



Parent Newsletter

December 2011



Christmas is just around the corner and to celebrate as a Student Ministry Department, we will be throwing a Christmas Party on Wednesday December 14th! This will be during the regular scheduled student service that occurs every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8:00pm. That night we will take a break from our Apologetic Series and just have some fun with food, games, and as always, our White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Your student will need to bring a "White Elephant" gift to throw into the gifts for our exchange. HSM will be providing food that night for the students! If you have additional questions regarding our Christmas Party, please contact Pastor Shelby Smith at (317) 833-2723.

STICK – Glue Yourself to Godly Friends

Pastor Shelby and his wife will be starting a monthly Bible Study in their home for students that are committed to Sunday school within HSM. This study will take place on the 4th Friday of each month, starting January 27th. Cost will be \$10.00, which includes Study book and food!



Have Questions...Got Answers – Apologetics Series

We are losing children and teenagers! Regardless of where your student is educated; public, private, or home-schooled – when it comes to church the overall results are the same; nearly 70% are walking away! Teenagers want TRUTH, but we give them stories. They need meat, but we give them milk. Young people crave solid, biblical answers, but many parents don't have the answers themselves!

This is why we will continue our Apologetics series through the month of December and January. Topics that will continue to be discussed are:

- December 7th – The F word is for Fossils! – What They Tell Us
- December 14th – Thinking Outside the "Box" – Noah's Ark
- January 4th – Dinosaurs – Man Really Did Walk with Them!
- January 11th – Happy Birthday to You – Age of the Earth
- January 18th - Aliens, UFO's, and Outer Space, Oh My!
- January 25th – Be Ready by Asking the Right Questions

"Be ready to give an answer..."

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

*December 14th – Student Christmas Party
6:30-8:00pm at Hope Community*

January 21st – Eat and Play...On a Saturday

March 30th – Winter Jam 2011 Tour!

*April 20th-22nd – Amazing Race Spring Retreat
More Information to come. Your student will NOT
want to miss out on this extremely exciting retreat
weekend! Stay tuned.*

May 5th – 6th – Encouragement Weekend

*Saturday May 5th – Journey to Manhood – Guys Only
event! This will be an experience reminding young
men that becoming a man is a journey!*

*Sunday May 6th – Princess Banquet – Girls Only
event! This is our annual event for our female
students. A time for young ladies to reflect on their
Creator, and the handiwork of the beautiful creation
that he has created in each of the lives represented
by our young ladies!*



Eat and Play...on a Saturday!

Your student does not want to miss just a fun filled day of food and games on Saturday January 21st! Check out the flyer at the Welcome Center or you can download the registration form off the church website (www.visithope.org). Contact Pastor Shelby for more information.



You do NOT want your student to miss out on this awesome opportunity to hear some of the best names in Christian music together for one night only! Bands like Skillet, Sanctus Real, Building 429, Group 1 Crew, and many more! Mark your calendar now for Friday March 30th! Be looking for more information coming soon!