Youth News, August 24, 2017

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**Salkehatchie and High/Middle School Mission Trip Sunday** will be this Sunday, August 20. If you went on one of these mission trips, please plan on wearing your trip shirt and attending one of our four worship services this Sunday morning.

If you are interested in attending a FREE **College Admissions Workshop** (8th-12th graders) hosted by Chris Parsons (a member of Belin) on Sunday, August 27, from 5 PM - 7 PM, please sign up by contacting Chris at chris@college-boundconsulting.com or 843.442.9222. Chris can help with scholarships, financial aid, getting into a specific college, etc. He is here to help you!

The Belin **Youth Ski Trip** to Winterplace, West Virginia is January 13-16, 2018 (MLK weekend: Saturday-Tuesday) and is open to all 6th-12th graders. The total cost (which includes lodging, ski rentals, lift tickets, transportation, and all meals except three fast food meals) is $475; $525 if snowboarding; $430 if you bring your own skis or snowboard; $350 if you are not skiing or snowboarding. To view photos of our slope-side lodging, please visit http://www.winterplacecondorentals.com. For more info on Winterplace Ski Resort, please visit http://www.winterplace.com.

The deadline to pay the $125 non-refundable deposit is next Sunday, August 27. Please make checks payable to Belin UMC and mark your child's name and Winterplace in the memo section of your check. A check is the preferred method of payment; however, if you pay by cash, please put the exact amount in an envelope with your child's name on it and place payments in the drop box located to the right of the Coke machine in the FLC. The office staff checks the drop box regularly, so this is the most secure place to turn in payments for any trip! You can also make payments for trips online at http://www.belinumc.org/giving. Please note, you will need to add a 3% processing fee and mark who and what your payment is for so it will be processed correctly.

The second payment for both trips is due by October 15, and the final payment is due by November 26. The amount owed for the second and final payments is different for each person because it depends on how much money you have earned through fundraisers and if you are skiing, snowboarding, or bringing your own equipment.

Please note that space is limited on a first come - first serve basis (based on paid deposit) and receiving your payment for this trip guarantees your spot. If this is your first time skiing or snowboarding, you are required to take lessons (additional charge). To go on the Ski Retreat, youth must attend a Belin Youth Ministry event regularly.

REMEMBER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH RETREATS IF NEEDED!

There will not be a trip to Snowshoe in 2018.

**YOUTH GROUP STARTS BACK SEPTEMBER 10**

Sunday, September 10, is the first official Youth Group meeting of the school year! Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th graders) begins at 5 PM and ends at 7:35 PM.

High School Youth Group (9th-12th graders) begins at 5:45 PM and ends at 8:20 PM.

Please bring $1 for the meal (dinner for both groups will be served at 5:50 PM).

Please arrive at the Family Life Center (use covered drive through entrance doors) at your respective start times. If you have not completed a "Youth Medical Release Form" within the last two years, please go to http://www.belinumc.org/youth (one form per child - please note form is two pages). If you don't have access to a printer, this form is also located outside of Austin Bond's office in the FLC (room #9). If your child will be participating in the Prayer Breakfast this year, please also fill out the "Prayer Breakfast Permission Form" on that webpage! Forms can be turned in to Linda Lee Powalie (FLC lobby), Austin Bond, the drop box, or just bring with you on September 10.

Please bring a friend to Youth Group! All 6th-12th graders are always welcome even if they don't attend church at Belin, but they are required to have the "Youth Medical Release Form" filled out too!
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Youth Group Meal Information
Some families prefer to go ahead and pay for all the Youth Group meals at the beginning of the school year instead of having to bring $1 each time. If you would like to do this, please bring a check payable to Belin for $25 and write “Youth Group Meals” and your child’s name in the memo section of the check. Adults are needed to help serve the Youth Group meals every Sunday evening. If you can help, please contact Austin Bond.

Youth Group Dismissal Plan
Middle School Youth Group ends at 7:35 PM and High School Youth Group ends at 8:20 PM. Please pick up your child at the covered drive through entrance only. As you wait in line, one of our youth workers will come to your passenger side window and ask the name of the child(ren) you are picking up so we can announce their name(s) and let them know that their ride has arrived.

Pawleys Island Prayer Breakfast (Waccamaw Schools) starts on Tuesday, September 5, at 7 AM at St. Paul's Waccamaw UMC Youth Building every first and third Tuesday of the month! Directions are online at https://youtu.be/VkjTICoyo8. Chick-fil-A biscuits are available for $2 each.

Murrells Inlet Prayer Breakfast (St. James Schools) starts on Tuesday, September 12, at 7AM at Chick-fil-A every second and fourth Tuesday of the month!

Here's how it works:
1. Turn in your "Prayer Breakfast Permission Form" by (or before) the start date of Prayer Breakfast to Austin Bond. It is online at http://www.belinumc.org/youth.

2. Drop your child off at the Prayer Breakfast location with money for breakfast.

3. We take your child to school!

Youth and adults are needed to lead the short devotion at Prayer Breakfast! If you are interested, please contact Austin Bond.

Middle School and High School Sunday School meet in the FLC every Sunday at 10 AM! We hope to see you there. 6th graders and 9th graders are invited to their new classes this Sunday.

2017-2018 Confirmation Orientation
The orientation session for the next Confirmation Class (6th grade youth) and their parents will be held Sunday, September 10, at 10 AM in the Family Life Center’s small dining room.

Youth Group Meals
We are blessed to have many mouths to feed on Sunday evenings during the school year! One of our biggest needs is help preparing and serving meals each week. Please prayerfully consider helping provide a meal at Youth Group this fall! We ask families to help provide a meal once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester. The meal sign up link is online at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a82a7f58-youth1. Since we have so many youth who attend, this can be costly. We have a special fund set up to provide partial financial assistance if needed. Also we pair you up with other families so you can work together!

*TO SIGN UP TO PREPARE AND/OR SERVE A MEAL, PLEASE CONTACT AUSTIN BOND.

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