

For Students 7th-12th Grades



Dear Parents,

This year we will be hosting and conducting our own summer youth event here at the church. We are hoping to give our students a Summer Camp experience right here at home. We realize that many students are unable to attend a normal camp due to the high cost and a full week away from home. Our hopes are that by doing something local and by allowing students to come on the days they are available, this event can impact a greater number of students. Students can attend just the days they are available, however, full attendance is encouraged and will be rewarded.

The theme for this event is “100: All In” and is based upon Matthew 22:37-40. In a culture that is filled with shallow faith and consumed with self-gratification, teenagers now more than ever need to know what it means to fully give themselves to God and hold nothing back. Our guest speaker for the event will be Pastor Marcus Rosa. Marcus is a Sherwood Park native and the former youth minister at Sherwood Baptist Church. Marcus is currently the pastor at Westside Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bogalusa, Louisiana. He has a heart for teenagers and bringing people into a deeper relationship with God. In addition, the Sherwood Praise Band will be leading our students in worship each day. Each day will include small group time, mission activities, worship, and of course some fun activities. Meals will be provided each day.

Because we will be putting everything together ourselves and we desire for this to be a quality event for our students, **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:**

1. **Please Pray.** Without prayer, all the efforts and time put into this will not amount to much of anything. It is only through the work of the Holy Spirit that lives will be impacted! Not only that, anytime we seek to do the work and will of the Lord, we have an adversary that will rise up against us and seeks to limit and even prevent what the Lord is doing. Please be praying as we prepare and put everything together. Please pray for all the students; that their minds will be open and hearts soften and moldable as the Lord works. Please pray that the Lord will continue the work He begins during this event.
2. **Volunteer to Help and Serve Food.** We hope to have some good food for each of our meals. This takes time and preparation. In order for our leaders to be able to remain focused on the event and ministering to the students, we are asking for volunteers to help. We need volunteers to help with crowd control and the various needs that will

arise. We need volunteers to help with easy food preparation and clean-up. If you can help, please call or text me at (256) 520-4530.

3. **Encourage your child to attend and to bring a friend.** Teenagers enjoy a lot of freedoms and options during the summer. Sleeping in, hanging with friends, playing ball, playing video games. Many times, a church event may seem a little less exciting at first. We are confident that if they have the encouragement of their parents and if they come the first day, they will not only enjoy themselves, but the Lord will do a work that will impact the rest of their lives. Please encourage your children to attend this event. But don't stop there, encourage them to invite someone to come with them. The more students, the more exciting! **Be sure that they attend all three days.** As an incentive and reward for attending all three days (from beginning to end), they will be treated to Shakalaka on the last day. [Those who are unable to attend the whole event are still welcome to join us but will be required to pay the full price of \$13].

I have included with this letter several items:

- Event Schedule (this will be a flexible schedule)
- Shakalaka Waiver (a hard copy must be turned in – online waivers will not be accepted)
- Lincoln Village Waiver
- Permission Slip for Event (please turn in with \$5 to attend)

Bus service will be available, but we are asking for students who can to please find their own transportation to and from the church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, (256) 520-4530.

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