

February 8, 2007

St. Andrew Youth and Parents,

The youth of St. Andrew have a wonderful opportunity this summer. For the past several months I have been working with the Minister of Music and youth director at First Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas on a summer tour. The tour would combine the youth choirs from St. Andrew and First in Richardson for a summer trip to Tennessee. The trip would include several opportunities to lead and participate in worship services at various churches, a few concerts, two days of mission work, and two days of fun and fellowship, one of which will include a day of whitewater rafting and/or horseback riding. A more detailed itinerary is included with this letter, but the simplified schedule is as follows:

June 2, 2007	Depart from Texas, Arrive Memphis, Tennessee
June 3, 2007	Participate in worship and various activities in Memphis
June 4, 2007	travel to Nashville, Tennessee
June 4-5, 2007	Nashville for mission days
June 6, 2007	Travel to Bristol, Tennessee, evening concert
June 7, 2007	Whitewater rafting/horseback riding, Bristol
June 8, 2007	Depart Bristol, Arrive Atlanta, Georgia Fun/Fellowship in Atlanta
June 9, 2007	Depart Atlanta, arrive Texas
June 10, 2007	Participate in Worship at either St. Andrew or First, Richardson
June 24, 2007	Participate in remaining church service (opposite of the previous Sunday)

The cost of the trip to each participant will be \$200. This includes all travel, and lodging and most meals. Some meals, because of the nature of the travel, will need to be purchased by the youth. They will also want/need some spending money. The total cost of the trip is close to \$20,000, but the cost of the trip is being underwritten by both churches. First in Richardson is providing most of the funding because they have a youth choir of 25, but financial support is being given from St. Andrew as well, specifically the Youth committee and the Mission committee. We will work together to organize a fundraiser both here and at First in Richardson to defray additionally more of the cost of the trip.

This is a great opportunity to join with another congregation and to meet youth from another church, participate in the wider church leading and participating in worship services, get involved in mission opportunities in another part of the country, and to work together through music for the Glory of God. This letter not only serves to inform you of the upcoming tour but also to invite you to participate in the youth choir if you are not currently doing so. You do not have to have sung in the youth choir before, nor do you have to sing in choir at your school. We are at a great point in the life of the church to reenergize the youth program and with it, the youth choir.

To participate in this trip you must make a commitment to the youth choir. Attendance at all rehearsals, both here and ones to be scheduled in Richardson to join their youth choir is paramount. These additional rehearsals will be scheduled soon, but will happen on Sunday afternoons during the same time that the youth choir normally rehearses, from 4:30-5:30 pm. Though rehearsal times will be the same, there will be a “longer” schedule for travel time. As soon as the dates for these rehearsals are set, you will be notified.

I hope you take this opportunity to get involved in the youth choir and use this as a fun and exiting chance to do something you might not ordinarily do. There is another opportunity for the youth choir this summer. We will again be taking a group to Mo-Ranch for the Worship & Music Conference, for which I am on the planning team. The Mo-Ranch trip will be from June 17-22, 2007. If you are interested in joining us on either trip, please contact me at 940-387-3897 or at nathan@saint-andrew.com.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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