

# THE NEXT LEVEL



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## LAGUNA BEACH, FL JULY 25-31



\$350 UNTIL JULY 11  
\$400 FROM JULY 12-19

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SUNDAY, JULY 19

REGISTRATION - ONLINE ONLY

[FIRSTDALLAS.ORG/STUDENTS/UPCOMING-EVENTS/](http://FIRSTDALLAS.ORG/STUDENTS/UPCOMING-EVENTS/)



## A Note from

**RANDY**

have eased up, and many of them are left with an amount of freedom not seen since the days of the Summer of 2009!

*How will that "extra" time be spent?*

*Additional unsupervised hours on Facebook and in front of the TV?*

*Time spent giving themselves away in serving others?*

*Sleep, sleep, and more sleep....and then some more sleep?*

*Investments in family relationships and healthy friendships?*

In Psalm 90:12, do you think God was disregarding the summer months when he wrote, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom?" Of course not! Actually, the summer is one of the best times of the year for students (AND adults!) to develop spiritual disciplines that can last a life time.

During our Senior Brunch, I challenged our seniors to move into their post-high school life planning to "feed themselves" spiritually. If we are followers of Jesus, each of us has a responsibility to move beyond the infant stage of being fed milk out of a bottle by someone else (Heb. 5:12-14). Where are you in that equation? What about your student?

This summer, we are offering a four week experience on Wednesday nights called "G4" in both the junior high and high school ministries. Students will meet in small groups and discuss what they've personally discovered over the week in God's Word, as they individually work through a specific four week Bible study. We will be handing out the "G4" material to those who are interested on Sunday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. While the material is free, the cost is actually in the commitment...to be involved and prepared all four weeks (unless of course family vacation makes it impossible!). Thanks for encouraging your student to attend! We'll end each week of "G4" in a fun and unique way....but it will always involve FOOD (we weren't born yesterday!). Details are in the calendar! And by the way, if you would like to be a part of the "G4" experience, we are looking for some additional parent involvement. Just let Teresa know in our student ministry office.

In Him,

Randy



# DIVE-IN THEATER WAVE POOL PARTY

## TUESDAY, JUNE 8

### 7:30PM-9:30PM

Enjoy our **FREE** private pool and pizza party, and a great movie night at Surf 'N Swim in Garland. Meet us there at 7:30pm and bring your friends! No two-piece swimsuits or unikinis!

Surf & Swim - Garland

440 W. Oates Road

Garland, TX 75043

### HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 16

GALAXY DRIVE IN THEATRE (ENNIS, TX)

TIME: 6:30PM-10:30PM

COST: \$6 PER PERSON & BRING EXTRA \$\$ FOR FOOD

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FROM FBD



### JUNIOR HIGH - JUNE 23

EDDIE & AUTUMN MILES' HOUSE (THE VILLAGES @ STONEY CREEK)

TIME: 6:30PM-8:00PM

COST: FREE

TRANSPORTATION: NOT PROVIDED

ADDRESS: 284 TALBOT LN, SUNNYVALE, TX 75182

### HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 16

DALLAS ROCKS (WWW.DALLASCLIMBING.COM)

TIME: 6:30PM-9:00PM

COST: \$12 PER PERSON & BRING EXTRA \$\$ FOR FOOD

DINNER: SONIC (FOREST/GREENVILLE...NE CORNER)

TRANSPORTATION: NOT PROVIDED - MEET AT SONIC



### JUNIOR HIGH - JUNE 23

THE CLUBHOUSE @ STONEY CREEK

TIME: 6:30PM-8:00PM

COST: FREE

TRANSPORTATION: NOT PROVIDED

ADDRESS: 400 STONEY CREEK BLVD, SUNNYVALE, TX 75182

\*BRING FISHING GEAR\*

# HELP YOUR TEENAGERS STAY CONNECTED TO GOD

A close relationship with God is both the core of our Christian life and our highest end as human beings. As we learn about God and develop intimacy with him, our faith morphs from a "practice" to a lifestyle. Worship and Bible study not only help us experience God, they strengthen us for life's daily challenges.

When Group Magazine recently surveyed 20,000 Christian teenagers about their priorities, the top vote-getter was "praying and developing a relationship with God." But many youth ministers were surprised by those survey results. "Kids' actions communicate something different," noted one youth minister. "They're so busy...that it seems the first things to get dropped are the items listed as priorities." Another wrote, "My teens struggle with prayer, and many tell me a relationship with God is hard, confusing, and at times not relevant."

Taking time to "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10) is challenging in our always-on-the-go culture. Kids are surrounded by noise—and have a lot of noise in their hearts. Distractions, worries, fears, and hurts often make a relationship with God more difficult, but they also make it more important.

Kids look to their parents as examples of how to stay connected to God. If you've kept this relationship private, let your teenagers in on ways you stay in touch with God. Also share ways it has sustained you through life's ups and downs, and assure your kids that the same will be true for them, too.

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# CHOIR



Choir Tour: June 14-19



June 27 - sing in evening  
service

Choir Tour: June 29-July 6  
July 11 - Home Concert



## HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

6:30PM-9:00PM

@ THE SAINTS ATHLETIC COMPLEX  
FOOD PROVIDED

## JUNIOR HIGH

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

6:00PM-8:00PM

@ FIRST DALLAS  
FOOD PROVIDED



## High School Schlitterbahn Trip

MONDAY, JUNE 21

5:30AM-10:00PM

COST: \$50 & BRING EXTRA \$\$ FOR FOOD

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

REGISTER ONLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

(JUNIOR HIGH SCHLITTERBAHN TRIP IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11)



### Focus on Prayer

#### PRAY THAT:

1. Your teenagers will keep their relationship with God as a top priority.
2. Your teenagers develop a strong prayer life and dig into God's Word to grow closer to him.
3. The relationship your kids develop with God will help them persevere during difficulties and will encourage them to reach out to others.
4. Your own connection with God stays strong and that you set a positive example for your teenagers in this area.

### Verse of the month

"The Lord is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth. He grants the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cries for help and rescues them. The Lord protects all those who love him."

(Psalm 145:18-20)

We aren't the only participants in maintaining a relationship with God. Thankfully, he's in charge of that, too. God gives us a desire to know him. He reaches out by answering our prayers, meeting our needs, and providing fellow Christians to build up our faith. Jesus, who has endured human struggles, intercedes to God on our behalf. And the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts, guiding us to truth and true life.

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