

Hillside Sr High Youth Ministry



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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 very 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 lift up and grow closer to God.

The Youth Minister, Steve Brooks, has been at Hillside since 1997, and the Assistant Youth Minister, Anne Beyer, has been working with this ministry since 2006! It has been such a blessing for us to **come along-side you** in providing spiritual support for your students.

We have personally seen the spiritual and emotional health that has resulted from the worship, small groups, biblical messages, retreats, missions, and events that we offer here at Hillside. **There is a HUGE need in the lives of teens and their families for these Christ-centered opportunities!**

WE CONSIDER THIS MINISTRY TO BE A STRONG INVESTMENT IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE!

Our Adult Volunteer Leaders

Each of our events and trips are highly supervised and very well planned. We have a **stellar group of spiritually grounded adults** working with the many youth who come here! All of our Adult Leaders have filled out detailed profiles and have been personally interviewed by us. We've done a police background check on each one and cleared them for ministry with Sr. High Students. It is their desire to encourage your student while supporting you as the student's parent.

Life Groups

These meet with Adult Leaders, generally on Sunday evenings. These groups range from 4-12 students and are the same gender and roughly the same grade. They study the Bible together and encourage one another to live God's truths out in their lives. They also provide great accountability and prayer support for one another. **It is our desire to have each of the youth consistently involved** in one of these groups, where they can grow exponentially. We ask you to encourage your child to be in one, and then to help **guard the importance** of them attending. ☺ New groups begin meeting on September 15th with sign-ups at TNT or by email to Anne Beyer- abeyer@hillsideumc.org

Expense of Retreats and Events

It would be great if your child could go on all of our retreats and events, and yes, it would take a great financial commitment, but we truly believe it is very much **WORTH the investment**. If you are financially strapped, however, we encourage you to sit down with your teen and talk about which trips would be best for them to attend. We also encourage you to discuss with them ways in which they can help in raising money for these trips. Please help them see the incredible importance of growing spiritually!!
-WE WILL BE OFFERING WAYS IN WHICH YOUR CHILD CAN RAISE MONEY TO HELP WITH THE EVENTS THEY WANT TO GO ON.

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. We have scholarship money available, as well as people willing to help financially for those students in need. Ultimately, we don't want **finances to prevent someone from growing spiritually** who wants to!

Scholarship Request Form: Print this form off of our website 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 SR HIGH Ministry: Retreats & Events

TNT “Teens ‘N Truth” **Wednesdays, 7-8:45 Kicks Off on August 7th!**

TNT is our weekly gathering open to ALL senior high students along with any of their friends or any sr high student that hears of us and wants to come! We welcome everyone in high school to attend this. This is an actual youth worship service, with games, skits, videos, worship songs, prayer, testimonies, discussions, & messages from God’s Word centered around the Gospel, The GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ. This is a very meaningful time of encouragement, motivation & spiritual nourishment for the teens during the week.

LIFE GROUPS **Meet Sunday evenings -at the Church &/or in Local Homes -KICK-OFF is Sept 15, 5-6:30pm**

One of the top priorities for our Ministry is to get 100% of our students into a small group! Life groups are truly growth environments, providing **encouragement from others, teaching from the Bible where questions can really be asked & answered, encouraging accountability to live out what is learned, and quality relationships with solid Christian leaders.** If a student is already in a Life Group, that group generally continues, unless the student wishes to be a part of another group. These groups are one of the most important opportunities we offer! **Sign up at TNT or by emailing Anne Beyer abeyer@hillsideumc.org**

Servant/Leadership Training **August 4th & 11th, 5-7:00pm. For 10th-12th GRADE STUDENTS** interested in being leaders in any way – either to underclassmen, Jr Highers, and/or children. This 2-part training is **required** in order to be a leader or group facilitator in any way in any area of Hillside Church and youth ministry. Meets in The Youth Corner, #1016 Aug 18th is a makeup training for missed trainings- Part 1: 5-6:30pm Part 2: 6:30-8:00pm

FALL RETREAT **Fri-Sun, Aug 30-Sept 1 -At Camp Gideon on Lake Allatoona**

--The info flyer is included in this letter—This is **Labor Day Weekend**, so students don’t have a conflict with ACT & SAT testing, as well as having Monday to rest up before school starts back!

Community Wide Discipleship Event **Nov. 15-16, Fri-Sat**—A Student Community-Wide Discipleship weekend event held here at Hillside. We’ll be staying in Hillside host homes. Drop off Friday evening and pick up Saturday night at Hillside. *The cost should be very low. More details coming soon!!!*

WINTER RETREAT **Jan 2-5, 2020 - We are still determining the location for this.**

This retreat has always been amazing! The purpose of this retreat is for students to **grow deeper in their understanding of Scripture and in their relationship with Jesus Christ** and seek to live that out more in their everyday lives. The growth & community that is built by this retreat is HUGE; VERY inspiring & encouraging. It should not be very far away. Detailed info flyers coming by November. **Total Cost is \$195 -due by Dec. 11th. If siblings, then \$180 each.**

Hillside’s Honduras Mission Trip **February 15-22. INFO meeting coming soon.**

Hillside has taken teams to help in villages in Honduras through Honduras Outreach Inc. www.Hoi.org for 17 years! We have decided to JOIN in on this incredible trip of experiencing Christ through serving Hondurans with building projects and ministry with their wonderful children. This will be open to 11-12th grade students, but we will consider younger students case by case who may be interested in going. Parents are more than welcome to join in, as this is a perfect family type international mission trip!

Graduating Seniors’ Retreat **A weekend in April of 2020** –At “Dare to Relax” Cabin near Ellijay

This is a wonderful time for our seniors to be encouraged in Christ and better prepared to step into life after high school! We desire for committed seniors to attend this- we keep the cost low, subsidizing it w/our budget. Incredible Godly Prep for Life!!! Details will be mailed out to the seniors in January. Cost will be low. Date will be set later, as Schools determine Prom dates.

Spring Break Mission **April 5-10th, 2020 -TBD**

We are praying about what the Lord would have for us to do during this mission trip. We are considering between Andrews NC or going back to St Simons Island, both would be doing home repair type work.

Snowbird Summer Camp **June 22-27, 2020 -Andrews, NC**

Over the past 20 years, this has proved to be Exciting, Fun, Meaningful, Equipping, & **Life-changing!** **The reason we continue to take groups here each year is because it’s spiritually grounded and HIGHLY effective in the lives of the teens!** Snowbird has served our ministry & our students with Great Care & Endearment. We are truly Co-Laborers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Total Cost: \$490--This camp fills quickly, so get money in soon!

Payments: \$100 by October 2nd (non-refundable) 2nd payment: \$100 by January 15th Final \$290 due by March 25th (non-refundable)
If you have more than 1 child attending: Only \$475 each.

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