

# GC Youth News

## *July & August 2017*



### **July:**

July 1 – Return from Mission Trip

### **August:**

August 1 – Potentially Splash in the ‘Boro trip?

August 3 – ECHS first day of school!

August 12 – Georgia & Adam out of country

- Bryan will oversee Sunday School for older youth
- Becky will oversee Sunday School & Wed. Night for younger youth
- Nancy will oversee Wed. Night for older youth

August 6 – Graduation for Children Worship & Wonder

August 13 – Promotion Sunday for Sunday School

August 16 – Wednesday Night Youth begins!

- *Can I Ask That?* by Dr. Kara Powell & Brad Griffin

### **Toxic Silence**

There are many taboo subjects today.

Living together before marriage, homosexuality, other paths to God, racism and bullying are some hot topics that I have seen in the past few years. The media pours its multifaceted opinions on us, and somehow, somehow, we have to sift through to decide what is right and true, and what is simply hogs-wallop.

Those mentioned above only scrape the surface of taboo topics. In addition, there are other items we do not want to discuss among the Church. Doubt, confusion, disagreement with parts of Scripture, disagreements with other denominations, church after high school, belief in hell or not, God allowing pain, God requiring death in Scripture ... the list goes on and on!

The Rock's  
Theme Verse:  
The LORD is  
my rock, my  
fortress and  
my deliverer;  
my God is my  
rock, in  
whom I take  
refuge, my  
shield and  
the horn of  
my salvation,  
my  
stronghold.

*Psalm 18:2*

We do not talk about a lot of these subjects for many reasons. We may not know the answer to some of the big questions. We may not fully comprehend the topic or why someone has a struggle. We may feel terribly uncomfortable with it, too!

Youth leaders, teachers, parents and loved ones do not have all the answers to your tough questions, but the Church, in the presence of God, is certainly a safe place to ask them. We can look to Scripture to point us in the right direction.

This August we're going to start a new series created by the Fuller Youth Institute, who studies youth of today and have created many resources for youth groups. The series is called *Can I Ask That?* The resounding answer is yes! We will tackle some questions like:

Does the Bible contradict itself?

Is Jesus really the only way to God?

Does God endorse violence?

What does the Bible say about being gay?

Authors Brad Griffin and Dr. Kara Powell have surmised that "doubt isn't toxic to faith. Silence is." Are there questions that you haven't asked out loud because it's taboo? What are they? You can text or Tweet it, using #caniaskthat @GCYRock.

Much love!

Mrs. Georgia