



## YOUTH GROUP

Greetings Sardis Family,

The last several weeks I have spent in prayer for the youth program at Sardis, I have got several ideas still coming to mind. More info will come on these. But for this newsletter I have some thought provoking questions and what I have experienced in regards to the questions.

Question 1: Who is the future of Sardis? Who is the future of church?

If you answered the youth is the future you're not exactly thinking the way I am and the way it was explained to me a few years back at a Synod gathering.

Truth is every single person here is the future of our church. From the youngest member to the oldest member. We all make the church what it is. Now to take that a step further...all the people who have passed on are the future of our church. Without them bringing us to church and building our foundation of the church we wouldn't be the church. Their legacy lives on. Every minister that has served Sardis helped make Sardis what it is today. A

Don't put the weight of the church's future solely on our youth...help show them that you are the future too. Let's be the future of the church together and make Sardis the place to be.

Question 2: If Jesus came to you and said "come and follow me," would you be able to do it?

Last Sunday Cynthia and I were teaching Sunday School and we were talking about Jesus calling his original 12 disciples. We read the Bible story and then I asked Shuford and Cash if they would drop everything and follow Jesus if he walked into the room right then and asked them. They didn't hesitate to say yes they would.



We then read the story from their leaflet about a kid playing baseball and being called to an elite league. And the mom was leaving that decision up to her son as he would be leaving behind his friends and would have a busier schedule with more time commitments. I then asked them again if they were with their friends, playing sports, etc. if they would drop everything and follow Jesus if he asked them to right then. They again quickly responded that yes they would.

I'm not going to lie, I hesitated when asking myself that question. I have work, have to do dishes, have to do laundry, have to take care of the mini zoo at my house (We have 2 dogs, 4 ferrets, and a hamster), etc. So many things to keep me here. After a lot of prayer and reevaluating life, if Jesus called me to come and follow him I would and would trust Him to lead me to where I am needed. And you know what...he did call me to work with the youth of Sardis...and for that I am grateful. Thank you all for your support and love.

Respectfully submitted

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The logo features the word "Youth" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font. Below it, the word "activities" is written in a smaller, black, lowercase sans-serif font. The text is set against a white background with a subtle drop shadow and is enclosed within a white, cloud-like border with a scalloped bottom edge.