

Has the hustle and bustle gotten to you yet? We are hopeful that you are all able to take some breaks from it and remember the reason we celebrate this season.

As we end 2014 and look to what's next for Country Club Christian Church's Ministry to Students in 2015 and beyond, I am thrilled to share with you some information about our newly-formed Student Ministry Team.

Over the last year, each ministry of Country Club Christian has been engaged in a process of moving away from committees and toward ministry teams. The purpose of these teams is to empower each of you to "BE" the ministry. That's exactly what our Student Ministry Team will be doing! This team will be working to support our Director of Student Ministries, Allie Cobb, and to empower YOU to help revitalize our ministry to students in 6th through 12th grades. This team includes some pretty amazing people! We'd like to give you a little introduction.

Kris Brumitt is our FANTASTIC Student Ministry Team chair. She and her husband, Lee, have 2 children in our student ministry, Caroline and Sam. She has already hit the ground running and is excited to see where God will lead this team that she's built.

Marcia Berry and her husband, Andy, have two sons who are heavily involved in our student ministry, Sam and Jackson.

Doug Flora and his family are new members of our church. He and Dana have 2 children, Bryce and Reagan who are both part of our student ministry. Dana serves on our Children and Student Ministries Renovation Team.

Chris Howard is the father to 3 young boys: Porter, Reed, and Luke. Chris' wife, Brook, serves on our Children's Ministry Team. They are working toward an exciting future for our church!

Shelle Jensen and her husband, Dan, have 4 children. Their son, Charlie, is currently part of our student ministry. Stewart, Kurt, and Betsy have all graduated from it.

Kristin Patterson and her husband, Evan's, daughter, Lucy is part of our student ministry. Their son, Max, will be part of it very soon!

Kris, Marcia, Doug, Chris, Shelle, and Kristin had their first meeting December 7th. During this meeting, Lesley Holt brought them up to speed with all of the work that our Children and Youth Ministries Renovation Team has been doing over the last 10 months; they talked about things that are going well within our student ministry and things that could be improved; and they began to plan for our future.

The team unanimously agreed that our Sunday night format needed to be revamped and energized. They decided that it's important we provide separate and more age-appropriate opportunities for middle school (6th-8th grade) and high school (9th-12th grade) students. This is the first exciting change that you will notice for your students. Beginning in January, Youth Group will no longer meet weekly- middle school students will meet on the 1st Sunday of the month and high school students will meet on

the 3rd Sunday of the month. A "Middle School Dinner Out" is scheduled for January 4th and a "High School Music Night" is scheduled for January 18th. You will receive detailed information about these individual events in your weekly Wednesday newsletter.

The Student Ministry Team and our staff are really jazzed up about the energy that will be pumped into our student ministries in the coming months! Our children are our most important asset and we must ALL work toward creating opportunities for them to experience their faith. We appreciate your flexibility as we evaluate our current offerings for students and begin to add new opportunities for mission, relationship, and faith development. We also look forward to partnering with you in the coming months. It takes a village!

You are the primary model of faith for your child. As always, if there is anything we can do to help your family in your student's faith journey, do not hesitate to contact us! We are excited to see where God leads our students and their ministry!

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