

Youth Calendar 2007-2008

. . . let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Sunday Morning Worship

The new worship schedule will begin Sunday, September 2nd.

In Hanover Hall:

8:28 am – contemporary worship (John 8:28)

9:30 am – ICE (Intergenerational Contemporary Experience)

11:00 am – Exalt! (contemporary worship)

In the Sanctuary:

9:30 am – The Gathering (contemporary worship)

11:00 am – Genesis (traditional worship)

There will be fellowship time from 10:30-11:00 am in the Commons.

There are many opportunities on Sunday mornings for your family to serve:

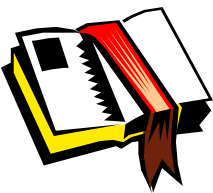
- Ushering (contact David Tostenson at 746-7356 or dctostenson@verizon.net)
- Participate in the worship team (singing or playing) contact Stephen Manley at nhpcstephen@comcast.net or Michael Swenson at swensonmw@vcu.edu or 757-572-7655

New Choirs

The new youth and bell choirs will hold their first rehearsals on Sunday, September 9th. Rehearsals will be on Sundays from 4:30-6:00 in the choir room for the youth choir and 6:30-8:00 in the sanctuary for the bell choir. The choirs are open to 6th-12th graders. Come to the first meeting to get more information! Linda Dickerson will be leading the youth choir. Contact her at ldickerson@hcps.us or 730-9506. Betsy Guthrie will be leading the bell choir. Contact her at betsy.guthrie@acs-inc.com or 752-0108.



Sunday School Opportunities!



Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 11:00 am

6th and 7th grade girls will meet in the Rowe Room. Team leaders are Brenda Tyson and

Denise Wicklein.

6th and 7th grade boys will meet in S-122. Team leaders are Bill Stegeman and Michael Swenson.

8th graders will meet in S-123. Team leaders are Norris Chamberlain, Jen Williams and Billy Craig.

High School will meet in the Carson building. Team leaders are: Colin Drozdowski, Paul White, Jen Williams, Michael Swenson, and Billy Craig.

Micky Brown will be leading a Bible study for parents of youth. This study will follow the Sunday school curriculum the youth are using and will

meet in LC1 (by the Commons).

All classes will be using the Student Life Bible Studies curriculum. Middle school classes will be studying the Christ volume and high school will be studying the Community Volume.

New Sunday School Curriculum!

At NHPC student ministries, we want to ensure that current and future students entering this ministry will have a complete overview of the major truths of the Christian faith by the time they graduate high school. With this idea in mind, in September we are beginning a new Sunday school curriculum from

www.studentlifebiblestudy.com for all 6th-12th grade students. Student life has created a relevant, authentic, interactive and truth-packed system for teaching students all about the Bible. Each lesson is designed to work across age and grade levels so that everyone benefits and no one is left scratching their heads! Here are the 8 essential truths covered in this

new curriculum . . .

1. God Is
2. The Bible is God's Word
3. People are God's Treasure
4. Jesus is God and Savior
5. The Holy Spirit is God and Empowerer
6. Salvation is by Faith Alone
7. The Church is God's Plan
8. The Future is in God's Hands

Here is a rundown of the series:

Volume 1: Christ. The Life of Christ – The Basis of Faith

Volume 2: Character. Old Testament People – Encounters with God

Volume 3: Community. New Testament Church – The Essence of Fellowship

Volume 4: Covenant. Knowing God – His

Relationship with His People

Volume 5: Consecration. Set Apart for God – The Christ-Empowered Life

Volume 6: Commission. Called by God – The Ministry of Reconciliation

In addition, each week we will be e-mailing a "Parent's Page" which talks a little bit about what we will be teaching your student that Sunday morning in Sunday school. It includes a family devotional around that teaching so that you can further discuss the Scriptures and related topics with your student as a family.

Please bring your student to Sunday school each week so they won't miss out on a great new way to learn about the Bible and their faith!!

Weekly Small Groups

Small Groups begin the week of September 17th.

** Rule of Thumb: If school is cancelled or delayed then small groups will be cancelled.

Please sign up by Sunday, September 16th. You can either e-mail Billy or Jen or sign up on the youth bulletin board.

Parents: Please volunteer and sign up to help drive the youth to school.

Small Groups for the Guys!

High School Guys

Meet: Burger King on 301 on Tuesday mornings from 6:45-7:45 am

Bring: Bible and \$ for breakfast

Start: September 18th.

Curriculum: Youth Walk Devotional Bible

Cost: \$14

Team Leaders:

9th Grade — Alan Dole and David Stanford

10th Grade — Bob Dickerson and Terry Meeks

11th-12th Grade — Billy Craig and ?

