



Hillside 6th-8th Grade Youth Ministry

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Jr High PARENTS & TEENS- GET Connected

Please sign-up to receive Updates & Reminders:

Text: @xzon To: 81010

Social Media:

Jr High's Instagram: @HillsideXZONE

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 22 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 10th-12th grade student leaders to serve with the Jr Higher's! They are AWESOME!

Life Groups for 7-8th Graders

We have Life Groups where students meet with Adult Leaders on Sunday evenings from 5-6pm. These groups are broken into a guys' group and a girls' group. This is a wonderful time of getting to know and encourage one another as they focus on God's Word. They also provide 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 29th w/sign-ups at XZone or by emailing 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.

"...just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.."
John 13:34

In Support of Students and their Families,

Steve Brooks & Anne Beyer

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THE DETAILS – 2019-20 Hillside JR HIGH Ministry: Retreats & Events

"The Zone" Sundays, 10:50-12:00noon Jr. High Sunday School every Sunday! In the ROCK & 2019

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!

"Xzone" Wednesdays, 6-7:30 Kicks Off on August 7th! In the Clubhouse & the ROCK ***"X" is the Greek letter "Chi". This is the first letter used in the Greek writing of Christ.*** ***So "Xzone" actually means: "CHRIST-zone"!!***

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!

5:50-6pm Arrival/gathering time for signing in and interacting with one another

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

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

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

SPECIAL: PARENTS of Jr High Students ATTEND Xzone Wed, Aug. 14th, 6:00-7:30pm

ALL PARENTS of Jr High Students-PLEASE ATTEND! You are invited to join your student at Xzone to see get a feel of what your child is involved in, get to know those of us leading them, and for us to connect with you!

We Guarantee that this will be an enjoyable time for you! We PROMISE to NOT put any of you on the spot! There will actually be a church-wide potluck dinner this night. Xzone will be participating in this dinner from 6:35-7pm, along with the parents! You can sign-up to bring a dish at link below. Put it in the Celebration Hall before 6pm & then join Xzone in the Clubhouse from 6-6:35pm. We will then go eat & then all head up to Cross Connection until 7:30pm! Should be a SUPER NIGHT!!! <https://www.hillsideumc.org/familynights>

--THERE ARE ALSO GREAT SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!!!

CONFIRMATION Sundays, 10:50-12:10pm September 8 - November 24 FOR 6 & 7th Graders & Parents

This is a One-Time series of classes 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 as well as with other parents! Detailed info and Registration is included as well as on our website.

LIFE GROUPS Sundays from 5-6:00pm, Beginning Sept. 29th -For 7-8th Grades Only Location: TBD

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.

Discipleship NOW Nov. 15-16, Fri-Sat –A Student Community-Wide Discipleship weekend event held here at Hillside and then we'll be staying in Hillside member host homes. Drop off Friday at 5pm and pick up Saturday evening at 9:30pm at Hillside. *More details coming soon!!!*

Xzone LOCK-IN March 6-7, 2020 We're planning a weekend of service opportunities as well as great worship and lots of fun as we gather at the church and stay the night! *More Details to follow.*

2020 VBS June 15-18, 2020 This is an ALL HANDS ON DECK week! We highly encourage our students to pour back into the children's ministry by helping lead at VBS. Parents are encouraged to help as well if you are able!

Snowbird Summer Camp June 22-27, 2020 -For Rising 9th-12th graders. This is camp has continued to be one of the most spiritually grounding and incredibly fun camps in the country. We have gone here for the past 20 years! Because it is such an amazing camp, they fill up as soon as their registration opens in October. So we will need

Total Cost: \$490--This camp fills quickly.

Payments: \$100 by October 2nd (non-refundable) 2nd payment: \$100 by January 15th

Final \$290 due by March 25th (non-refundable) Siblings Attending: Only \$475 each.