

# Parent Connections

NEWSLETTER DATE

## OPPORTUNITIES!

**OUR MISSION:  
TO MAKE  
PASSIONATE,  
OBEDIENT  
DISCIPLES OF  
CHRIST.**

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I just wanted to encourage you with some things God has been encouraging me with. Jesus said in Mark 5:14, "The sower sows the word." This verse encourages me often and as we have been going through the Gospel according to Mark in Sunday school, I have been recently reminded that the Lord calls us to be sowers of His word in student's lives. Our responsibility, as we love and serve the children He has placed in our care, is to be faithful to Him. Our part is to sow, trusting Him that He will make

things grow as He sees fit.

I find this difficult to do sometimes. Often, I'd



**In due time we will reap.**

like to reap **RIGHT NOW!** I fall victim to our fast-food culture and it gets into my view of God and how He works. I want things my way and in my timing but God

says no, My way and My timing!

Galatians 6:9 encourages us to "not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." I confess, I get weary sometimes and want to give up because I do not see things going as I'd like to see them go. But verse 10 continues to encourage me by saying, "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

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## HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

We're excited to share with you about our small group ministry. To us, small groups is the heart of it all where we can be real with one another, to really encourage and challenge one another as we are in God's Word together, praying together and

growing together.

We believe that when life and truth come together and is acted upon, transformation takes place. This is the goal of our small group ministry, lives changed so Jesus is seen.

Here is a list of our small groups with who is leading

them and when they are happening so you can encourage your student to be a part.

All of these groups are open so feel free to contact me or the leaders for more information on their groups (664-4883).  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Some of last years Christmas Formal Dapper Dans!

## December

**1st**—High School Christmas Formal  
6-9 pm; \$7; Fine dining, fancy clothes, fellowship

**19th**—High School Youth Group goes **Carol-ing** to Shut-ins from our body.  
6:30-8:30pm

**26th**—**No Youth Group** for High school or Jr. High. Enjoy Christmas and the family time together.

**28th**—**Game Fest**—gaming of every kind...video, board, athletic, etc. For Jr., Sr. High & College students. \$3 for pizza dinner. 2-10 pm. Bring your gear, friends & some munchie-goodness to share.

## January

**2nd**—High School & Jr. High Youth Group Resumes for the new year. 7-8:30 pm.

**9th or 16th**—High School Prayer & Praise Night in place of normal youth group.

## February

**3rd**—**Super Bowl Party!!!** More details TBA.

## March

**7th-9th**—Winter Retreat at Schweitzer Mountain Chapel. We'll be skiing/boarding, worshipping, fellowshiping & growing in the Word together.

## OPPORTUNITIES! CONT. P. 1

*“God will bring it to harvest. In His time and in His way, and as we know, it is always worth it.”*

Opportunity. That’s a great word that goes with young people and those around them. I think of the many teaching, moldable, life lesson opportunities that arise as we live our lives with young people. You know this well and have countless op-

portunities with your kids. I guess I’d like to just encourage you to not grow weary, to not lose heart, to not give up but to press on, to continue pursuing and to continue modeling and living out your relationship with Christ, for you will reap in due

time. God will bring it to harvest. In His time and in His way, and as we know, it is always worth it! Press on!

## HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS CONT. P. 1

*“Small group is the heart of ministry”*



### Guys

Sean Kacalek - 818-9814  
Tony Norris - 640-3590  
Nichol Helgeson - 819-0577

Tuesday - 6-8 pm  
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Monday - 6-8pm

### Gals

Britney Glendening - 691-5129  
Trish Glendening - 660-2996

Tuesday - 4-6 pm  
Friday - 4-6 pm

Our goal is to have every student plugged into a group so they can connect deeper with each other as they connect deeper with God as His word gets into their hearts and lives. Please contact us about getting your student connected.

# JR HIGH UPDATE



Greetings from the Junior High Staff!

God has really blessed our Junior High group these past few months and we are thankful for all the support from you parents we have received. Be it from bringing snacks, speaking to the group, or even just remembering us in prayer we thank you.

In Sunday School these past few months we have been continuing our study on doctrines of the Bible. More specifically we have been studying about doc-

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trines relating to the Bible itself (It's history, who wrote it, inerrancy, and much more) and about God (The Father, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, The Trinity, etc). We look forward to finishing up the first half of our doctrinal study at the end of this year with topics like angels, demons, creation, and sin.

On Wednesday nights we are steadily working our way through character traits that are portrayed in the Bible, such as Humility, Compassion, Dependability, and many more. We passionately believe that strong

character that is learned at a young age, one will better be able to resist the temptations that are to come.

We have seen quite a bit of spiritual growth so far and we are excited to see what God has planned for us in the coming months. Our mission is to make passionate, obedient disciples of Christ and we pray that we are supporting you as parents in helping your children to become just that.

Jason Cralley and the Jr. High Staff

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- That the Lord would be lifted up and exalted in all we do and say (1 Cor. 10:31).
- That we would all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).
- That we would know God and His love for us in a real way (Eph. 3:14-19) and that that love would be evident in our lives by the things we say and do.
- For students to own their faith in Christ. That they would grow in their own personal relationship with God.
- For soft hearts, deeper relationships and for countless opportunities to bring God's Word into the conversations.
- For upcoming events and activities: that the Lord would be honored, for safety, that students would connect with each other and grow closer to God.
- For our small group ministry: that students would get plugged in, that they'd feel safe and able to let down their guard and allow God's Word to penetrate deep into their lives, that they would encourage each other and pray for one another.
- For our leaders: that we'd stay close to God, continually pursuing Him and being obedient to His Word, that we'd model what it means to be a passionate, obedient disciple of Christ.
- For God's will to be done in everything.



**The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.**  
**James 5:16 NKJV**

Thank you for your love, support and prayers!



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