

MARCH 2018 SONLIGHT FAMILY JOURNAL

BREAKAWAY RETREAT UPDATE



On February 16 to 18, 46 adults and students from Trinity went to Blue Mountain Christian Conference center for our annual Breakaway retreat. We joined with 7 other churches and about 200 other people. The theme of our retreat this year was "Extravagant". We looked at the parable of the Lost Son, at the lives of the younger son, older son, and concluded with the extravagant love of

the father for both of his sons. We saw how he took initiative with his sons in loving them even when they despised and hated him. It was a good challenge for all of us to think about how much God loves us. There were also seminars students could choose from: race and the Church; dealing with regret; and how we can help those who are going through pain and suffering. In the midst of all the Bible teaching and worship, we had games, free time, epic snowball battles, 6 inches of snow,



fantabulous food and lots of good fellowship with each other, as well as lots and lots of sleep of course.



It was a great retreat and I always look forward to seeing how the Lord continues to impact our youth in the weeks and months ahead. I want you to see some of the student testimonies below. Thanks for your prayers!

I don't have a great relationship with my dad, so the whole thing was great.

He has challenged me to work on my self-reliance. I definitely depend on myself too much and need to realize that I cannot fix all of my problems but also I can't earn forgiveness and have to live with the knowledge that I don't deserve it.



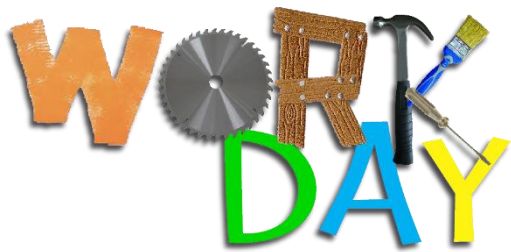
I was definitely taught about how God is always waiting for me with open arms, to return to him. It was a good reminder. I had to make a decision about some grudges I've been holding to this weekend and it showed me I need to let them go.

The importance of understanding that my spiritual life is not based on my emotional state. God loves me no matter how I feel. Read my Bible and pray even when I don't feel like it.

Learning that your relationship with God is more important than going to heaven.

God taught me to not take his grace for granted.





FOR YOUTH GROUP – MARCH 10TH

10AM TO 2PM

SIGN UP TO HELP OUT FOR LUNCH PURPOSES

CHEROKEE MISSION TRIP

JUNE 23 TO 30

APPLICATIONS DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

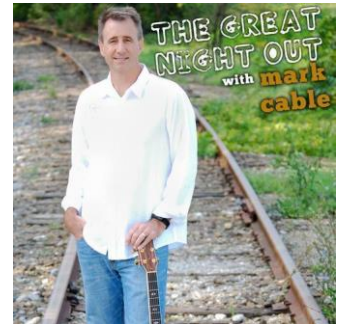
SEE YOUTH TABLE FOR INFO!

MARK CABLE CONCERT & DESSERT

APRIL 7TH, 7PM, FREE

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE YOUTH MINISTRY

GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/MARK-CABLE-CONCERT-TICKETS-43669103464](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mark-cable-concert-tickets-43669103464) FOR FREE TICKETS



Kids Club Events for your Calendar

March 7th—5:30, Dinner (spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and cookies) & prize night

April 4th – 5:30, Dinner (Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, salad, and cookies) & prize night

We'd love for all of the church to join us for dinner!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

CHILDREN

- 12 – Natalie Creason
- 18 – Mina Arsaniuos
- 19 – Jade Ngauss
- 25 – Joey Eckel
- 26 – Emily Monk
- 30 – Jordin Mbugua

COLLEGE STUDENTS

- 6 – Sarah Kula
- 27 – Andy Herring

YOUTH

- 1 – CHARON DHUNGANA
- 2 – REBEKAH SKINNER
- 8 – JACK WANG
- 9 – HAYDEN BASSOFF
- 10 – DAVID ROCKWELL
- 11 – SAM ERIKSON
- 16 – SARAH AKANDE
- 22 – JOSEPH WOLCOTT
- 24 – BRETT MONTEFOUR

26 – SIMON LAGRAN

27 – NATE MOORE

