

Hello all!

I'm very excited about this Fall Retreat @ Camp McCall!

Here are a few important reminders for us all as we prepare for this weekend.

1. **Schedule** –Attached is the tentative schedule for Fall Retreat. Please note a few important details below.
 - a. **Departure** - Please keep in mind that we gather to leave from 3:45-4:00 *p.m.* on **Friday afternoon** in back of the church parking lot. If you have a youth who will be coming up later due to an obligation, please let me know.
 - b. **Senior Blessing** – Senior blessing will be held on **Saturday night** after the worship service at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Parents of seniors are welcome to be present.
 - c. **Baptism** – We will be offering baptism **Sunday morning** for any youth who would like to receive baptism for the first time. This is something they have done in past retreats and is completely optional. We talked about this more in depth on Wednesday night during Engage. If you have any questions, please contact me!
 - d. **Return** – We will be back at church between *11:50 and 12 noon on Sunday*. Don't leave church without your youth! ☺
2. **Packing List** – The complete packing list is located at www.efbc.org/fallretreat2018 but here are a few important details.
 - a. **Plain White T-shirt** – I hope to have each youth one on Friday. They will “decorate” them for their “Family” group competition.
 - b. **Fall Retreat T –shirts** – We will hopefully be distributing t-shirts for Fall Retreat on Friday upon departure. The t-shirt company cannot have them ready until then.
 - c. **Bedding & Warm Clothes** – Please keep in mind that it may be getting cool at night and remain so in the morning. Make sure youth have bedding that will keep them warm at night and a jacket or hoodie that they can wear when it's cool.
 - d. **Bible** – An actual Bible is a must. There will not be sufficient cell phone service for Bible apps.
 - e. **Cell phones** – I discourage cell phones for two reasons. One, they don't work at camp anyway. Two, it's one more thing to lose or damage. We will have plenty of pictures taken that we will share.
3. **Prayer** – Please be in prayer for this weekend. I cannot stress this enough. Here are a few things I want you to pray for along with me.
 - a. Pray for safety and ease of travel.
 - b. Pray with your students and for your students asking specifically that God will reveal himself to them in tremendous ways.
 - c. Pray for speaker Rev Dr. Bart Dalton and Praise Team Leaders Jordan Simon & the North Greenville Praise Band. Ask that God speak through them and into our lives.
 - d. Pray for our adult and college leaders Scott McCall, Valerie McCall, Holly McCall, Caleb McCall, Marianne Dalton, Porter Rivers, Anna Garland Rampey, Ariel Ging, David Day, Madison Cooley, Alex Dye, Stephen Inman, Marty Whitfield, Travis Pace, Andrew Robertson, Noah Clark, and me. Pray that we will be ready to serve in any and every capacity and lead in such a way that reflects Jesus to our students.
 - e. Pray for first time Fall Retreat people like 6th graders and various guests we have attending.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and willingness to let your student experience Fall Retreat. I value your partnership in this ministry!

God Bless,

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