

October Newsletter

GRACE YOUTH

Dear Grace Youth Parents,

I hope you and your families have been able to get into a productive “back to school” rhythm as September closes out and October begins. I know that this time of year can be chaotic with sports games and practices, new homework loads, homecoming preparation, band and choir rehearsal, and everything else a new school year brings each fall!

I also hope that your student has been able to make it to Grace Youth at least once since we’ve started back up last month. It’s important that young people make it a habit early-on of gathering together with Christian community and prioritizing their faith. I understand that there is homework to be completed and sports to be practiced, but nothing impacts a young person’s future the same way that connecting with God and like-minded community does. If your child hasn’t been able to come to a Wednesday night gathering yet this year, my prayer is that, together, we could speak into their life the importance it holds. Grace Youth could impact their life in ways you or I cannot imagine!



This month, I hope to see your student at Grace Youth, either on the weekends for youth service or on Wednesday nights for youth group. There are opportunities to connect waiting for them, and we know the value that just a single night can have in shaping someone’s week, year or even their life. Let’s not neglect – or let our young people neglect – meeting together.

Lily Smith
Lily Smith
Director of Grace Youth

October Teaching Series



unmasked.
discovering our true identity

Unmasked

We wear masks more than we realize. They aren't just put on once a year in October on Halloween - we actually wear them all the time! But God calls us to take off our masks and step into our true identity as someone known and loved by Him. Scripture says in 1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" This month at Grace Youth, we are going to be talking about what it takes, what it looks like, and what it means to live a life "unmasked".

WEEKENDS | SAT 5PM | SUN 10AM

Students, join us either Saturday at 5PM or Sunday at 10AM for a time of worship, teaching, and discussion geared just for youth!

WEDNESDAYS | 7-9 PM

Week 1 | October 3

Join us for Event Week, where we will be hosting a worship night just for youth!

Week 2 | October 10

Join us for Meet Week, where students will gather with their specific age/gender small groups, growing together in community.

Week 3 | October 17

Join us for Eat Week, where we will share a meal together while enjoying worship, teaching and discussion. **Bring \$3 for dinner.**

Week 4 | October 24

Join us for Street Week, where students will participate in a service project together to begin thinking "other's focused."

Week 5 | October 31

Happy Halloween! We're throwing a party! Join us for games, prizes, snacks and community. Bring your friends and wear a costume.

Discussion Questions to Ask your Teen!

1. What has been one of your favorite Halloween costumes in the past, or what is a Halloween costume you would wear if you could?
2. What are the masks, costumes, or labels that you wear on a daily basis?
3. If someone *really* knew you, what is something they would understand about you?
4. How do you define "identity"?
5. What do you think God has to say about who you are?
6. What do you think are the differences in how *you* describe yourself, how *God* describes you, and how *others* describe you?

Upcoming Events + Announcements



Trunk or Treat **Sunday, October 28**

Join us on Sunday, October 28 at 5PM in the Grace Parking Lot for a night of fun, candy, costumes and prizes. Dress up & bring your family and friends to trick-or-treat, or register to decorate your car and pass out candy! All proceeds support Grace Global Outreach. Visit gracewired.com for more information, ways to serve, and how to register.

Halloween Party **Wednesday, October 31**

Get your trick-or-treating in, then stay in your costume and join us at Grace for a Halloween Party on Wednesday October 31 at 7-9PM. There will be games, prizes, snacks and (of course) a lot of candy! Bring your friends and wear a costume for the costume contest. Questions? Contact Cindy Nicholson at cnicholson@gracewired.com.

Register for Big Chill **Thursday, November 1**

Registration for the Big Chill Winter Retreat, the biggest Grace Youth event of the year, opens Thursday, November 1. Don't miss your chance to reserve your spot at early-bird pricing! Go to gracewired.com/graceyouthstudents to register on November 1, 2018.

September Prayer Requests

- ✓ Three male small group leaders for Wednesday nights
- ✓ Seven female small group leaders for Wednesday nights
- ✓ Community and connection at the Grace Trunk-or-Treat event.
- ✓ Wisdom, intentionality & creativity as we begin casting vision and planning for the Big Chill 2019 Winter Retreat

Our Small Group Leaders

These are the dedicated volunteers pouring into students week after week. Lift them up in prayer as they continue to lead the youth of our church.

Debra Nischik
Rachel Trocchio
Tommy Rennolds
Kyle Monroe
Trisha Umpfenbach
Jess Hoist
Joel Rennolds
Joe Smith
Chris Hartzell
Dale Maiden
Scottie Rennolds
JR Duster
Luke Trocchio
Sean Sullivan
JoAnn Wilson

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