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Summer Edition!

Our trip to Nicaragua was incredible, and I will devote a newsletter soon to our work with photos, but now that Spring Break is past we are sprinting to the summer. I know that the summer can be a busy time for families, so I wanted to let you know what our plans for the youth are so you can be aware. You can sign up for all events by clicking the event name on the left or on the last page that describes them. Here's a few other things I want you to be aware of:

- 1. Incoming 6th graders can attend Missions in Amarillo (MIA)** - Allowing our incoming 6th graders to participate in MIA, along with our Hangouts is a chance for students to get a taste of being in the youth group, as it may be a little overwhelming for their first full summer. Which brings me to...
- 2. Incoming 7th graders can participate in all youth activities this summer** - Typically we promote students to the next Sunday school class in August, but the summer is an incredibly important time for students to integrate into the youth group so they can get to know the students, but also so that I can begin really building a relationship with them. Unless an event is specifically meant for high school or for the opposite sex, the incoming 7th

graders will be welcome. We will have a lot and I look forward to getting to know y'all.

- 3. Incoming Freshman can participate in events for JH and HS** - This includes Mission Arlington. It is important to help the new members in the group learn the ropes and possibly serve as their mentors, but also to use the summer to gain mentors that will help them through high school.
- 4. Early Bird Specials** - There will be two deadlines for trips. One will be the hard deadline and price, the earlier deadline will be at a discounted price.
- 5. Family Discounts** - While I always try to do my best to keep our costs down, I am particularly mindful of families that may have multiple children in the youth group. You will find that there will be a form within the registration forms. Simply submit one of those forms for each of your kids and then you can pay for everything at once through the main form.

Details for individual events over the summer are at the end of the newsletter. If you have any questions let me know. Have a great week!

Service Opportunity - Blessed Bounty

Mision Para Cristo provides meals for the poor in Nicaragua through rice packets. Each packet provides 6 servings and contains rice and dehydrated veggies that they can cook on a stove. I have a sample of what we will be making outside my office. Our goal is to make 20,000 meals on April 6th from 1-5. In order to accomplish this, we are encouraging ANY and ALL members to join us in the FAC that day. If your kid is old enough to put stickers on completed bags or boxes they can help out. This is our first year doing this, and will certainly be a learning experience for everyone, but the work will consist of creating an assembly line with individuals at a particular ingredient to add to the pack. They will add their portion and pass it down until it is ready to be sealed up and have a sticker placed upon it. We are needing to know how many we can expect so it would be very appreciative if you would sign up [here](#). There is also an option to express interest in purchasing a ticket to a Sod Poodles game that evening. We will only reserve tickets for those that have filled out the form by NEXT THURSDAY (28th). I think this will be a great event that everyone can be involved in and hopefully get to know some new people at. If you have any further questions, please let me know!

BLESSED BOUNTY

Join us and help pack nutritional support packets benefitting the work of Misión Para Cristo in Nicaragua

Saturday, April 6, 2024
1-5 pm | Family Activity Center

Everyone (not just youth) welcome!

SCAN HERE!

Interested in helping?
Use this QR code so we'll know how many people to expect at this event!

Aiden is Getting Married!

Aiden Cabeldue, our intern for the past two years, is marrying Myka Bailey on May 16 at 5 pm at River Falls Venue & Lodges in Amarillo. They have invited the youth group to join them for that evening, but due to limited space they can only extend that general invitation to our students. We will take a van to the wedding that evening. They need an RSVP by April 16th and you can RSVP your child using this [form](#). We look forward to celebrating with them this evening!

Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you to everyone who has already filled out our form to express interest in serving the student ministry in some form or fashion. It has already been useful to me to help fill some open spots for host homes for our devotionals (there are still a few you can sign up for [here](#)). This information will be far more important for our interns to have as they try to coordinate events for the summer. Please fill out this [form](#)!

STUDENT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning JH & HS

JH and HS will be going through Romans on Sunday morning. We will spend this week discussing **Romans 6**. Andrew Monk and I will be teaching the HS. Chris E will be teaching the JH.

Wednesday Night Huddles

We are having our Huddles Fellowship this week. Thank you to the Clugys and Burgoons for hosting!

This Week

March 25 - Monday Night Devo - HS

Jeff and Stephanie Lewter (9151 FM 1714) will host Monday Night Devo this week at 7 pm, led by BW Renner over John 13.

