

ECHO...
the Youth Ministry of
Winstead UMC in
Wilson, NC

ECHO News

January 2010

Reflecting
Jesus
Christ

Performing Arts Ministry!

*This month: puppets, skits, sign
language....*

*Practices will be from 6:45-7:45 PM on
January 9, 16, 23, and 30. All youth are
encouraged to participate!*

*The skits we will learn will require lots of
involvement and are low key. Everyone
can play some role. No lines or "acting"
will be required.*

*This month we will have a Nursing Home
puppet performance on January 29. We
will meet at 10:00 AM to go over to
Avante. We will return by 12:00 PM.*

*So, it is very important that everyone is
present at each practice so we can learn
the pieces we will do for this performance.*

*Adult participation is also needed! See
Lindsey if you are willing to help. No
experience is necessary.*

Sunday Youth Group

All 6th through 12th graders are invited to Sunday night youth group each Sunday during the month of January. Youth group is held from 5:00-6:30 PM in Hood Hall. Sunday Night Live will be held on January 16 during youth group. We will have Praise and Worship time with Psalm 150, have a devotional and play games with "Kids that Care".

Youth are encouraged to bring

friends!!!!!!

Youth that participate in the performing arts ministry will have dinner following youth group on night performing arts ministry is held. This month our theme is **"Can't We All Just Get Along"** and we will focus on different types of relationships and how to promote health in those relationships. This will coincide with what Pastor Haley's sermon topics over the next couple of months.

Wednesday Activities

The church opens at 2:30 PM on Wednesdays for all youth! Come have a snack, work on homework, play games, and just hang out! At 6:00 PM the youth eat dinner. The cost is \$3/person. From 6:30 PM-7:30 PM the youth are encouraged to participate in a youth focused study. We have begun a challenging and unique new study based off of the movie "The Ultimate Gift". Each week we watch a clip from the movie and determine what "gift" the main character obtains. Then we study scriptures that apply to that "gift" and then discern ways we can each put those scriptures into action in our day to day lives so we too can obtain that same "gift" through the power of the Holy Spirit and focusing on our relationship with the Lord.

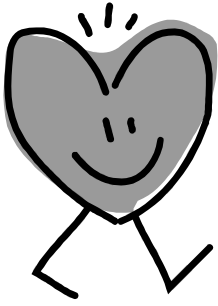
January Service Project!

On Saturday, January 29th we will meet at the church at 1:30 PM to go over to the WilMed Nursing Home to play Bingo with some of the residents. We should be finished by 3:30 PM but will be in contact with parents when we are finished with Bingo.

On Friday, January 28th we will go shopping for Bingo prizes at the Dollar Tree. If you would like to help with the shopping please meet at the church at 4:00 PM. We will be finished by 5:30 PM.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SERVICE PROJECT!





Love Notes!

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

- During the month of January we will be collecting "Love Notes".
- All of the "Love Notes" will then be combined to make a "Love Notes Booklet" that will be available to the entire congregation.
- Please familiarize yourself with How to write a "Love Note" so you can help explain and direct those that are interested...
- 1—Get a form from Lindsey, a youth or a church bulletin

- 2—Decide if you would like a quarter, half or full page "Love Note" (Make note of the size on form)
- 3—Specify whether you want your "Love Note" to be just as it is when you turn it in or retyped by the youth
- 4—Write your "Love Note" on your own paper or paper that can be provided by the youth. Your note can be written to a Sunday School class, an individual, another group, a family, a spouse, a child... anyone and any group in the Winstead UMC family.
- 5—Turn in your "Love Note" to Lindsey along with the suggested donation to the youth group (suggestions will

be on order forms)

6—Pick up a Love Notes Booklet on February 13!

We hope this will be a great way to offer love and encouragement to one another as the Bible instructs.



Please encourage members of our congregation to purchase Love Notes!

Also, if you are willing to help put together the booklets we will do so in February. Lindsey will need help creating them and passing them out.

PARENT MEETING

Our next general Parent Meeting is January 2 at 7:00 PM.

We will also take this time to have a Ski Trip meeting for all of those that are participating or those that are parents of youth participating.

The general parent meeting will follow the Ski Trip meeting.



