

## We Need Your E-Mail!

If you have not given us your e-mail address, please take a minute and send it to us at porterstudents@live.com. This allows us to send you updates and reminders about events going on in the student ministry.

## PARENT 2 PARENT

This is a ministry designed to help parents in raising their teenagers. You will receive encouragement and ideas to implement in your home as well as the opportunity to bless other parents. Meetings will be the first Tuesday of each month in the counseling room at 7 pm and will last about an hour. Meetings will be led by Dick and Sheryl Cross. They will cover material from the book "The Spiritual Mentoring of Teens." Please contact the Student Ministry office if you would like to purchase a copy of this book. The next two meetings are April 6 and May 4.

## TNT

TNT is a fun, interactive Bible study for high school girls. TNT meets every other Thursday at the home of Sheryl Cross from 7-9 pm. Lessons do not build on one another, so girls are welcome to come at any time. For the next two months, the meeting dates for TNT are: April 8, April 22, May 6 and May 20

## SUNDAY NIGHT CAFÉ

The Revolution Café will now be open at 6:10 on Sunday nights during discipleship for your student to get something to eat before worship begins. Regular café prices apply. We are also in need of parents to volunteer to help with the café. Volunteers would only serve a few times out of the semester.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE

The annual Student Ministry Golf Scramble will be May 1 at 8 am at Connemara Golf Course in Nicholasville. Those high school students going on the mission trip can work this event to raise money for their trip. Students are also encouraged to sell sponsorships at various financial increments. General proceeds will be divided among all students who work the scramble. Sponsorships are given directly to the student who has sold them. We will also need some parents to help work this event. If you can help us with this event, please contact Kristy in the Student Ministry Office.

Start gathering your teams and getting the word out about this awesome fundraising opportunity.

# Coming Up in LIFE Fellowship Bible Study

### April 4: NO BIBLE STUDY

Question: What is witnessing?

Point: Witnessing is faithfully sharing the story of Jesus.

Verses: Acts 8:26-39

### April 11: DISCIPLE NOW RE-CAP

Speaker: Gavin Duerson

### April 18: There are a lot of things that make the Bible unique—let's start with God-inspired.

Question: What's so special about the Bible?

Point: The Bible is God's holy Word.

Verses: 2 Timothy 3:14-16; I Peter 1:22-25

### April 25: God doesn't want to keep His truth hidden from us.

Question: How can I understand the Bible?

Point: The Holy Spirit will reveal God's truth to you.

Verses: John 16:13-15; Ezra 7:8-10; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

### May 2: The Bible provides guidance for daily living.

Question: Why should I study God's Word?

Point: The Bible is the guide for life.

Verses: Psalm 119:97-100; 101-104; 105

### May 9: Don't just read the Bible—act on what you read.

Question: What should I do with what the Bible says?

Point: Act on what you hear.

Verses: James 1:22-25

### May 16: You better watch out for...You!

Question: Why am I tempted?

Point: Your own desire draws you into temptation.

Verses: James 1:13-15

### May 23: Don't trust anything the devil throws out there.

Question: How is Satan involved in temptation?

Point: Satan will lie and deceive you.

Verses: Genesis 3:1-5

### May 30: God will always provide a way of escape—just look for it.

Question: Some temptations are impossible to resist, right?

Point: There is always a way out.

Verses: I Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:15-16

# stuff u need 2 know

Please take time to read over this part of the newsletter, as there will be pertinent information regarding your student and the Student Ministry of Porter.

## Mission Trip Reminders

- **\$50 payments due the first Sunday of April and May.** Contact Kristy if you have any questions about your balance. Total cost of trip: \$250/student. Each student must have at least \$200 paid toward his/her trip by May 2.
- Students are required to have 30 hours of ministry service. Ministry teams can count for 15. Please fill out the blue hours log and turn it in to the student ministry for any service hours completed ASAP.
- Students are required to have 75% attendance in Sunday morning Bible study and Discipleship Training.
- The high school trip has changed venues. We will now be at North Greenville University in Greenville, SC from June 14-19. There was not enough space for our group in Birmingham.

## UPCOMING EVENT INFORMATION

**DISCIPLE NOW:** If your student has signed up for D-Now weekend, April 9-11, please have your student to the church at 7 pm on Friday night. We will NOT be serving dinner that night, so make sure your student has been fed.

