



Pine Castle

United Methodist Church
Generational Ministries



Dear Parents, Chauffeurs and Friends of Shekinah Arts and Oasis Kids,

I want to apologize for the lateness of this email. We as the Generational Ministry Staff have felt God leading us to make some adjustments to our Wednesday Night Ministry, which has taken us a little longer to coordinate than we expected. :-)

So, here is what is going on. I was trained in ministry by Ray Owens, who was my middle school/high school youth pastor and after college my ministry mentor, or spiritual father. Relationship was always a priority with him: relationship with Jesus, relationship with his wife and boys, relationship with us as leaders and relationship with the students in his ministry. The impact he has had on me spiritually is indescribable. I want to have that same impact on those people that God brings into my life. Although our ministry has been marked by spiritually challenging teaching, creativity and fun we as a team have recognized that we weren't connecting relationally with the kids and teens as we would like and feel we need to in order to effectively impact and speak spiritually into their lives. So we have been asking and praying for God to show us how to do that.

God confirmed to me - through a Stouffer's Frozen Food commercial - that some ideas we were having as a team were in fact what he was leading us to do. Check out the website: www.Letsfixdinner.com. Check out the facts and meet the families. (Get your tissues handy!)

We're gonna fix dinner.

This is not going to be the traditional "church wide dinner." This is dinner with a purpose. It is meant to allow us as church leaders to go deeper in our relationships with your children. Our goal is not to replace your family, but to better "come alongside" your family and be an effective voice in the spiritual nurturing of your children. It is not meant for families to come hear and necessarily eat together, but for the family of God to get to know one another in the context of sharing a meal and doing devotions. Read Acts 2:42-47. :)

THE SCHEDULE:

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| 5:00 - 5:45 | Set up, cook/heat at the Oasis building |
| 5:45 - 6:00 | Doors open for check-in at the Oasis building |
| 6:00 - 6:45 | Dinner and devotions at the Oasis building |
| 6:45 - 7:00 | Preschoolers and parents, preschool leaders head to King's Armory (Second Floor Preschool Worship Room) for check-in

Elementary and youth, parents and leaders clean up, put away chairs, break down tables, sweep, etc.

Check-in for kids not attending meal: elementary at King's Keep (Third Floor Kids' Worship Room); youth at the Oasis Building. |
| 7:00 - 7:15 | Head to King's Keep/Master's House for Arts Workshops

Parents and adults attending Bible studies can leave whenever they need to in order to be on time to their classes (We are offering a women's Beth Moore Bible study in a couple of weeks, men's Bible study led by Jeff Day, "Storying" class, "Left of Matthew" Old Testament study, and a <i>Revelation</i> Bible study. Please check out our website for more info: http://www.pinecastleumc.org/smallgroups.htm) |
| 7:15 - 8:15ish | Arts workshops - Praise Bang, Tubular Worship, and Human Video (drama to music) at King's Keep (Third Floor Kids' Worship Room) and other locations |
| 8:15 - 8:30 | Dismissal at King's Keep (Third Floor Kids' Worship Room); youth without siblings at Narthex (Lobby) of Master's House |

OTHER DETAILS

THE MEAL

- Preschool children attending dinner must be accompanied by parent
- Since this is "family" everyone helps with clean up; set up and prep help would be greatly appreciated requested donation is \$4/person; no more than \$15/family - NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY :)
- RSVPs would be REALLY helpful!
- Any financial, food, drink, dessert, paper product donations will be greatly appreciated. Please coordinate with us on what our needs are. **Random donations may not be usable.** We are working on a monthly menu with specific items that can be donated.

THE ARTS

- Elementary children not attending dinner may show up for check in at 6:45 in the King's Keep
- Youth not attending dinner may show up for check in at 6:45 at Oasis
- Elementary kids will be working on presentation for PCCA Elementary Spirit Week (April 19-23) and Kids Church
- Youth kids will be working on presentation for Oasis and other venues
- We ask for consistent attendance in order to present with excellence at the opportunities God has given us
- If you are planning to come - please RSVP via email so we have an idea how many to expect!

If you have any questions or comments about our changes, do not hesitate to call or email me. Please feel free to forward this to folks you know of who may be interested in this vision for ministry. We are really excited about what God is doing. We believe this is the first-fruits of some of the new and exciting - and most importantly - impactful things God is leading us to do.

In His service!



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