



Next Meeting

Ice Cream Social

Sept 12 at 7:00 PM.

NOTE THE NEW LOCATION!!!!!!

**Zion Lutheran Church
101 S. Railway St.
Mascoutah, IL 62258**

Bring your favorite topping to share. Ice cream, bowls, spoons, etc. will be provided. This is a great chance for our new members to meet others, so please make a point to come out and make some new friends.

ALSO that evening:

**Yearbook Photos
6:00 - 7:00**

**Prayer Meeting
6:15 - 7:45**

**Graduation Meeting
6:00**

Upcoming Meetings

October - no meeting

November 14 - Talent Show and Craft Fair.

Get your acts together and perform something! (Please note that the church has asked for acts to be Christian in nature, since the show will be in the Sanctuary).

Crafters will be on hand to sell, so bring some extra cash to help support your fellow homeschoolers. (Crafters, let me know how many tables you will need).

December - no meeting

Graduation News

Attention Senior class of 2020!

There will be a brief informational meeting concerning GRADUATION, Thursday September 12th at 6pm. This meeting will be held ahead of the SCCCHE meeting that

evening at Zion.
- Brett and Angie Brown

Email list removals

This may be your last SCCCHE newsletter!
We will be removing all the names of those who are not members, so if you suddenly stop getting Newsletters and Google Group emails, then you need to complete your registration.

Senior Portraits

Professional photographer and SCCCHE member Ken Carden will be on hand to take your senior photos FOR FREE! They will be used in the yearbook. You may also order (for a fee, of course) a set of prints of those photos. Thursday before the SCCCHE meeting from 6:00 - 7:00. No appointment necessary.

Teenpact

September is Double Early Bird discount month for TeenPact registration. This is your chance to stack all the best discounts possible!
TeenPact Illinois will be March 23-26, 2020. An affordable \$60 deposit is all you need to hold your spot. In the event your student is unable to attend TeenPact, your deposit can be transferred to another student in your family or to another TeenPact event.

Register at www.teenpact.com
Local travel details: [Annette Kanoy](#)
General TeenPact info: [Christie Black](#)

Also, keep TeenPact's National Convention in mind for this coming year. One mom remarked last year at NatCon, "This is why we do TeenPact!". National Convention is the culmination of the TeenPact year. This alumni event is "a week of moments and opportunities to grow through a community of TeenPacters and fellowship with God. These moments of growth and encouragement come not only from speakers, but more poignantly through the experiences students share with peers from around the nation."

National Convention moves everything out of the Capitol classrooms and into a casual college campus atmosphere. Here students come from all over to country to worship, learn and play. Leadership opportunities expand out of the realm of government and into discipleship, business, athletics, public relations, human relations, worship and many other arenas. Consider National Convention to further practice all you learn in worldview studies.

Field Trips

Joy FM Tour 99.1 Christian radio station
Sept 17 @ 11:00 am
13358 Manchester Rd
Stl Mo 63131

FREE

Deadline Sept 10th
Only 30 spaces available

Please keep in mind that tours are not usually stroller friendly as we typically transition from one area to another. Also keep in mind that we will be at a recording station, so quiet infants and toddlers welcome (?).

Purina Farms Day
Oct 4 @ 9:45 am
500 William Danforth
Gray Summit, MO
FREE

Bring sack lunch to eat outside at labels. No large coolers inside areas. You may keep them in your vehicle and go get it when you are ready for lunch. Last time our group began together at 10:00 at cow milking then migrated to different areas. Feel free to branch out of you choose to.

Jefferson Barracks History Workshop

Monday, October 7, 10:00AM - noon. Pavilion at Lemay
\$3/person

Spend the morning learning about the history of the oldest active military installation west of the Mississippi. Ranger Lambright will give an overview of the history of this site and the impact that JB had on local history. You will also have the opportunity to visit with reenactors representing various time periods and learn about their uniforms and equipment, as well as what life would have been like for a soldier stationed at JB. Pre-registration only - Call 314-615-8822

Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

Home School Legal Defense Association is a wonderful group designed to defend the homeschool community should they ever be dragged into court. Membership gives you 24/7 access to a lawyer with everything from advice to court representation with no additional costs. They also provide discounts through certain vendors, homeschool consultation, and a magazine. But there's more – SCCCHE has a discount code which can get you a substantial discount off of the membership fee! Get more info and sign up at www.hslda.org and contact [Josh Peterson](#) for the discount code.

Coordinator Article

The most important thing

What is the most important thing in your life?
What would your spouse and kids say is the most important thing in your life?
Your neighbors? Your pastor? Your social media friends?

If any of these answers are anything other than 'Jesus,' than perhaps we're not doing life quite right.

Although I would answer 'Jesus' to the first question, does my family see that as my priority? I don't think my neighbors would.

Christians seem to have a pretty bad reputation nowadays. How did we get this reputation? Jesus warned that the world would hate us because it hates him (John 15:18-25), and St. Paul indicated (1 Peter 2:19-20) that we can be hated because of our own bad behavior, rather than for being Christians. So which reason is more prominent in your life?

I have two points to share. First we'll focus in, and then we'll focus out.

It starts with our personal focus on Christ.

Read your Bible daily, and then do what you read. (Unless you're reading about Jael pounding a tent stake through somebody's head in Judges 4). As Hank Hannegraff says, "Get into the word of God and so get the Word of God into you."

Then we teach our kids to do the same, and to be doers of the word, and not hearers only. (James 1:22). We train them up in the Lord (Prov 22:6) so they will live by it all their lives.

Of course, we may not have been trained all that well ourselves. My parents became Christians when I was in grade school, and even though their lives changed dramatically, it took years for them to wean themselves off of many worldly habits and thoughts, and we were gone by the time some of that happened.

We too may also be engrossed in worldly living and not know it. Here are some things for you to ponder: Should a Christian watch TV at all? Should our kids play video games? How should a Christian dress? Should a Christian tell (or laugh at) dirty jokes? Should a Christian watch R-rated movies? Should a Christian read romance novels, horror books, or pop literature like Harry Potter?

One of the greatest questions of all time is, "What would Jesus do?" It really is a great question. We must behave as if Christ is walking next to us all the time (as he truly is), but we need to establish that in our minds. That is how (I believe) we can 'pray without ceasing' (1 Thes. 5:16). As you drive, brush your teeth, and eat your lunch, be in constant prayer.

That was all the inward focus – on ourselves. Now to focus out.

We do all that because we are ambassadors of Christ. We are HIS representatives in the world, and if anyone sees you do something wrong, knowing you are a Christian, then His name and glory are diminished. Our whole lives are to be a walking testimony to God, whether or not people are watching. "Whatever you do, do it mightily as unto the Lord." Explore how you can live as if you were a 1-man worship service and God was the congregation. Thus we see how vitally important our own behavior is.

May God Bless you all!

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