

HOLY GROUNDS, a breakfast devotional and fellowship time for Mid & Senior High youth, meets at Chick-fil-A on Folly Road on alternating Tuesdays throughout the school year. Next gathering will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00am, and our last meeting will be on May 26. Food is provided, so just bring yourself and a friend!

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS is a new monthly meeting for girls in grades 9-12. This devotional and fellowship time follows the Yellow Roses Bible and video study series, and meets at the church café on third Sundays at 6:30pm, starting April 19. Leaders are Suzie Steed and EJ Tracy.

The **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH BANQUET AND AUCTION** fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16. This gives us an extra week to solicit donations and plan, and won't compete with Mother's Day and Confirmation Sunday.

On that note, there will be another **BANQUET INFORMATION AND PLANNING MEETING** on Wednesday, April 29, 6:00pm to go over the event, distribute tickets to sell, sign up for duties and answer any questions about the process and the day. As the banquet is open to children and youth this year, there will be roles available for all ages on the day of the event, but parents can volunteer on their child's behalf if they are too young to participate themselves. A healthy dinner of pizza and drinks will be provided, along with childcare.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT for those in the Confirmation Class will be on Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19 at Barnwell State Park. We still need two female chaperones who aren't afraid of camping! And confirmands, don't forget the Session Confirmation Breakfast on Saturday, May 2, 9:30am at the church, in your honor, where you will be officially received by the JIPC session. Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday, May 10 at the 11:00 am service.

The **JIPC YOUTH MUSICAL "MALICE IN THE PALACE,"** the story of Esther, will be Sunday, May 31 at the church. If you aren't participating in it, come see it to support your fellow youth and all of their hard work throughout the year!

Many of our youth will also be performing in the **Ft. JOHNSON PLAYERS'** performance of "The Music Man" on the weekend of May 1-3, and attending is another wonderful way to show your support for our talented community of youth.

CROSS, the mission trip for rising 6th-9th graders to Charlotte, NC, will be from June 14-19. A few spots are still available, so don't hesitate to sign up if you haven't already—it's not too late! We are seeking two female chaperones for this trip as well, at no cost to you but time and care. The Sr. High trip is being planned for the week of July 19 to Asheville, NC. Stay tuned for more info as the date draws nearer.

DO. LOVE. SERVE., a local mission opportunity for high school youth to serve the Charleston area, will be on August 10, 11, and 12. More info will be given as it is made available.

And as a heads up, the **BETHELWOODS** middle and high school retreats this year will be swapped—Middle School will be in the fall, and High School in the late winter.

If I have missed anything or you have any questions about any of the youth and children's ministry offerings at this point—or ideas for some things you'd love to do—get in touch with me any time.

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