

a Christ-centered community of youth, parents and other Christians focused on equipping students to become Christ's disciples. Through relevant, biblically-based programs, we seek to develop faithful and faith-filled relationships with God and each other, and to be in mission to the world and those around us.



# Spring Kick-Off

**Sunday, January 22nd**  
**5:30-8pm**  
**Activity Center**



This event for the entire family!

We will begin with enjoying dinner together before having a quick meeting to discuss our Spring Schedule, Summer Mission Trips, Mystery Trip, and more. After our meeting, we will enjoy a time of worship together.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to attend. This event is going to be a great way to begin 2017!

- Guatemala Mission Trip.....Dec. 26-Jan. 1
- "Do Something" Day.....Jan. 16
- Glen Lake Fundraiser Lunch .....Jan. 22
- SALT Meeting .....Jan. 22
- Spring Kick-Off .....Jan. 22
- Jr/Sr Lunch .....Jan. 29



## Pics of the month... Christmas Party

- Valentine's Dinner ..... Feb. 10
- Midwinter Retreat .....Feb. 17-19
- Mystery Trip ..... March 11-15
- Pine Cove JH Retreat ..... May 5-7
- Senior High Mission Trip ..... June 18-24
- Junior High Mission Trip ..... July 16-21





## Elevate: Praise & Worship

8:30am

## Sunday School

9:45am

## IMPACT & Traditional Worship

11am



## JH & SH Girl/Guy Bible Studies

5:30-8pm

Sunday nights provide a time for students to dive deeper into God's word and enjoy fellowship with one another. We begin each night with dinner followed by JH/SH Bible Studies and games.

## Special Sunday Nights

Jan. 1st No Evening Youth



## Dinner, Youth Worship, Games/Activities

5:30-8pm

After enjoying a great meal together, we will head upstairs for a meaningful time of worship. Then we will end the evening by enjoying some games and activities.



## Eight Maids A'Milking

Read Matthew 5:3-10.

Did you know that in old England "let's go a-milking" meant "let's get married," and the word "maids" referred to young unmarried women? This shows us the verse in the song wants us to focus on and remember love. Anyone who owned milk producing animals was considered wealthy esp. cows and goats because they produce the most milk. Finally, the number eight refers to the eight Beatitudes! Do you remember what they are?

Let's start by reading Matthew 5:3-10. This is the start of Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount. This list Jesus has for us is known as the Beatitudes.

These are the truths to help guide the new Kingdom that Jesus describes to us. They tell us to love God and to love one another because we are ALL blessed. Everyone. In the same way, a wedding ring represents unending love and commitment to your significant other, so the Beatitudes represent our love and commitment to each other to and through Jesus Christ! Isn't that awesome?

So the verse in this song is reminding us, not only to remember through the Beatitudes that everyone is blessed, but that everyone shares in the love and wealth that is Jesus Christ.

Dear God, we thank you for Jesus and all the teachings he brought to us. Help us to live our lives by these eight sacred truths and to be full of joy always. Help us to remember that we have great reward in Heaven and that is plenty worth being happy about. In your name we pray. Amen.

Much Grace Always,  
Michael Franklin

## Midwinter Retreat

**February, 17-19, 2017  
@ Glen Lake Camp**

**Cost: \$100 - before Jan. 28th  
\$125 - after Jan. 28th**

Get ready for an amazing weekend as Central Texas Conference Youth join together for worship, small groups, games, music, and fellowship.

Register online: [ctcumc.org/midwinter2017](http://ctcumc.org/midwinter2017)

## Junior/Senior Lunch

**Sunday, January 29th  
Noon-2pm**

Are you a junior or senior? If so, Michael wants to take you out to lunch and he's buying! Once a month, all juniors and seniors are invited to lunch immediately following the 11am services.

## Spring Break Mystery Trip

**March 11th-15th, 2017**

We will spend five days & four nights on an **AMAZING TRIP** and . . . that is really all you are allowed to know.

The total cost for the trip is \$300, plus fast food meals.

### Payment Schedule

**\$125 - Sun. Jan. 15th  
\$125 - Sun. Feb. 26th**

## DO Something Day

**Monday, January 16th  
1pm-5pm**

During the MLK Holiday, we will be participating in "Stop Hunger Now." We will meet at 1pm in the Activity Center to help get everything set-up. Then at 2pm, we will begin packaging over 10,000 meals.

## Valentines Dinner

**Friday, February 10th  
6pm, 6:15pm, 6:30pm, 6:45pm**

Our annual Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser is right around the corner. We need youth & adults to sign up to help through the event from 5-9:30pm, for various tasks: serving, set-up, clean up, entertainment, etc.

Youth - please wear nice white shirt & black pants.

We also need Silent Auction donations!



## SALT Meeting

**Sunday, Jan. 22nd  
4-5:30pm**

*student adult  
leadership team*

