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Youth Ministry, Concord, NC

Calvary / St. James Youth News



RISKY, AMBITIOUS, TRANSFORMING

Canceled, postponed, rescheduled, until further notice, suspended, temporally closed; these phrases seem to be part of our conversations

lately. And, I forgot to mention that there is no toilet paper to be found. These are times of change. These are times that even your grandparents haven't seen. These are times when our lives are turned upside down and we have to adjust and readjust more than we are comfortable in doing. But, we will do it and we will come out on the other side filled with stories that we can pass onto our grandchildren.

While we were at youth last Sunday, we talked about using words that would describe Jesus? There were the standard descriptive words used; hope, peace, love, joy, forgiveness, etc. But what we were after were words outside of the norm. Words that would be more of a highlight of who Jesus was. It was then that these words

started flowing. Words like, servant, strength, compassionate, ambitious, selfless, accepting, inviting, transforming, amazing, adventurous, exciting, risky, and generous. These are just a few of them, there are more.

After listing these descriptive Jesus words, the thoughts shifted to; if we are followers of Jesus, then do those words describe us as well? Do those words describe our ministry? The conclusion was, yes, some of them do, but there are some that we have room to work on and to grow.

So, I wonder if now is the time for us to work on those descriptive Jesus words, making those words become words that will describe us and the Youth Ministry that we are part of? How can we make these words part of who we are as individuals and words that describe the ministry?

Here are a few suggestions for you: What if we get together through Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, have a little chat as we journey through Lent. If you are interested in doing so, let me know. We can give *Texting Scriptures* a try. Let me know what you think.

Get outside, take a walk, help out in the yard and enjoy God's creation. Because you are not in school doesn't mean you can't get outside and walk your dog or just take a walk yourself. (Let your parents know before you do that.) There maybe some acts of service that can be done during this time frame.

Take a little bit of "Pause" time. This is a time to slow down. You guys run 90 miles an hour 90% of the time. Try to see some positive in all of this confusion and unknown. Take up a hobby, get some rest, do your homework, read, crack open the Bible and read a chapter a day. This is a time that you may be able to do something that you do not normally get to do. Go for it, and remember to be thankful to God for what you have been given, celebrate this time that you have, include some prayer time, Bible Time and experience what it's like to be risky, ambitious, transforming and original.

Peace, Mike

NEXT MONTH'S PLANS... SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**CALVARY'S EASTER
EGG HUNT AND LAST**

SUPPER DRAMA

April 5, 2020

The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 5:00 and will be followed at 5:30 by the Lord's Supper Drama. We are in need of Easter Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt, if you would like to donate a bag of wrapped candy, chocolate is just fine, we would appreciate it greatly.

**LIVING
LAST
SUPPER**



After the Easter Egg Hunt, we will gather in the fellowship hall for the Lord's Supper and Drama. This is a a full course meal that will include foods from the Passover meal. You will want to come hungry. As the meal progresses, so will the drama. You will enjoy this meaningful experience designed for the entire family. To help us plan properly, please make your reservation by using the attendance slip in the bulletin or by contacting the church office at either St. James or Calvary. All are Welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 10, 2020

Stations of the Cross will be on Friday, April 10 starting at 3:30 at St. James. We will gather for a journey of reflection as we travel approximately a mile to represent the steps Jesus took on his journey to the cross. Join in, sign up for this very special experience. All are welcome to participate.

ST. JAMES EASTER EGG HUNT

April 11, 2020



The St. James Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday April 11 starting at 10:00. There will be crafts, snacks and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome to join in the fun.

MISSION TRIP

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP

Our annual College Mission Trip **May 11 - 14** going to Jacksonville, FL is being planned. We will serve helping setup for summer the home base of Teameffort. We will work hard during the day, beach time in the afternoon, sleep and then repeat the next day. Please invite and encourage others to join in the fun.

Confirmation Retreat

CALVARY'S CONFIRMATION WEEKEND

Confirmation Weekend will be **May 15 - 17** and we will be going to Holden Beach for a retreat to grow, learn, have fun, and relax. Our time will include a craft and eating some of the best pizza around. Please let Mike know if you will be going. [Email Mike](#)

POSTPONED / RESCHEDULED



AMISH EXPERIENCE

Between what is going on with the school system, closings and the Coronavirus, unfortunately, this very special week experience has been canceled. We will try again next year.

YOUTH LOCK IN

We had a Youth Lock In scheduled for the weekend of March 20 - 21 but, as you can imagine, we need to move the date to another time. We will wait and see how things work out as far as timing goes before we make a decision. Hang on, we will reschedule.



THANK YOU

Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser



PORT-A-PIT THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone that made desserts, came to serve in the kitchen, purchased tickets, sold tickets, delivered meals and cleaned up! You all are the best! The Youth Ministry sold out, 440 plates and 150 wings, all gone. We were able to raise approximately \$2,200. Thank You very much for supporting the Youth Ministry.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary. Over the past month, there has been a tremendous amount of work put into three major fundraisers that support the Youth Ministry;

The Valentine's Dinner raised a total of \$5100, Shrove Tuesday at both locations raised a total of \$1,200 and Port-a-Pit raised \$2,200 for a total of \$8,500. These funds will go to support the ministry, keep the out of pocket cost down and help the youth enjoy a wonderful beach retreat and Youth Mission trips. Thank you very much for supporting the ministry

IMPORTANT DATES

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MISSION TRIP DEPOSIT DUE DATE

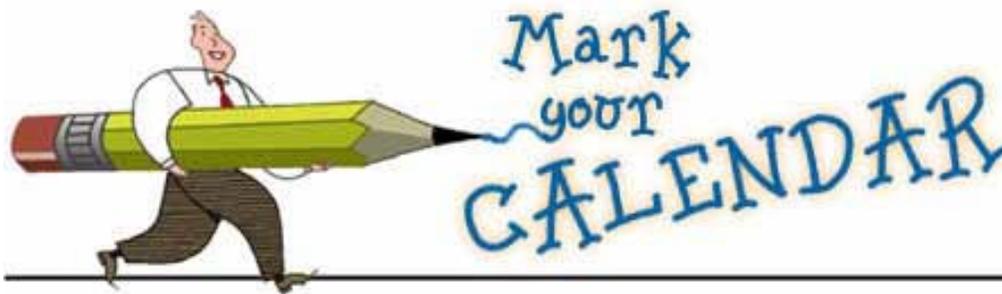
It's time to commit, firm up, and claim your spot.

Sign up for this summer's mission trips. It's time to sign up and commit to a great memory maker summer experience. We will be going back to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for a week of serving others, building relationships and growing in our faith.

The dates are;

- Jr. Youth Mission is July 5 - 11
- Sr. Youth Mission trip is July 12 -18

**Your \$100, nonrefundable deposit
is due by April 5th.**



- **April 5** Calvary Easter Egg Hunt / Living Last Supper
- **April 10** Stations of the Cross Walk
- **April 11** St. James Easter Egg Hunt
- **May 11-14** College Mission Trip
- **June 21-23** Jr. Youth Beach Retreat to Kure Beach
- **June 23-27** Sr. Youth Beach Retreat to Kure Beach
- **July 5-11** Jr. Youth Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN
- **July 12-18** Sr. Youth Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN

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