

Youth Service Changes

Questions & Concerns Related To Youth Ministry

First, Set a follow-up meeting.

Second, review the changes with those who may not be aware. The recently announced changes to begin in September are:

- High School will no longer have weekly Sunday youth programming (H.S. attends worship service downstairs) while Middle School will continue to meet in the Johnston Building as usual.
 - On Tuesdays, High School will have their own worship time,
 - All Wednesday night weekly activities will cease.
 - Once a month, there will be a combined Wednesday worship service
 - Once a month, there will be a combined Sunday Fun Day
- Our concerns and questions might be summarized into the following four main areas. We all agree that it is important to separate Middle School and High School students because of varying levels of maturity and age-appropriate content and we have concerns
- **About the changes and separation**
 - **About Perceptions relating to resources & it being a money-issue**
 - **About Ongoing Communication Issues**
 - **About Lack of integration of youth with the rest of the congregation**

- Various New Ideas We Suggest:

- Consider using The Ascent/fellowship hall space to develop a hybrid worship service for youth and their families, bringing Alan's video sermon into a High-School focused worship time.
- As recent as this spring, after a combined worship time on Sundays, Chris Dolon would separate High School apart with Brian Hunt and Middle School, providing age-appropriate teaching space for each group. Why couldn't that continue? It seemed to work great and there remains unused space in the Johnston Building.
- To get more parent volunteers active: consider encouragement from church leadership and pastors from the pulpit. Highlight the need (such as how the Elementary Ministry was recruiting on Group Link Sunday this past Sunday).