

Dear Parents, Leaders, and Students,

I hope you find this newsletter encouraging to you as you raise young people. It is a tough job to keep students on the right path and give them a Biblical worldview. Once again I would like to give you some upcoming events and activities that your family can participate in to help you grow in your faith and be able to encourage your family.

Go as a family to the HHS Dinner Show and enjoy watching young people from our community as they sing and perform. The dinner show runs May 5-7 and you can get tickets by contacting the Hays High School office.

May 11 will be our last regular youth group of the school year. We are currently planning the summer events so please stay tuned to our church website and Sunday bulletin for details about upcoming summer events.

On May 13 and 14 take some time to pray as a family for the middle school students and leaders who will be in Tulsa at the Believe Conference. Pray that God would speak to the heart of each young person who is in attendance.

On May 14 we have students graduating from Ellis, Victoria, and Stockton High Schools. On May 22 we will have students graduating from Hays High School. I would encourage you to attend the graduation or write a note to one or all of these students.

I would encourage your family to come join us on May 18 for our NOCC Senior BBQ. This will take place at the church starting at 6:00 p.m. in the youth center. Please sign up in the gathering area or by calling the church office and letting us know how many from your family will be attending. This is a wonderful evening where we get to encourage and challenge our seniors and to congratulate them on a job well done.

There is still time to get your 7th & 8th grader signed up for our district junior high camp!!! The deadline is May 8, and forms can be picked up in the youth room or church office. If you would like to view last year's video of camp, please let me know as I would be happy to get that to you.

Another upcoming event will be our Vacation Bible School which will be held June 13-17. I would encourage your family to find a way to help and get involved!!! If you can, help decorate or make items for teacher,s or ask the directors how you can be of help to them. We will be doing something a little different this year by extending our VBS to include students who have complete 5th through 8th grades!! This will be a fun week of learning and service for this group. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for more details coming soon.

Opportunities to Serve: I am looking for a group of people that would be willing to go run an afternoon of activities for the Sunrise Camp which is a camp for those with disabilities. We will be leaving on the morning of May 31 and returning late that night. If you would be willing to go and serve this wonderful group of people with an afternoon of activities, please let Jeff know as soon as possible.

I hope your family will seek out ways to serve and bless others this summer.

Jeff