Man Night and Girls' Night Out SIGN UP TIME!!!!

- It will be here before we know it!
- That infamous mini retreat for guys and girls! March 4-5!
- If you haven't heard...
- The Girls' Night Out: Youth (girls only) and female adults will travel to Raleigh, hang out at Crabtree, eat out, stay at Embassy Suites and have some powerful girl focused programs!
- The Man Night: Youth (guys only)

and male adults will go play paintball and either camp or stay in a hotel...and have some manly programming and fun!

This weekend is going to be amazing! Considering lots of plans need to be made, everyone that wishes to attend must sign-up no later than JANUARY 23!

To sign-up mark your name on the

sign-up sheet and pay a \$30 deposit. The weekend will cost \$65/person. The remaining balance will be due in February.

Friends are welcome to join us but everyone must be signed up by JANUARY 23!



YOUTH COUNCIL!

Will meet on Sunday, January 9th following Worship Service (about 12:30 PM). All youth council members are required to attend. We will plan upcoming events and Sunday Night Live

SKI TRIP!!!!

It's here! We will depart for our Ski Trip on Thursday, January 20!

We will meet at 3:00 PM in the church parking lot and plan to pull out of the parking lot to head for West Virginia at 3:30 PM. If you will be unable to arrive at 3:00 PM please see Lindsey.

An important meeting will be held on January 2. ALL ski trip participants and parents of youth participants are required to attend. If you are unable to attend please see Lindsey.

All remaining balances are due by January 2nd. See Lindsey if you are unsure of your balance. Price breakdowns can be found below.

Packing list:

- Warm clothes!
- Ski bibs or snow pants
- Ski Jacket, goggles, gloves, toboggan, etc
- Extra clothes and socks
- PJ's
- Toiletries
- Bible
- Spending money for 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Permission Slip
- Rentals or ski gear

Price Breakdown:

\$175/person

Includes: lodging, breakfast, lift ticket, group lesson, rentals, evening tubing

Discounts:

- \$50 for non-skiers and no tubing
- \$25 for personal equipment
- \$30 for non-skiers but tubing



WELLNESS MINISTRY!



Come out to boot camp classes in January to get fit with Lindsey! If possible, bring 2 hand weights and a mat with you. And, friends are always welcome!

See ECHO Calendar for class schedule. Intermediate Boot Camp is 45 minutes and Advanced is 60 minutes. Classes are suitable for all Winstead youth and friends...both guys and girls :)

Intermediate Boot Camp is usually held at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays and Advanced is usually held at 7:00 PM on Thursdays. See Lindsey for a detailed class calendar.

Want to start a new class? See Lindsey!

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Youth
Ministry!

ECHO's Mission...

Encourage discipleship

Consistent commitment

Honor God

Outreach through Service

**IMITATING
JESUS CHRIST!**

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us to be trusting children. Let God give you what your family doesn't. Let him fill the void others have left. Rely upon him for your affirmation and encouragement. Look at Paul's words: You are God's child, and God will give you the blessing he promised, because you are his child." Galatians 4:7

[But] Don't lose heart. God still changes families.

Heavenly Affirmations

From Grace for the Moment, December 6
by Max Lucado

*I will be your father, and you
will be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.
2 Corinthians 6:18*

Each of us has a fantasy that our family will be like the Walton's, an expectation that our dearest friends will be our next of kin. Jesus didn't have that expectation. Look how he defined his family: "My true brother and sister and mother are those who do what God wants." (Mark 3:35).

When Jesus brothers didn't share his convictions, he didn't try to force them. He recognized that his spiritual family could provide what his physical family didn't. If Jesus himself couldn't force his family to share his convictions, what makes you think you can force yours?

We can't control the way our family responds to us. When it comes to the behavior of others toward us, our hands are tied. We have to move beyond the naive expectation that if we do good, people will treat us right. The fact is they may and they may not --we cannot control how people respond to us.

I can't assure you that your family will ever give you the blessing you seek, but I know God will. Let God give you what your family doesn't. If your earthly father doesn't affirm you, then let your heavenly Father take his place

God has proven himself as a faithful father. Now it falls to



JOKE OF THE MONTH!

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"