

# Parents' Update

## Chad's Top Ten Things Every Parent Should Know

February 2012

### **1 Jedidiah High School Gathering - February 5th!**

February 14th is coming fast and love is in the air! Jedidiah is a gathering for high school students that is held from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall at Shepherd. At Jedidiah on Sunday, February 5th, we will be looking at the love that God has for us, a love that never changes! Jedidiah is a relaxed and informal atmosphere where high school students can come to connect with each other and grow closer to God. All high school students are welcome!

### **2 Big Mission Trip Meeting - March 21st**

All students attending the Denver mission trip and their parents are required to attend the Big Mission Trip Meeting on Wednesday, March 21st. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will cover all the details of the mission trip including what to bring, all logistics and itineraries, typical day schedule and focus for the trip. We will be handing out the forms needed for the mission trip and for the whitewater rafting. I look forward to a great meeting!

### **3 High School Service Opportunities!**

We have a couple of upcoming service opportunities for high school students! The first opportunity is to help with Journey to the Cross for Kids on March 14th, 21st and 28th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Students would be helping Chad and Wynn run the classes for Age 3 through Grade 5. Get the dates on your calendar now and look for a separate email in February with instructions on how to sign up! The second service opportunity to serve is on Sunday, April 1st. This day would normally be Jedidiah, but this year it will be PalmFest! Starting on February 5th, high school students can sign up at church to serve at PalmFest.

### **4 High School Class - Biblical Justice!**

Some more dates to get on your calendar! I will be teaching a high school class on service and biblical justice on Sunday, April 15th, 22nd and 29th. The classes will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Look for a separate email in March with details about signing up!

### **5 Milwaukee Ministries Field Trip - April 21st!**

Through our high school mission trips we have been blessed to see what God is up to in such places as West Virginia, North Carolina, South Dakota and upstate New York. There are so many amazing ministries whom we have gotten to know and assist who are serving the poor and disadvantaged. Mark down Saturday, April 21st, on your calendar as we will visit some amazing ministries right in our own backyard in Milwaukee. I will give more information about this field trip at our mission trip meeting on Wednesday, March 21st. Please contact me if you are not attending the mission trip but would like to come along on the field trip!

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### **6 February Confirmation Schedule**

February 5th - Family Worship

February 12th - Lesson #4 (The Damascus Road) pg. 246

February 19th - Lesson #5 (The Journeys of Paul) pg. 256

February 26th - Lesson #6 (The Letters of Paul) pg. 266

### **7 Statements of Faith Due - March 1st!**

At this point all 8th grade Confirmation students have received their Statement of Faith packet and are working at completing their statements! Those statements are due by March 1st (you can email them to Chad at [chad@sothpewaukee.org](mailto:chad@sothpewaukee.org)). Each 8th grade student will read their Statement of Faith out loud to their family group. A few students will also have the opportunity to read their statement at the Confirmation Service on May 19th. We will contact the students directly who have been selected to read at the Confirmation Service. Those students will be able to accept or decline the invitation (in other words, I won't force you to read at the Confirmation Service!) I'm really looking forward to reading all the statements! Please contact me if you have any questions at all during the process!

### **8 Confirmation Camp Meeting - March 14th**

The informational meeting for Confirmation Camp will be held Wednesday, March 14th, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be right before Journey to the Cross if you would like to attend that with your family. We will cover all the details of camp at this meeting as well as hand out forms. Feel free to invite any friends and their parents to this meeting if you are inviting them to Confirmation Camp! They are welcome to come and learn all about camp!

### **9 6th Grade Retreat - March 24th & 25th**

All Confirmation students in 6th grade (and friends!) are eligible to attend this retreat at Camp Lakotah! This is a great opportunity for students to experience the location where we will have Confirmation Camp this summer! The total cost is \$35 for the retreat. If you are interested in serving as an adult, we would love to have you along! We will leave from Shepherd at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24th, and return on Sunday, March 25th, in time for 11:00 a.m. Confirmation. Permission slips are available online at [www.sothpewaukee.org/Documents/youthministries.htm](http://www.sothpewaukee.org/Documents/youthministries.htm). Please print additional forms for any friends that you want to invite!

### **10 Want to add an email!**

Would you like to receive Parents' Update and other email messages at another email address? I would be glad to switch email addresses for you or to add an additional email. Let me know! Feel free to contact me at church (262-691-0700 ext. 23) or by email ([chad@sothpewaukee.org](mailto:chad@sothpewaukee.org)).