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP:** This event will be organized by Kathy Edds. Students and parents will have a chance to come and help clean our church on April 17 from 9 am until noon. This event will count toward service hours for the mission trip.

**GIRLS' SPA PARTY:** Both middle and high school girls are invited to a spa party on April 30 from 6-8 pm. Come and be pampered with a back massage, foot spa, manicures and pedicures. Cost is \$5 per girl and is due to Kristy no later than April 18.

**SCHOOLS OUT BLOWOUT:** May 26 from 6-8 pm at Shillito Park, Shelter #1. We will be celebrating the end of another school year. Relay games, snacks, basketball, Frisbee golf and more! Parents are needed to help with this event.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION:** Sunday, June 6.

## Where to Get INFO about Porter Students' events and payment deadlines

1. Church Newsletter
2. Parent Newsletter
3. Postcards & Letters sent to your home
4. Parent E-mails
5. Church Bulletin
6. Student Bulletin
7. Flyers on the wall
8. Pre-service announcements in the worship center
9. Porterstudents.com
10. Revolution Parent Handbook

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**Sunday**  
Life Fellowship Bible Study.....9:15 am  
Worship.....10:45 am  
Ministry Teams .....4:00 pm  
Discipleship Training .....5:15 pm  
Worship.....6:30 pm

**Monday**  
Visitation.....6:00 pm  
Porter Parent Prayer Team.....6:30 pm

**Wednesday**  
Student Worship.....6:30 pm

April 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Church Office Closed	3
4 Worship Worship \$ DUE- Mission Trip	5	6 Parent 2 Parent Mtg	7 Worship	8	9 Disciple Now	10 Disciple Now
11 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Discipleship Worship	12	13	14 Worship	15	16	17 Church Clean Up
18 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Worship \$ DUE- Spa Event	19	20	21 Worship	22	23	24
25 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Discipleship Worship	26	27	28 Worship	29	30 Girls Spa Event	

May 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Golf Scramble
2 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Worship FINAL \$ DUE	3	4 Parent 2 Parent Mtg	5 Worship	6	7	8
9 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Worship	10	11	12 Worship	13	14	15 Women's Brunch
16 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Worship	17	18	19 Worship	20	21	22
23 Bible Study Worship Ministry Teams Worship	24	25	26 Schools Out Blowout	27	28	29
30 Bible Study Worship Worship	31					

Dear Porter Parents,

Throughout Scripture, the word 'stewardship' is often used. Stewardship means to manage a household or oversee possessions. Peter speaks to this discipline when he says, "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering (stewardship) God's grace in its various forms," (I Peter 4:10).

As Christ-followers we understand that everything belongs to God: our cars, house, money, clothes, bodies, etc. God has called us to take good care of these things and to manage them well because they belong to Him. If we are found faithful with the small things, Jesus says that more things will be given to us (Matt. 25:14-30).

As a pastor, God has called me to be a good steward over his Church (Titus 1:7, I Corinthians 4:1,2). A part of that responsibility as a steward has to do with managing money, especially with regard to events, retreats and mission trips. Our church only has a limited amount of money. Therefore, we rely heavily upon families to make trip deposits and payments in a timely manner so that we can reserve spots and pay the appropriate companies.

Recently, this has become a problem. With several families not turning money in on time, we have been forced to refrain from making deposits and payments for our summer mission trip. Please understand that our deposit dates are for good reason. When we do not receive deposit money on time we are not able to pay the proper entities and this causes problems. At other times, it causes the church to accrue expensive late fees from different ministries that are waiting on our payments. In order to best the possible stewards of our money, please make note of payment deadlines.

Payment due dates and event information can be found in the following places. 1.) church newsletter, 2.) parent newsletter, 3.) postcards, 4.) e-mails, 5.) church bulletins, (6.) student bulletins (Wednesdays), 7.) flyers on the wall, 8.) pre-service announcements on the big screen in the worship center, 9.) the student ministry website, and 10.) the Revolution student handbook. I cannot stress enough the importance of families making note of these things on personal calendars and date books. We try very hard to communicate these things to you far in advance so that you have time to plan and save, if necessary.

Parents, please partner with me in seeking to be better stewards of not only the church's money, but your family's money as well. I know the economy is tough on several families, but it is also tough on the church. Let's work together at being better managers of the money and time that God has given to us.

In Christ,  
Kenneth Bruce