

News @ The Summit

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A Word from Your Pastor



Friends the Session is working very hard on writing a Vision Statement for The Summit.

We all have an idea of where God is leading us but it is important to put that idea down on paper. The picture in my office sums it up. It reads; **“Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.”**

All churches have a size culture. People come to accept a certain size and therefore a certain kind and style of ministry. Lyle Schaller gives names to different church – size categories. He deliberately chooses different orders of being. He calls a church of 0-35 a “cat”, a church of 100-175 a “garden”, but a church of 225 –450 a “mansion”.

Why because a larger church is simply not a version of a smaller church. They have different ways of operating and different kinds of ministry.

My vision is The Summit is a big big house-God’s house. We need to be ready to cross the threshold. A house church 40 members quickly reaches saturation. We are now at 70 members. There are new things for all of us to do.

Please pray about where God is leading you to serve in this next year. We will have Connection Sunday on September 14, 2008. You can sign up for the ministry on which you desire to serve at this time.

In His Service,
Pastor Sandi

Children’s Ministry

It’s a new school year and a new beginning for our Children’s Ministry Program. This fall we are using a new curriculum called Kids’ Own Worship by Group Publishing. It looks to be fun, educational and easy to teach! We need new teachers, assistant teachers, and nursery workers to commit to one year of teaching and sharing the love of God with our most precious church members. Can you give one Sunday per month to the children at The Summit? Please consider this opportunity and call Susan Gilbert at 770-461-3723 to volunteer.

Upcoming events:

Movie Night in late October
Service project in November
Christmas party in December



Yo! Parents and Kids!



JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW... The Youth plan to attend Invincible, a Dare 2 Share event in March. This 2 day conference is going to be awesome! Our kids and I are really excited about it. We also plan to visit and do some local mission work with the Atlanta Community Food Bank soon. This trip is not meant specifically for the Youth. I’d like to plan a trip to include anyone and everyone. More details on that to come. Saturday, October 25th will mark the date for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Youth Council’s Reformation Remix Block Party! This party is put on by the Youth Council and should be a blast! We’ll have carnival games, giant inflatables, carnival food (cotton candy etc.), vendor booths, and all kinds of fun stuff to do. Tickets for this event will be \$7. But wait, it gets better. Bring a donation of school supplies (pencils, rulers, notebooks, etc.) and get \$2 off making the entire event only \$5.

And the ball keeps rolling. The very next day, Sunday, October 26th will be a very special, very cool concert that EVERYONE should attend. His name is David Lamotte, and he’s on his last tour. An amazing song writer, folk singer, spiritual activist extraordinaire will be going to Australia for a doctorate in Peace Making, so he’s putting away the guitar for, well, only God knows how long. So this could be your last or only chance to see him. This concert will also be held at Fayette Presbyterian. Tickets for this I think will be around \$8 and will go on sale soon, so I’ll have more information on this very soon.

We want to go skiing! Last year, I didn’t really have too much time to try to plan a ski trip, but we will go to Winterplace, WV February 13-16. So, hopefully this will pan out to be a great ski trip and a chance for our youth to bond with new friends not unlike they did on our mission trip to Louisville.

So these are some of the bigger plans in the upcoming future for the Youth @The Summit. Keep your ears open for all the details to come, and with your support, we will do AMAZING things in and for this church! Amen. – Jonathan Barb

Concert @The Summit



One Way Caravan will be here NEXT SATURDAY, August 30 at 7:00 pm. We welcome them back for the 2nd time and look forward to a fun evening of uplifting praise music. They will also join us in leading worship with our Praise Team on Sunday, August 31.



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