Middle School Guys

Meet: Burger King on 301 on Thursday mornings from 6:45-7:45 am

Bring: Bible and \$\$ for breakfast

Start: September 20th

Curriculum: Road Trip: A Journey Along the Road to Real with Your Friends

Cost: \$4

Team Leaders: Read Jacob, Bob Foley, Jeff Sigmon, Tommy Sibiga, Giovanni Russo, and Billy Craig

Small Groups for the Girls!!

High School Girls will meet at McDonald's on 301 on Tuesday mornings from 6:45-7:45 am. They need to bring a Bible and money for breakfast. We will be starting Tuesday, September 18th.

The 9th grade girls will be studying *Finding Out Who You Really Are* by Melody Carlson which costs \$6.50. Team Leaders for 9th graders are Laurie Axt, Carol Lynne Dean, and Jen Williams.

The 10th-12th grade girls will be studying *Memorize This!* Which costs \$10. Team Leaders for 10th-12th graders are Amy Foley and Laura Russo.

Middle School Girls will meet at McDonald's on 301 on Thursday mornings from 6:45-7:45 am. They need to bring a Bible and money for breakfast. We will be starting Thursday, September 20th. The girls will be studying *Girls of Grace: Mak-*

ing it Real by Point of Grace which costs \$12. Team Leaders for 6th graders are Angela Drozdowski and Rachel Nance. The 7th and 8th grade girls will be studying *Girls of Grace* by Point of Grace which costs \$12. Team Leaders for 7th-8th graders are Missy Harden and Catherine Durham.

Confirmation (begins Sept. 30)

At New Hanover we invite and strongly encourage all youth in the 8th grade and higher to participate in confirmation prior to becoming a member. This class studies what it means to be a Christian and profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the history of the early church, the meaning of the Sacraments, and what it means to be Presbyterian and Reformed.

The actual classes will start on January 7th. During the 8:28 and 11:00 Sunday school hours and will conclude in March when those who profess their faith in Christ and have completed all confirmation requirements may choose to join the church. For those 9th grade or older, we are willing to meet with you at a different

time to study these key doctrinal issues of the church. If you are interested in becoming a member at New Hanover or would like to explore your faith further, then please call or e-mail Billy. It's not too late to get started.

A letter will be going out soon to all current 8th grade parents/youth sharing more about this time of discipleship prior to the meeting on September 30th at 12:15 in the Carson building when confirmation begins. **We strongly encourage those going through confirmation this year to attend the middle school fall retreat on October 5th-7th.**

Things to Think About . . .

* Scholarship money is available for all our retreats and mission trips. Please see Billy.

* Web sites to check out for upcoming events for next summer: HS Summit Ministries is www.summit.org. HS Fun in the Sun and MS Great Escape are www.ycmhome.org. Student Life Camp is beach.studentlife.com

* The youth bulletin board is located across from the kitchen in the education wing and contains all the latest youth news, events, brochures, and calendars. You can turn in youth forms, communications, etc. to Billy or Jen's box located in the main office.

Missions Opportunities!

Richmond Metro and Wilson NC Work Camps
Rebuilding Lives in the Richmond and Wilson Areas
New Hanover will be sending a team of committed youth and adult leaders to the Wilson, NC Work Camp from June 15-21 and the Richmond Metro Work Camp from July 13-19. These are inter-denominational youth mission programs designed to teach youth how to serve God and spread His love. Crews of youth will work together each day repairing and refurbishing homes of residents in these communities. The work is done entirely by youth. Youth who have participated in the Work Camp programs in the past serve as crew supervisors with adults providing overall planning and coordinating of the work projects. The homes are selected based upon need and

tuition money is used to pay for materials.

Our youth and leaders will work long and hard days with evenings of fellowship, music, and inspiration. The week is filled with opportunities for our youth to learn new skills, build relationships, fellowship with other Christian youth and adults, and convey the love of Christ through their efforts. An informational session for parents and youth is scheduled for November 11 at 6 pm. A \$50 registration deposit for Work Camp will be due by December 15 because camp fills up quickly — space is limited. Katherine Black will serve as the Coordinator of the 2008 Work Camp Team. Contact her at 550-3909 with any questions.

Habitat Can Crushing — We had a good time traveling to the Habitat Homestore to crush cans for Habitat this summer!! Look for more information to come about additional opportunities to serve!!



Upward Sports Ministries — Middle school and high school youth are encouraged to serve as coaches and referees for the flag football and soccer seasons. Contact the church office for more information.

