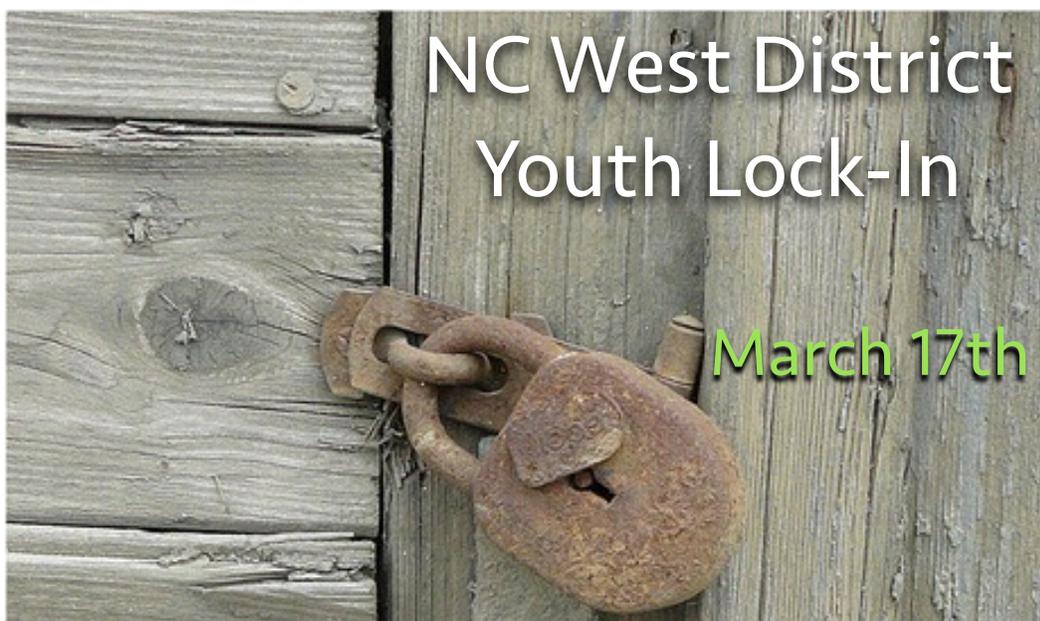


# Student Ministry Update

Partnering with God in His Redemptive work within our homes, community, and world.



An old man wanted to leave all of his money to one of his three sons, but he didn't know which one he should give it

to. He gave each of them a few coins and told them to buy something that would be able to fill their living room. The first man bought straw, but there was not enough to fill the room. The second bought some sticks, but they still did not fill the room. The third man bought two things that filled the room, so he obtained his father's fortune. What were the two things that the man bought?



### Join Us

We meet in the youth building Wednesday nights at 7:00 and every other Sunday starting at 6:30.



### Camp Dates

Middle School:  
June 25-30  
High School:  
July 9-14

## Important dates Coming Up

We have a lot going on we want to make sure that you don't miss out .

I wanted to highlight some of the important dates that are coming up in the month of March. Also be sure to check out the church website, the church bulletin, and any emails we send for other important dates. You can register for the lock-in by signing up in the youth room before March 8th. Also if you are a girl wanting to go to Radiant registration opens today! (March 1st) If you have questions or need help finding how to register let me know ASAP. Cost will go up after April 6th.

MAR  
17

### DISTRICT LOCK-IN

This will be held at the Greensboro Sportsplex. Cost is \$20 if registered by March 8. \$25 at the door.

MAR  
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### WINTER JAM '17

Doors open at 5pm and the cost is \$10 at the door.

APRIL  
28-30

### RADIANT GIRLS RETREAT

Cost is \$75. Registration is on your own online. Checks to be paid to GHWC Youth.

## February Recap

Luke 10:27 He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

This was our verse for the month. We used it to talk about or main topic which was purity. How can we love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind if we contaminate them. We started off the month talking about purity of the mind. I used an illustration of two coffee pots. In one I made coffee like you would normally make it and the second pot I didn’t use a filter. I used this illustration to talk about the importance of being careful of what we put into our mind, such as paying attention to what music we are listening too, movies we are watching etc. The second part of our series we talked about purity of the body. We talked about how we are called to live pure lives because sexual sin effects us in a different way than other sins (1 Corinthians 6:18-20). The last two weeks in February we talked about purity of the heart. Jesus says, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” (Matthew

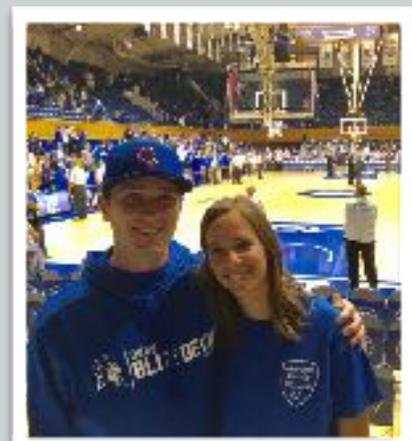


5:8). Proverbs 4:23 says, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” First, we talked about what it means to have a pure heart and why it is important. Finally, we ended February talking about how we can have a pure heart and what steps we can take. I encouraged the students to pray that God would search their hearts and open their eyes to areas that they need to let Him purify. So that they can love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” - Psalm 139:23-24

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR THOMAS

We have 40 days to prepare. As many of you may know March 1st was the start of Lent. Now to be completely honest with you if I had not grown up in a Catholic school I may not have known very much about Lent. Even growing up in the Catholic school I did not completely understand what it was all about. I knew that on Fridays we would have fish because we couldn’t eat any other meat. I would often go to the Fish-fry with my dad and see all my friends from school. I also knew that it was a time when my friends and I would try and give up something until Easter, such as pop (soda) or candy. (These were on a rotating schedule). I went through all the right motions, but it wasn’t until late High School when I truly understood what Lent was about. Lent is a time of preparation. We are preparing for the death and resurrection of our Savior. These next 40 days are our opportunity to set our hearts straight. This is a time where we can refocus our faith and walk down the path of becoming more like Christ. So we give up different pleasures not to show our own will power, but to remind us to pray, to fast, and to meditate on God’s word. We can use this time to examine ourselves and reset so that our focus can be completely on God. How will you prepare?



The wise son bought a candle and a box of matches.  
After lighting the candle, the light filled the entire room.