March 26 - Guy's Devo - JH & HS

Caleb and Natalie Stephenson (19001 FM 1714) will host Guy's Devo Tuesday night at 7 pm, led by Noah Cooper.

March 27 - Huddles Fellowship - JH & HS

We've started using Wednesday nights that lead into a long weekend as a time for students to hang out at one of the Huddle Leader's houses. Tyson and Leah Clugy (7514 CR 283) will host the HS, while Andrew and Courtney Burgoon (315 Country Club Drive) will host the JH from 6:30-8:30. I can give rides to anyone that needs it. There will be light snacks and finger foods provided.

Further Out

April 3 - 5th/6th Grade Hangout

I'll pick up students from CIS (at the flag pole) and bring them to the church for games, a devotional, and a meal. There will be time set aside for homework if needed. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends if you have a child in this grade. You can sign your child up [here](#).

April 6 - Blessed Bounty for Mision Para Cristo

Seem article on previous page for more info. But this is another reminder to fill out [the form](#) to let us know you can be there!

April 12, 13 - Spring Retreat - JH & HS

We will have our Spring Retreat at High Plains Retreat Center on April 12 & 13 (Friday and Saturday). We will leave from the church at 6:45 pm on Friday and return on Saturday around 11:00. Our male intern will not be able to make it, but we are working on him coming up for a weekend before the summer starts. Early registration is \$45 if signed up by March 31st, with a final deadline of April 10 for \$65. There are discounts for families with multiple children and you can sign up [here](#).

Summer Schedule

The summer is a busy time for everyone. Here are the big events that we have planned for this summer, along with the cost for those trips. You can click the event name to go to the sign up form **Remember there will be two dates and prices based on if you sign up and pay (or make arrangements to pay) before the Early Bird deadline.** If the cost will keep your child from being with us, please let me know.

May 27th - [Summer Kickoff Cookout](#)

We will kickoff our summer with a cookout on Memorial Day at 6 pm! This will be a time to hang out, play games, and eat good food while also giving the interns and I an opportunity to share our plan for the summer. **We want the entire family to join us** for this so please include that in the numbers so we know how many to expect.

June 6th - [JH Mystery Trip](#) - \$70 (by June 5th)/\$50 (by May 27th)

For our mystery trip, we load up the incoming 7th graders to freshman in vans early in the morning and spend the day somewhere within four hours of here. I try to pick a place or activity that may be new for the students and we will return late that night. **I would love to have at least three other adults accompany me on the trip.**

June 9-13th - [HS Mission Arlington](#) - \$150 (by May 27th)/\$130 (by May 12th)

Students run a VBS in apartment complexes in the area as well as helping the Mission in sorting clothes, distributing food, and other ministries the Mission is involved in. The Mission believes it is very important that this is student led (and I have witnessed this to be true). **I would love to have at least three other adults accompany me on the trip**, they will mainly be there for supervision and driving vans. We will be working Monday-WEDNESDAY and will do something fun on THURSDAY before coming home. **(We are having to come home a day earlier than most years so I can officiate a wedding.)**

June 17-19th - [JH Missions in Amarillo](#) - \$40 (by May 27th)/\$20 (by May 12th)

Missions in Amarillo (MIA) may be one of my favorite things that we do over the summer. This is a great way to expose our students to ministries in our own backyard. This is for incoming 6th grade-freshman. We will end up performing a variety of service projects in Amarillo, some of what we can do may be limited but I think we proved over Spring Break that there is plenty of work to be done in our area.. I do not know what housing will exactly look like, but at this time I am planning to **be in need of host homes to house the kids over this week.**

June 26th-July 2nd, July 17th-23rd - Camp Blue Haven

Traditionally the majority of our students have gone to 5th session (July 17th-23rd) of Camp Blue Haven, but we have had a growing number attend 3rd session (June 26th-July 2nd). Enough so that **Bryan and Susan Hackett will be taking a van with them to 3rd session.** Look for sign ups or ask us if you need a ride. We will be taking three vans to 5th session.

July 29th-31st - [End of Summer Retreat](#) - \$95 (by July 21st)/\$75 (by July 7th)

We have been closing out our summer with a retreat to give our interns a final project. It has turned into a great way to wrap up the summer and to send them off!