Wednesday Nights — FFT (begins Sept. 12th)

5:30-6:15 pm — Optional Dinner

6:15-7:15 pm — Middle School Fellowship/
Discipleship (south side of Carson building)

Team Leaders: Billy Craig, Jen Williams,
Michael Swenson, Fred Williams, and others.

6:15-7:15 pm — High school opportunities
to serve in nursery, children's ministries,
leading middle school worship, or fellow-
ship in north side of Carson building.

7:30-8:45 pm — High School Fellowship
(south side of Carson building)

Team Leaders: Billy Craig, Jen Williams,
Michael Swenson, Richard Nance, and
others.

Together we will worship, talk about various issues from different speakers, dive into God's word, and connect with each other through games/drama.

More Fellowship Opportunities!!

Dinners at the Craig's — On Monday nights this fall the youth are invited to Pastor Billy and Avery Craig's house for food and fellowship from 6-7:30 pm as follows . . .

September 17	8th grade
September 24	7th grade
October 1	6th grade
October 22	12th grade
October 29	11th grade
November 5	10th grade
November 26	9th grade

Frisbee Golf — The course located behind the church is in the process of being created. We hope to have the first 9 holes completed by September 15. Be praying and get ready to be involved in this exciting new ministry! Stay tuned for more details as this course is being completed. Call Micky Brown if you would like to help with tree removal, path clearing, or volunteer in any way at 550-1274.

Maize Corn Quest — High school date is October 13th. Cost is \$7 (but you must sign up by October 3rd for that discounted cost). Middle school date is October 27th. Cost is \$7 (but you must sign up by October 17th for that discounted cost). Meet at the Carson building at 5:30; we'll return at 10 pm. Bring additional money for Bruster's after the maze!

Young Life Capernaum (for youth with disabilities) — The meetings will take place at the Burkwood Club House from 6:30-8:00 pm on the following dates: September 13 and 27, October 11, November 8, December 6 and 17 (All Area Young Life Club — Capernaum will combine with Young Life for an All Area Christmas Club) If you are interested in being an adult leader or buddy (HS youth), there is a Regional Capernaum Leadership Training session taking place at our church on September 8th from 1-4 pm.

Leadership Team — If you are a 10th, 11th or 12th grader and are interested in becoming more of a leader, then join the student leadership team!! We meet in the Rowe Room from 12:00-1:30 every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month beginning September 16th.

Lunch and — Fellowship time for high schoolers!! One Sunday each month we'll go out to lunch and afterwards fellowship together (see a movie, go bowling, play games, go swimming, play miniature golf, ultimate Frisbee or Frisbee golf or other activities!) Look for more details each month in the mini-mouse. **Parents:** Let Jen know if you are willing to open your home for the youth on one of these days!

Fall Dates: September 30th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th

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Growing families in our
community to serve
Christ in the world.



New Hanover
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children and Youth Team

Mission: Bring children and youth to Christ so that they may make Christ known in the world.

Vision:

N.H.P.C. youth ministry exists to celebrate God's glory, to encourage youth to respond to, challenge, and learn from each other as they open their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with youth in the community, in order that they may be equipped to serve God as He calls them.

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Youth Calendar of Events

September 2 Rally Day (new worship schedule)

September 14-15 High School Girls Lock-in 8pm-9am (Hanover Hall)

September 18 See You At the Pole Rally 7:30-8:45 pm (sanctuary)

September 26 SYATP (at schools) suggested time 7 am

September 30 Confirmation meeting with youth/parents at 12:15 in Carson building

October 5-7 MS Fall Retreat (Eagle Eyrie) ** brochure available

October 13 HS Maize Corn Quest 5:30-10:00 pm

October 27 MS Maize Corn Quest 5:30-10:00 pm

November 11 HS Youth Sunday (Hanover Hall)

November 30-December 2 HS Fall Retreat (Eagle Eyrie) ** brochure will be available

January 6 Confirmation kick-off dinner

January 7 Confirmation classes start at 8:30 and 11 am

January 25-26 Revolve Tour for Girls

February 3 Super Bowl parties
MS: Carson building
HS: Drozdowski's home

February 6 Ash Wednesday Service

February 29-March 2 Disciple Now Weekend ** brochure will be available

March 24-29 Spring Break Mission Trip

May 4 Youth Talent Show and dinner

May 18 MS Youth Sunday (sanctuary)

June 15-21 Wilson NC Work Camp

July 7-11 HS Student Life Conference at Daytona Beach ** brochure will be available

July 13-19 Richmond Metro Work Camp

August 4-9 MS The Great Escape Conference ** brochure will be available

HS Ski Retreat: TBD

MS Ski Retreat: TBD

** Be sure to look on the youth bulletin board, mouse and mini-mouse for other youth events!!