



Youth & Children's Ministries



PARENTS MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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Oak Park Baptist Church

Sunday, February 21, 2016

Purpose Statement –

“Youth & Children’s ministry has one sole purpose. That purpose being to bring the youth & children of the church, community and surrounding areas to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This includes those that are lost and need to come to know Him as Savior and those that are already saved and need to develop a mature growing relationship with Him. This purpose will be accomplished through a ministry that is centered on reaching youth & children for Christ. All programs, retreats, activities, and events will have a definite center around reaching out to those that need to know Jesus. We further commit to effectively accomplish this task by building personal one-on-one relationships to help youth grow and mature in their relationship with Jesus Christ.”



*Jeff Herring
Associate Pastor /
Youth & Children
Since February 2000*

YOU can make the Youth & Children’s Ministries of Oak Park a success by simply choosing to participate in:

- **Church** (*Hebrews 10:25*)
- **As Families** (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*)
- **Activities/Outings** (*Acts 2:44-47*)
- **Fund-raisers** (*Acts 20:35*)

I. Dress Code for all Youth & Children Trips/Events/Activities.

1. All shorts and/or skirts must be no shorter than 4-6 inches above the knee.
2. All shirts must be long enough so that when you raise your arms above your head your stomach does not show.
3. All swimsuits must be modest and one-piece.
4. No tank-tops/muscle shirts are permitted. Must have at least a 2-in wide strap to be considered a "sleeveless" shirt. The shirt must cover so that you do not see armpits if you lift your arms.
5. All clothing must be worn as it is made to be worn. (i.e. no rolling down shorts to make them shorter.)
6. Hats are not to be worn to indoor services and/or worship services.
7. All pants must fit around the waist. No sagging pants will be permitted.
8. Modesty is what we want because on every trip you are not only representing our church, but you should also be sharing your Christian witness with everyone you see.

NOTE: If there are any questions about these rules for the dress code, they should be addressed before you come on the trip.

II. Summer Activities

A. *Buffalo River Float Trip*

1. We will begin the summer with a Buffalo River Float trip on June 4.
2. This will be open to all youth, parents or anyone else who wants to enjoy a day of fun.
3. 6th grade and under must be accompanied by at least one parent.
4. The cost will be \$30 per person, and you will need to bring a lunch that you can take on the river with you and money to stop and eat dinner on the way home.

B. *Vacation Bible School*

1. June 6-10, 2016.

2. The theme this year is "Mega Sports Camp"
3. We are looking to do this during the day with youth leading many areas with adult support.
4. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with afternoon activities for those that want to pay for them.
5. If we cannot get enough help during the day, then we may need to do it in the evenings.
6. Watch the bulletin for upcoming meetings about how you can get involved and make this a great success.



C. **BMA Church Camp 2016**

1. June 20-23 (Monday afternoon through Thursday morning)
2. At Budd Creek Camp Grounds in Greers Ferry
3. Cost per camper will be \$30.
4. You will be responsible for a meal on the way to camp and on the way home. (Plan on \$10 dollars per meal. We can hold on to this so it is not spent at camp)
5. Any youth from 4th grade (age 9) and up can attend without a parent.
6. Deadline for sign-up is Wednesday, June 8.

Note: Anyone interested in going to camp needs to see me for an information pack.

D. **SOAR 2015 – July 6-July 8**

1. The SOAR conference will be July 6-8 in Dallas, TX.
2. SOAR is for those **GOING IN TO** 7th grade and above.
3. I am still waiting for the final details for the SOAR trip so that we can finalize our plans. As soon as they are released and we are able to finalize our plans, I will make the SOAR packets available.
4. The cost for SOAR this year will be \$400 per person (*This includes SOAR registration, meals, transportation, lodging, and six flags ticket*). A **\$100 non-refundable deposit** is required by **Wednesday, June 1**, in order to reserve your spot.
5. You can begin making payments any time between now and the deadline, which is Sunday, June 26. All payments must be made before you will be allowed to board the bus.
6. We have designed a point system in order to give you a way of earning the balance of \$300 for the SOAR trip. If you plan to go to SOAR, you can learn more about the point system in the SOAR packet.



Note: Anyone interested in going to SOAR needs to see me for an information pack.

III. Fund-raisers to help off-set costs

A. *Traveler's Concession Stand - \$3,000*

1. We will be working a concession stand at the Traveler's games at Dickey Stephens Stadium.
2. We are responsible for the nights listed on the attached schedule (Monday & Tuesday home games). Please see David Michau (*could really use another volunteer to help coordinate*) to sign-up to work. Contact David at (501) 690-5855.
3. We need 6-8 people each night with at least 2-3 adults.
4. You must be 16 years old to work the registers.
5. We would like for every family to plan to work 5-6 games to make sure that each game is adequately staffed.
6. Points are earned based on working these games for SOAR. (*See SOAR packet for more details*).

B. *UALR Concession Stand Funds - \$4500*

1. These funds allow us to provide more "points" available for attendance.
2. These also help us with our transportation needs so that does not add to the SOAR trip cost per person.
3. I do have a list of all those that worked the UALR Games and will use it to calculate points for SOAR.

C. *Other Fundraisers as needed or for Fellowship*

1. Men's Cake Bake-off
2. Chili Cook-off / Youth Auction
3. Any other ideas???

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February

- 25 – UALR Basketball Game @ 4 PM
- 27 – UALR Basketball Game @ 3 PM

March

- 1 – UALR Basketball Game @ 4 PM
- 11-12 – State GMA Meeting
- 21-25 – Spring Break
- 25 – Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt
- 27 – Easter

April

- 2 – Winter Jam Concert
- ?? – District GMA Meeting
- 11 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 12 – Traveler's Game @ 11 am
- 12 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm

May

- 1 – Graduates Sunday
- 3 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 4 – Traveler's Game @ 11 am???
- 8 – Mother's Day
- 9 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 10 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 21 – GMA Applebee's Fundraiser
- 22 – Oak Park in the Park
- 23 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 30 – Memorial Day – Schools Out (ALL)
- 31 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm

June

- 1 – GMA Reviewing Council (4th-6th)?
- 4 – Buffalo River Float Trip
- 8 – GMA Reviewing Council (7th-12th)?
- 12 – GMA Coronation
- 13 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 14 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 14-17 – GMA Camp 2016
- 20-23 – BMA Church Camp 2016

July

- 4 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 5 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- July 6-July 8 – SOAR 2016-Dallas, TX
- 25 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 26 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm

August

- 26-28 – Youth Back-to-School Retreat
- 16 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 28 – Oak Park Night at the Ballpark
- 29 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm
- 30 – Traveler's Game @ 7 pm

September

- 28 – See You at The Pole

October

- 29 – Fall Youth Event
- 30 – Trunk or Treat

November

- 20 – Harvest Day

December (These dates are tentative)

- 3 – Children's Christmas Party & Practice
- 4 – Youth Selah! Stick Program AM
- 4 – Children's Christmas Program PM
- 11 – Adult Choir Program
- 18 – Candlelight Service