

September 12, 2010

Greetings parents of our seventh grade class of Grace Church,

We want to take this time to acknowledge all the seventh graders of Grace Church by inviting them to come out and join our Sunday Morning education class at 9:15 AM each and every Sunday. We begin our mornings with breakfast snacks, bagels either toasted or cold, cream cheese or butter, sweet snacks, juice or milk. We gather around the table and catch up on what has happened during the week. Time is provided for informing the kids of what is scheduled for events on Sunday evenings and what is happening in the life of Grace Church. This is actually where things begin for our GUMY family. Here is where kids connect, stay in touch and talk. This is when they find out who is coming out to the evening event. I wish I could tell you that it is because we have this fabulous program at Grace church that the youth attend, but rather it is because our youth develop relationships with one another. This happens as a result of consistent attendance. Relationships can't develop without attending Sunday school, GUMY events, bible study or book study. There are a lot of opportunities to connect but it can't happen without showing up to be with friends. A large group of adults work hard to help foster those relationships and they do a great job.

Sunday Evenings are our GUMY fun events, service projects and community outreach projects. It takes a lot of planning and yet, that helps with the bonding of the relationships. Isn't it great that our youth have the opportunity to be with friends that hold them to a higher standard? God is Great!

In our youth program we break down into 3 commissions, Red, Orange and Green. These smaller groups are formed to help the kids feel more connected. We have Super Sunday usually the first Sunday of the Month and this is where the planning takes place. Each commission is usually responsible for 1 Sunday a month and the commission meets and the kids come up with ideas and plans to carry out the event. It is very important for your youth member to attend these Super Sunday meetings. Again, being together at these times gives the youth member an added level of confidence and the feeling of "fitting in" and don't we all want to fit into a group, especially at that age.

You are invited to attend our GUMY event on September 19, 6:00 PM for parents and our very own Pastor John. We will be doing team building exercises, enjoying refreshments and learning more about the benefits of Christian fellowship. Our GUMY bible study known as DIGS will begin on Sept. 20 6:30 – 8:00 PM, led by David & Cathy Laudermilch.

You are also invited come out for our GUMY car wash & chicken BBQ on Saturday, October 16, 2010. We work from 7:30 AM until 1: 00 PM, clean-up at 1:00 – 2:00 PM. It is a fun day for the kids, they work hard and play hard all at the same time. Parents are a big help for us when they come out to provide some much needed relief from vacuuming, washing and drying cars. This fund raiser puts money in the GUMY account to offset expenses for the rest of the year and to go towards Mission outreach. We do 2 carwash & chicken BBQ's a school year and 3 sub sales. That is usually the extent of our fund raising. We do accept donations.

Again, our first GUMY event is September 19th. Our normally scheduled times are 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Please read the monthly news letter and weekly bulletin for updates for GUMY news, also, please go to the web page for Grace Church, [www. Gracehummelstown.org](http://www.Gracehummelstown.org). Scroll down and click on GUMY!

We look forward to sharing some time and getting to know you.

Faithfully yours,
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