

## FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY EVENTS POLICIES

- In order to provide t-shirts for events, the meeting deadlines with registrations are mandatory.
- The deadline for the Middle School Retreat @ Bonclarken is **Tuesday, September 27, 2016.** NO EXCEPTIONS. Money, registration and release forms are due in the Presbytery office.
- Any registrations received after this date will go on a waiting list.
- It is expected that each church will provide male and female adults to supervise their youth! ***There needs to be one adult for each eight youth of each sex.*** You will need to sleep near the youth and make sure they are present at all scheduled events. We ask that all adults please participate in the activities of the Retreat.
- A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the adults serving as a leader for their Middle School Youth!

## BONCLARKEN

An Associate Reform Presbyterian Conference Center located in historic Flat Rock in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. It is nestled among acres of tall pines, hemlocks, spruce and rhododendron. At an elevation of 2,221 feet and located off of Highway 25. Bonclarken is only 45 minutes north of Spartanburg and Greenville, SC and just 4 miles south of Hendersonville, NC

### **Directions from the Greenville area:**

- Take Highway SC-25 North (Poinsett Highway) past Furman University towards North Carolina.
- Stay on SC-25 into North Carolina and take the Flat Rock/Hendersonville exit to the right.
- Turn left onto SC-25 at the end of the off-ramp at the stop sign. Follow the signs to Flat Rock Playhouse. Stay on SC-25 for about 3 miles.
- Flat Rock Playhouse will be on the left. The entrance to Bonclarken will be on the right just past the Playhouse.
- Follow the signs to the Bonclarken Conference Center. Look for the Foothills Presbytery Retreat Registration Signs.

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY

# Middle School Retreat

Bonclarken Conference Center

Flat Rock, N.C.

**OCTOBER 22 - 23, 2016**



## **"Under Pressure"**

At this retreat, we will be taking a close look at the "pressures" Middle School youth have and how to face them as faithful children of God. A central theme will be:

**What if Jesus were a Middle Schooler?**

# Keynote:

## Rev. Matt Matthews

Matt is the pastor of St. Giles Presbyterian Church in Greenville. He grew up in Virginia and attended Virginia Commonwealth University and Union Seminary in Richmond. He is married to Rachel, also a PCUSA pastor, and Dad to Joseph, Ben and John Mark. Matt loves to write and is a published author. He also loves spending time with the family and playing his guitar. We are excited to have him keynote this retreat.



## Sam Burchfield



Back by popular demand, Sam is returning as our music leader!! He literally grew up with us since his home church is Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson SC, and came to retreats with their youth. God has gifted Sam with an awesome musical talent! After graduating from the University of Georgia he has become a professional musician and has produced two great CD's. We are so excited to have him back for this retreat!

## ABOUT THE RETREAT

The retreat begins with registration from 9:00 am – 10:00 am on Saturday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Someone from the PYC will meet you and help you get settled in your housing!

**\$85 per person (non-refundable)**

(Includes lodging, meals, programs, and a T-shirt)

**Please use the registration form provided. Also, be sure to complete the Release Form for the adventure activities.**

**(Required by Bonclarken)**

**Registration, release forms, and money should be given to your church leader. Each church should send all registrations & release forms (including forms for chaperones and PYC members)**

**and ONE check to:**



**FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY  
Middle School Retreat  
2242 Woodruff Rd  
Simpsonville, SC 29681**

**\*Please make all checks out to Foothills Presbytery\***



## REMEMBER TO PACK...

**Your Bible, sleeping bag or linens for single bed, pillow, towel & washcloth, toiletries, camp clothes, clothes for outdoor recreation, flashlight, rain jacket, open heart, and open mind!**