

youth news

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As we move through the season of Lent, you might be asking yourself, "What's the point?" I mean, shouldn't we always be praying? Shouldn't we always be inviting our friends to church? Shouldn't we always be devoting ourselves to the Lord?

The answer of course is, "Yes, we should." The fact of the matter is that we don't always do what we should do or what we know would make us happy and whole. Think about it, how many times have you done something you knew wouldn't turn out well, but you traded God's will for a moment of selfish pleasure?

Lent is a training ground for holy habits. Yes, we are preparing our hearts for the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are asking forgiveness for our sins and a purification of our hearts and minds. To do all of this, we pray, fast, and worship more fervently. Lent is a time where we can examine our habits— are they HOLY? Do they glorify Jesus Christ? Are our priorities straight? If you take lent seriously, you will likely find each of us can be selfish about the simplest of sacrifices. Just as one of our youth said on Sunday night, "It's hard for us to give us the smallest things in our life, but Jesus gave up everything, even his life, for us." During lent, remember that Jesus has given up his life that we all might come into new life. As you seek forgiveness for your sins and instill some holy habits, know that you are doing the work of God's kingdom.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

March 14, April 18, May 16	Potato Bar Fundraisers
March 17	Youth Council Bi-Monthly Meeting
March 24	Emergent Worship
March 26-28	Beach Retreat
April 4	Easter Sunrise Service
April 30	Open Mic Night
May 1	Stop Hunger Now District Event
June 20-24	Surge Week at Lake Junaluska
July 5-10	Operation 757 (Mission Week 2010)

Youth Council
Bi-Monthly Planning
Meeting
March 17th
6:00pm
The Warthan's House



Emergent Worship!!

Interested in discovering and exploring worship? Please join us for the emergent worship experience on March 24th at 6pm. Pastor Jessie is looking forward to involving youth leadership in future services. Come see what it is all about!



Beach Retreat 2010
What Do You Want?
Understanding
God's Will

Join us March 26-28 for our annual Beach Retreat at Sandbridge! We will leave at 6pm on Friday and return by 1pm on Sunday. Please bring comfortable, modest clothing, a swimsuit, sleeping bag, jacket, pillow, towel, and toiletries. The cost is \$100 (\$50 deposit due March 14, balance due April 1).