

August 30, 2011

Dear Young Youth Parents,

Greetings! I pray this letter finds you well, re-adjusting to the “back to school” way of life and the hectic days of Fall that are upon us again. Over the last 6 weeks since I have been back at work, I’ve planning, preparing and praying for “Young Youth” group for 2011–2012, and I am writing to share with you the exciting things that God is calling us to “Rally Around” at St. Michael this year!

On **Sunday, August 28th**, our congregation celebrated the gift of learning and growing together with **Rally Day 2011, “Rally Around St. Michael!”** There was tons of indoor and outdoor tailgate fun and fellowship for the whole family: funnel cakes, popcorn, snow cones, ladder golf, bag-o, football and cheer camp, photo booth, special guests, a bounce house, goodies and MORE! The Learning Ministry team is so thankful to all who joined us for this important ministry of faith formation! The team continues to encourage families to make Sunday School a priority for building faith in YOUR home!

“Young Youth” will also **RALLY** into action on Sunday, September 11th. 4K – 5th Grade will meet every other week from 5–6:30pm. I have prayerfully discerned the bi-weekly meetings and the change in time. I hope these changes will offer families more time together on Sunday’s for rest and re-creation. My prayer is that with this new schedule, attendance at Young Youth will start off and remain strong throughout the year, as our time together as a youth group will be more limited and it will be even more important to have the whole group together each time we meet. Our weekly schedule will be as follows unless otherwise noted on the calendar included in this mailing (i.e. special fellowship and service events):

Sonshine Kids & Monarchs

5–6pm: Youth Group with Pastor Elise & Indoor/Outdoor Games

6–6:30pm: Dinner together with all youth

6:30pm: Parents pick up

*Youth should plan to bring \$3 each week for the meal.
Please let me know if your child has specific dietary needs or allergies
so I can notify those preparing meals.*

As a part of this joyous and faith-forming ministry I would like to order **NEW youth t-shirts for this year.** Please email me your child’s t-shirt size and once I have a number needed to order I will let everyone know the cost. Pvets08@bellsouth.net.

I truly believe youth group is a vital part of a child’s faith journey; a time to build relationships with their church family and friends and a time to explore and deepen their faith and relationship with God and God’s people. I pray these groups will become an important part of your child’s life, and a priority for your family. I am filled with joy and enthusiasm and look forward to an amazing year of fun and adventure as together we learn and grow in faith, through fellowship and study of God’s living Word and His amazing love!

Peace be with you all,

Pastor Elise

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