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Our Very First Newsletter



Well, it's taken a few months, but here we are - news in hand! My goal for this bi-monthly connection is to keep you in the loop about all the things that we're doing together in Flipd. It's my goal to partner with you in raising youth who choose to live out Christ's upside-down Kingdom. Partnership requires communication and so I'm constantly looking for better ways to connect with you. This includes the announcements we make in the bulletin & on Sunday mornings, handouts that we send home (hoping they make it!), our ever updating website (www.flipd.org), occasional parent meetings, and now this little newsletter. Because of convenience for you and the costs of printing & mailing for us, we want to make several options available for you regarding how you receive this newsletter. We can email it out, mail it out, or you can download it directly from the website. Just make sure you let us know which you prefer! Thanks for the privilege of partnering with you in pursuing kids for Christ.

John Dale Harris



Conversations

Every month (roughly) we jump into a new topic. We try to choose issues that are relevant for our teens and look at them by starting with what the Bible has to say & then thinking what that means for us.

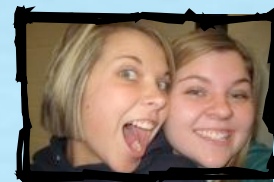
We spent the month of February talking about "Liking, Loving & Lasciviousing" and thinking about the desires we have related to relationships. We had a great series of discussions including guest speakers, small group times, and large group challenges.

This month (March) we're talking about Worship. More than just music, we're trying to think about how it impacts our lives. One of the ideas we're teaching is that all the things we do in life are acts that declare value...place something above or below something else. And, ultimately, that's what worship is: declaring something's worth. So the question is not whether or not we worship, but what we worship.

In April & May we'll be launching into a longer series, going through the book of Colossians together & considering what it means to have "the hope of glory" living inside of us.



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Coming Up...



SPRING RETREAT
 For our spring retreat this year, we're going on a Marvelous Mystery Tour within a 3 hour radius of First Friends. The dates are April 24-26 but because of our destination, all registrations are due by March 25. Registration forms are available online at:
www.flipd.org/mystery

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SUMMER MISSION DOSSIER
 REDEMPTIVE CHANGE AGENT 09
 CASE #: 8-621-626-9
 LOCATION: 40.793, -81.353
 CANTON, OH

Check out pics from Intergalactic Battle Night @ www.flipd.org

MISSIONS
 We're very excited for our three summer mission trips that our middle school youth have the chance to participate in this year! If your child is participating, make sure you're aware of all of the training dates, etc. And if you don't have children participating, we'd still appreciate your prayers as well as your support at a couple fundraisers we'll be doing over the next few months as we get ready for the trips. Summer trips are always a life-changing experience!

COMMUNICATION
 Along with our newsletter, we're also unveiling a 6 month calendar that gives a handy, quick overview of our upcoming schedule. Our first few drafts had a couple flaws and for that we apologize, but we've got it corrected now, so please grab a new one! Also, if you haven't signed up for our update emails that we send out periodically, send an email to cbules@firstfriends.org to join.

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 ■ Sunday Mornings
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 ■ DO
 ■ Flipd Out
 ■ Mission Training
 ■ Mission Team Building Day (6th & 7th)
 ■ Thursday
 ■ 8th Grade Summer Mission
 ■ 7th Grade Summer Mission
 ■ 6th Grade Summer Mission
 ■ Spring Retreat
 ■ Mission Team Building Weekend (8th)

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