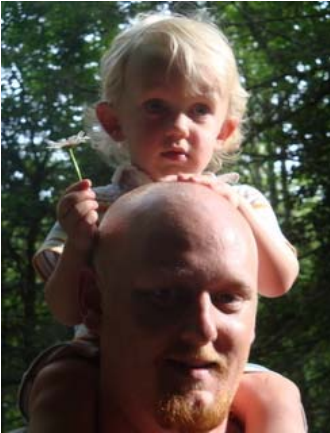


# FIRST PLYMOUTH

## YOUTH NEWS

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How do you pray? What do you do when you want to talk to God? How do you know when God is talking back? When you need to feel connected to something bigger than yourself, what do you do?

The Spirit Life Retreat is designed to help us think about just these kinds of questions. It's a new retreat, underwritten in large part by the Esther Hurst fund for Christian Education, that will help us all learn spiritual practices—that is, how we can communicate with God, be in the presence of God, and find peace within ourselves.

The retreat is December 4-6 at La Foret, near Colorado Springs. It's open to any youth, grades 6-12. Preference is given to First Plymouth youth, but if you have a friend who would like to attend, let me know and we'll see if we have space. The cost is only \$30, which is a steal for a weekend retreat at La Foret. The fee covers housing, food, and a retreat t-shirt (long-sleeved). The early registration deadline is November 15th. You can register by bringing me \$30 to reserve your spot—no other forms required. Checks can be dropped off in the church office, mailed in, or handed to me in person.

For millennia, Christians have honed the art of spiritual practice. Our retreat will feature some of the “best practices” from the Christian tradition to give us tools to live lives in communication with God. And we'll also have a lot of fun!

If you have any questions on Spirit Life, give me a call or send an email. Otherwise,

See you on Sunday!

Eric.

### KING SOOPERS CARDS

Everyone needs groceries, so why not let a percentage of your grocery bill help fund Youth Group activities at First Plymouth?

Purchase a reloadable gift card for \$5.00!

Reload your card at your neighborhood King Soopers store and 5% of your purchases will be sent back to our First Plymouth Youth Group!!

Just think...if 50 families use these gift cards to purchase \$500 worth of groceries each month we could earn \$15,000.00 per year for Youth Group activities like mission work, retreats, etc.!!!!

### LOCK-IN

Mark January 15-16 on your calendars. We're having a lock-in!

A lock-in is where we all spend the night at the church. We go out somewhere in the evening, then by midnight or so we hunker down in the church building, play games, talk 'til 4 a.m., play floor hockey, play Grog, and generally have a good time. We choose MLK Jr. weekend each year, so youth have an extra day off to recover before going back to school.

This year, drop-off will be at 7:00 Friday night and pick-up will be at 8:30 Saturday morning.

## FUNDRAISING

A major fundraiser for 2009-2010 will be the Kids' Night Out events, held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We need two sets of parents and at least 5-10 youth to come each time. Here's who's signed up so far. A "TBA" means we still need parents for that date.

November 14: Ray, TBA

December 19: TBA, TBA

January 23: Haskins, Depper

February 20: TBA, TBA

March 20: TBA, TBA

April 17: TBA, TBA

May 15: TBA, TBA

If you can help on a "TBA" night, please let me know!

## BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

We're having a contest to see who can invite the most friends to Youth Group this year! The rules:

- A "visitor" is someone who attended Youth Group 5 or fewer times last year, whether they are a member of the church or not.
- 1 point per visitor, each time they visit. If your friend comes 25 times, you get 25 points.
- There's no limit to how many friends you can get credit for per week.
- Only one person can get credit for each visitor.

The prizes will be awarded in May 2010. They are:

- Grand Prize: 16GB iPod Nano or equivalent gift certificate.
- Anyone with 5 points or more will get to go out for a special reward dinner.

## CALENDAR

**November 1:** Youth Group

**November 8:** Youth Group

**November 6-8:** Middle School Mission Trip  
at La Foret

**November 15:** Youth Group

**November 22:** Youth Group

**November 29:** Youth Group

**December 4-6:** Spirit Life Retreat

The *usual* Sunday evening schedule goes like this:

**4:45 -** Youth Choir

**6:15 -** Youth Group meal, followed  
by a mix of chapel, games,  
discussions, and fun

**8:30 -** Parents pick up youth

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