



Hillside 6th-8th Grade Youth Ministry

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Jr High PARENTS & TEENS- GET Connected

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Dear Parents,

Whether you are a member of Hillside or not, you have received this letter because your child has attended Hillside's Youth Ministry and we would like to inform you of what we have going on this year! Your child is welcome whether you attend Hillside, another church, or no church at all! ☺ Of course, if you don't attend a Bible believing church then we would LOVE to have you be Hillside's guest as you seek to connect and grow closer to God.

We have been blessed to come along-side many students and their parents to provide practical and spiritual help.

!!! WE ARE SOOOO EXCITED OVER WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO IN OUR CHURCH & THIS MINISTRY IN 2018-19 !!!

Steve Brooks, who has been the Youth Minister here at Hillside for 21 years, along with our Assistant Youth Minister **Anne Beyer**, oversee our vibrant and Christ-centered Youth Ministry.

***There is a HUGE need in the lives of teens and their families for these Christ-centered opportunities!
WE CONSIDER THIS A STRONG ETERNAL INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS WHO ATTEND!***

Our Adult Volunteer Leaders

Each of our events and trips are highly supervised and well planned. We have a **stellar group of spiritually grounded adults** working with the students who come here! All of our Adult Leaders have filled out detailed profiles, background checks, and been personally interviewed by us. It is their desire to encourage students while supporting you as parents.

*We also train and vet 11th & 12th grade student leaders to serve with the Jr Higher's! They are AWESOME!

Life Groups

We have Life Groups where students meet with Adult Leaders and trained 11th & 12th graders on Sunday evenings. We begin together with games and a Bible lesson. We then break into groups of the same gender and have discussion time. Everyone encourages one another to live God's truths out in their lives, w/great accountability & prayer support. **It is our desire to have each of the youth consistently involved** in Life Groups, where they grow exponentially. We ask you to encourage your child to come and then to help **guard the importance** of them attending. Life groups begin meeting on September 30th w/sign-ups at XZone or email Steve Brooks or Anne Beyer.

Retreats and Events

These have always been very powerful, with top-notch supervision. We consistently see profoundly changed lives as students experience Christ on our retreats, events & service projects. Please help your child see the great importance of growing spiritually!

Financial Help

If you are in financial need, then I ask you to let us know and we **will work with you** in making it possible for your child to go on any trip. If you need to schedule payments and/or receive scholarship help, please fill out our **Scholarship Request Form**: Print this form off of our website at www.hillsideumc.org, under "Youth Ministry" then under the name of the event & fill it out if you have a scholarship need. We will work with you as best as we can, based on the number of requests.

"Beloved, let us Love one another, for Love is from God, & whoever Loves has been born of God." 1 John 4:7

In Support of Students and their Families,

Steve Brooks & Anne Beyer

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THE DETAILS - 2018-19 Hillside Jr High Ministry: Retreats & Events

"Xzone" **Wednesdays, 6-7:30 Kicks Off on August 8th!**

This is our 6-8th grade Large Group gathering and worship of the week!

This truly is an Energizing evening for all of the students! Xzone is a place for students to get to know one another, build Christ centered community, grow spiritually and definitely bring their friends!

5:45-6pm Arrival/gathering time for signing in and interacting with one another

6-7pm Meet in our Clubhouse for fun fellowship, an engaging message & discussion groups.

7-7:30pm "Cross Connection"-joining the Sr Hi Youth & leaders for a fun activity & then Worship!

7:30pm Sending Forth with an encouraging prayer of blessing from the Sr High students!

Did you Know: "X" is the Greek letter "Chi". This is the first letter used in the Greek writing of Christ. So "Xzone" actually means: "CHRIST zone"!!

"The Zone" **Sundays, 10:50-12:00noon Jr. High Sunday School every Sunday!**

This is a time of digging deeper into the Bible and discussing it's truths and how they relate to the current way we actually live out our lives. It is fun and very engaging!

CONFIRMATION **Sundays, 10:50-12:00noon September 9 - November 25**

This is a One-Time series of classes for **6-7th grade students** that goes through the Essentials of what we believe as Christians. As students are now of the age to understand both concrete and abstract truths, they are given the opportunity to confirm the Christian Faith for their own and become full-fledged members of the Church! Parents are also expected to go through this class with their child, enabling great spiritual discussion and growth for the entire family! Detailed info and Registration is on our website.

LIFE GROUPS **Sunday afternoons from 5-6:30pm up in the ROCK, Beginning Sept. 30th**

One of the top priorities for our Ministry is to get 100% of our students into a life group! Life groups are truly growth environments, providing **spiritual encouragement, teaching from the Bible where questions can really be asked & answered, accountability to live out what is learned, and quality relationships with other students & solid Christian leaders.** Sign up at Xzone or by emailing us. Or your child can simply show up!

PARENT Info Meeting **Wed, Aug. 15th, 6:45-7:30pm in "The Youth Corner" (Room# 1016)**

ALL PARENTS-PLEASE ATTEND! Dads & Moms, we recognize that you are a huge influence in your teens' life! –Definitely more than we are! We want to meet you & make sure we are all on the same page in providing for your teen's best! **Parenting helps, Encouragement, Life Group info & Answers to any of your questions. As well as info on: retreats, mission trips & summer camp.** We would like to be on your team in providing for your child. **You are invited to join your student upstairs in the Rock after this 20 minute meeting to see what happens during your child's Cross Connection time.** Please make this night a priority. Thank you so much!

Jr. High Family Potluck **Sept 9th 5:00-7:00pm Dinner Game Night!!!!**

This event is a fun time for us to come together as families to play games and share a meal. This has been a consistent "HIT" with students AND parents alike!

FALL RETREAT

Nov. 9-10, Fri-Sat –A Student Community-Wide Discipleship weekend event held in Canton but we'll be staying in Hillside member host homes. Drop off Friday evening and pick up Saturday evening at Hillside.

More details coming soon!!!

SERVICE RETREAT

March 1-2 – 6th-8th grades. We're planning a weekend of service opportunities in conjunction with the "MyHillside Serves" event. In addition, we'll have great worship and lots of fun as we gather at the church and stay in local host homes!

More Details to follow