



April 20, 2016

Dear Parents,

As the parent of a new 6th grader, welcome to the Journey Mennonite Church student ministries! To make things easier we go by Journey Youth. Journey Youth exists to help students learn what it means to follow Christ as we worship, connect, grow and serve together. We seek to do this in a fun, friendly, safe, authentic and relevant environment.

We meet on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 pm at the church (201 E Euclid) and do a variety of things to connect your student to God, caring adults who love Jesus, and each other. On the first Sunday of every month we worship together and have a lesson from Pastor Jim, Jesse, or someone else. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month we gather in small groups broken up by age and gender to study the Bible together and share how it impacts our lives. On the 3rd Sunday of the month we plan something different to do. This could include service projects, big games, joining together with the other campuses of Journey Youth for a night, or many other things. Journey Youth in McPherson is led by Tyler Peachey and a team of caring adults who will work hard to support you as a parent, love your student(s), and show them who Jesus is calling them to be.

Your kids are always encouraged to bring friends to any event. We strive to have a welcoming and fun atmosphere for students whether they have grown up in church or this next week is their first time ever. We have great volunteers helping with all of these ministries, but we are always looking for more! If you have any interest in helping out with any youth ministry activities, let me know!

Your student is invited to start attending youth events on June 5th. To stay up to date with activities, events and whatever else, there are a few places to connect:

1. The Journey Youth facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/journeymennoniteyouth>
2. Twitter- <https://twitter.com/JourneyYouthKS>
3. The church website- <http://journeymennonite.org/youth/> On the church website you can sign up for Parent emails which will give information on upcoming events and current Sunday night teaching series.

It is my prayer that the student ministry at JMC is here to assist and support you in your job as a parent, grandparent, or guardian. With this in mind, I've included a small book for you. Whether you are approaching your first foray into teenager-dom or have been at it for a while, it is always an adventure! I hope this little book gives you some practical ideas as you parent your child(ren) toward Christ. Please feel free to call, email, or stop by the church office if you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or especially if you need prayer.

For Christ and his kingdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Blasdel".

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