



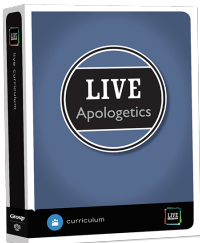
OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING...

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School for middle and high school students happens every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the upper youth room. We have our chairs spaced out; hand sanitizer and masks are available. We'd love for your student to attend!

We are beginning a brand-new volume in our *Gospel Project for Students* curriculum. The Fall 2020 study, *Jesus the Savior*, continues the new three-year chronological journey through the storyline of Scripture. **Volume 9: Unit 26 will focus on Jesus' last week in Jerusalem; including the triumphal entry, the Lord's Supper, His arrest, and crucifixion.** Throughout the study, students will learn key essential doctrines along the way, being equipped to think with a Christian worldview and live it out accordingly. The final days of Christ have much to teach us, so be on the lookout for our **weekly e-mail devotional** for families!



SUNDAY NIGHTS

On Sunday nights from 6:00-7:00PM, our group will be studying the topic of **apologetics**, also known as learning how to defend your faith. In a pluralistic culture, students need to be prepared about differing perspectives and how to articulate their faith. This series will equip teens to effectively explain why they believe what they believe. We'll be giving a basic overview of what apologetics is, the person of Jesus Christ, as well as specific religions and worldviews.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

In October, we'll be starting a new series called, **True Story**, a 4-week series on identity on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00PM.

Many of our favorite movies, from *Toy Story* to *Moana*, tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover who they are and what they were created to do. The stories in Scripture are like this too, but with one big difference: in the Bible, humans aren't the main characters — **God is**.

In this series, we'll explore the stories of people like Cain and Abel, Elijah, Naomi, Ruth, Esther, and some of the earliest God-followers in order to see that who we are can best be understood in the context of who God is. When we discover who our Creator is, we can better understand who we were created to be. Because of who God is, we can **trust how God has made us**, we can **do difficult things**, we can **embrace the unknown**, and we can **take risks for others**.



WHAT WE'RE DOING THIS MONTH...

Fall Retreat – October 9-11



UPDATED: Our Fall Retreat at Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters was unfortunately canceled this month due to our Youth Pastor, Rich Douglas, being diagnosed with COVID-19. However, **we are rescheduling the trip to December 28-30 for a winter retreat.** We will still be going to Snowbird and there is no additional cost for families.

If you have already signed up, please save the date. If you missed the chance to sign up for our Fall Retreat, please consider signing up for our Winter Retreat! An informational brochure for the winter retreat will be coming in next month's newsletter. Parents can contact Pastor Rich for more details.

Fall Festival – October 24, 2020

Our church will have its Fall Festival on October 24, 2020 from 5:30-7:30PM at the Family Life Center. This family event will include exciting games, fun rides, and tasty food! Be sure to invite your friends! This event will be open to everyone and social distancing will be practiced. ***Students, please make plans to attend; we will need your help in running games for the younger children.***



Denver Down Corn Maze Trip - October 25, 2020



Students, join us as we go to Denver Downs in Anderson, SC for a fun afternoon with rides, attractions, a corn maze, and lots of fair food! Tickets will be \$20 per person (students are recommended to bring an additional \$10 for food and drinks). We will be leaving from Sardis Baptist Church at 2:00pm and returning to Sardis by 6:00pm. ***Parents, please pick your student up by 6:00pm, there will be no evening youth Bible study that night.***



How to Be a “AAA” Parent

By Doug Fields (Author and Youth Pastor)

When I'm asked about what parents can do everyday (besides praying) that can make a huge difference in their kids' lives, I tell them three things that can make them "AAA Parents."

Affection. Everyone needs affection to thrive, but kids want affection from their parents. I'm convinced that one of reasons teenagers are so sexually promiscuous (especially girls) is because they lack affection from the significant male figure in their life. My parents were great, but they weren't overly affectionate, so I chose to change the script in how I parented. I pour affection on my kids through hugs, back rubs, and snuggling during TV time.

Affirmation. Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on one good compliment." Unfortunately, many kids go two months without any genuine affirmation from their parents. Through their words parents yield so much power to shape their kids. Imagine your child has a bank account and each encouragement, affirmation, positive comment, intentional and personal word of kindness is a deposit of a penny to their account. Each negative comment is like withdrawing a quarter. How is your child's bank account doing?

Attention. Simply stated, this means parents need to focus and engage on what's happening in their kids' lives. Giving kids attention means more than popping by their bedroom and waving goodnight -- it means tucking them in. It means more than asking how their day went -- it means asking and really listening to the answer and then asking more questions. It means more than making sure they get homework done -- it means helping and coaching in a way that they feel confident and empowered. Kids need to feel that they matter to their parents!

Parenting isn't easy. Intentional parenting is even more difficult, but the rewards your child will reap through affection, affirmation and attention are worth the difficulty it takes for parents to make these into daily habits!

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<p>SOUNDS LIKE AUTUMN!</p> <p>YES, THAT OLD FAMILIAR CRUNCH...</p> <p>...OF HALLOWEEN CANDY WRAPPERS COVERING OUR FLOORS.</p> <p>I'LL GET THE RAKE.</p> <p>CRUNCH! CRUNCH!</p> <p>CRUNCH! CRUNCH!</p> <p>SCOTT AND BOB SMITH 1/20</p>						HAPPY BIRTHDAY FISHER BOND!
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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM-12PM FALL RETREAT COMMISSIONING SERVICE <u>NO EVENING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</u>			YOUTH GROUP "True Story" Week 1 6:00-8:00PM		FALL RETREAT AT SNOWBIRD	FALL RETREAT AT SNOWBIRD
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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM-12PM FALL RETREAT AT SNOWBIRD <u>NO EVENING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</u>			YOUTH GROUP "True Story" Week 2 6:00-8:00PM			
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SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM-12PM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY "The Chosen" Episode 7			YOUTH GROUP "True Story" Week 3 6:00-8:00PM			
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SUNDAY MORNING 10AM-12PM Denver Downs Corn Maze Trip 2-6PM <u>NO EVENING YOUTH BIBLE STUDY</u>			YOUTH GROUP "True Story" Week 4 6:00-8:00PM	HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAYDEN CROCKER & LILLIAN CROCKER!		