

Agenda

1. Introduction:

- Leaders introduce themselves for the parents
- Introduce your family

2. Framework Discussion & Devotion

- Vision: to build community through a pursuit of God, & in service to all
- Mission:
 - Synergy Student Ministry exists to glorify God through creating community in the youth of Baylake UMC and Hampton Roads through a pursuit of God, and in service to all
 1. Community
 2. Pursuit
 3. Service
 4. Acts 2:42-47
 - a. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe^[e] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
- Objectives:
 - to create an environment where the youth of Hampton Roads are secure enough to share all aspects of life with each other
 - to seek God with all of one's heart, soul, mind, & strength
 - to build ones passion for God & others through study of the Bible & in service to all
- Strategy:
 - to build community through:
 1. fellowship
 2. a safe environment
 3. compassion
 - to advance personal spiritual growth through:
 1. bible study
 2. the spiritual disciplines
 3. in service

- to deepen understanding & application of one's pursuit of God through:
 1. worship
 2. in service
 3. the arts
- to serve the disadvantaged of HR, VA, USA, & the World through:
 1. long term, sustainable impact

3. Child Protection Policy Discussion

- Each leader has a signed copy of the policy on file and has gone through a background check
- In order to maintain the standards of the policy we will need male and female parents and/or leaders to volunteer for activities including but not limited to all off-site events, overnight trips, and/or all-nighters

4. Waiver and Release Discussion

- Parents please read and sign the waiver and release for your student to participate in all events of the 2014-2015 school year.

5. Student Ministry Room (SMR) & The Mini

- The large room named the Student Ministry Room or you will often see SMR.
- Within the SMR we have a video game system, foosball, air hockey, couches, and a snack bar where everything costs \$.75.
- The former "middle school room" has now been nicknamed The Mini, because it is a miniature version of this room, and during the summer, we have events called The Freezer where the students come to chill and in the other room, we will have the mini-fridge with its own game system, couches, and opportunity to chill.

6. RSVP: means to tell Jeff your student will attend and pay the funds for said event.

7. Synergy Squad Training

- As a point of interest, the Synergy Squad meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Starbucks on the corner of Haygood Road and Independence BLVD at 7pm.
- At these meetings, we study a devotional, plan and discuss upcoming events, evaluate past events, and pray for your students.
- Last year, we studied UnChristian by David Kinnaman. In this study, we discussed the top five perspectives of those outside the church toward Christians.
- This year, we are studying You Lost Me, also by David Kinnaman. This study discusses the reasons young people are leaving the church, and what we can do to retain them.

8. Social Media

- If you are on any social media sites please like and follow us at SynergyBUMC on Facebook, twitter, google+, and Instagram.
- We also have our page on the church website at baylakeumc.org/Synergy
- Email is one of the main methods of communication with Synergy. If you do not currently receive, our monthly updates please let me know and we will get you set-up.
- Also, if you do not have my email or cell phone it is: jluchun@baylakeumc.org and 757.646.8519