UMYF @ 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We will go to Shenanigans in Rockwall for Bowling, Laser Tag, and Go-Carts. Cost is \$20 each for everything, including food and unlimited drinks.

Sunday, September 11: Stock Sales 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Parent involvement needed!), Pure Joy @ 4 p.m., UMYF @ 5:30 p.m. Alpha. Invite your friends!

Sundays, September 18: Stock Sales 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Parent involvement needed!), Pure Joy! @ 4 pm, UMYF @ 5:30 p.m. Alpha. Invite your friends!

Saturday, Sept. 24: Games/ Movie Night 6:30 to 9 pm. In the LOFT

Sunday, September 25: 3:30 p.m. Parent's Meeting in the LOFT. 4 p.m. Pure Joy! UMYF @ 5:30 p.m. Alpha. Invite your friends!

Saturday, October 1-Monday 3: Campout @ Lake Tawakoni State Park. Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and we will go to Lake Tawakoni State Park. We will return to the church around Noon, Monday. Cost is \$30.00 per person, details on the next page.

Sunday, October 9 : Pure Joy! @ 4 p.m., UMYF 5:30 p.m. Alpha. Invite your friends!

Sunday, October 16: Pure Joy! @ 4 p.m., UMYF 5:30 p.m. Alpha. Invite your friends!

Saturday, October 22: Games/ Movie Night 6:30 - 9

Sunday October 23: 4 p.m. Pure Joy!, UMYF 5:30 p.m., Alpha. Invite your friends!

Sunday, October 30: 4 p.m. Pure Joy!, UMYF 5:30 p.m., Alpha. Invite your friends! .

Sunday November 6: (Fall Back time change!) 4 p.m. Pure Joy!, UMYF @ 5:30 p.m., **Reel to Real**, movie study.

Sunday November 13: 4 p.m. Pure Joy, UMYF 5:30 p.m., **Reel to Real**, movie study.

Saturday, November 19: Paintball @ DFW Adventure Park! We will leave the church at 8 a.m.. Eat before you come and return by 2 p.m. Our session runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be \$25.00 a person for all equipment. They do not allow any outside paintballs.

Sunday November 20: 4 p.m. Pure Joy!, UMYF 5:30 p.m., **Reel to Real**, movie study

Sunday, November 27: 4 p.m. Pure Joy!, UMYF @ 5:30 p.m. Decorate the LOFT for Christmas!



Wednesday Windows and Youth Bible Study

Starting on Wednesday night, September 7 and running through Wednesday, December 7 we will again meet at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, followed by Bible Study in the LOFT from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for Junior High and 7:30 to 8:30 for Senior High. We will study the letters of Paul, and how they apply to our daily lives. Make plans to join your friends for a midweek break from school and homework and a chance to be renewed in your faith journey!

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

- John 4:13

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Youth Campout, October 1-3

Our Fall Campout will begin on Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. and end Monday, October 3 at Noon. School is out on Monday and Tuesday for Fair Week. We will be traveling one and a half hours East to Lake Tawakoni State Park.

We have six sites reserved with electrical and water hook ups. If you have tents please let us know so we can see what space we have.

The cost per person will be \$30.00 which will include all costs for the trip except money



for fast food lunch on the way up on Saturday and on the way home on Monday.

We will be doing a variety of activities while we are at the State Park. Be sure to bring sports equipment, fishing equipment, bathing suit, and games. The weather should be nice by then so mark your calendars for this great opportunity!

Games/ Movie Nights:

We are shifting gears a bit with our Saturday night opportunities in the LOFT. We have been having larger groups participating and not all participants are interested in watching the movie.

With this in mind we have decided to have separate rooms in the LOFT for different activities, with the main room being for watching the movie.

In order to make this work, all youth that come on these nights will be expected to stay in the LOFT the whole time. There will be no running up and down the halls so that we can be respectful of those wanting to do other things.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday nights!



Alpha in September and October:

Throughout the months of September and October we will be doing the Alpha study on Sunday nights at UMYF. This will be a great opportunity for our young people to take a serious look at what they believe and why. Throughout these sessions we are going to encourage everyone to bring friends that might enjoy having the chance to have open conversations about faith related issues.

Kathy Durham will be working with me on these sessions as well as others and we will close each night with a short prayer and praise service.

I strongly believe that God is leading us into an amazing future and I hope you all will be a part of what lies ahead!

