



Next Meeting

January 20 at 6:00 PM.
Church of Christ
9955 Bunkum Rd. Fairview Hts

International Potluck!

Pick a country
Learn about it and have your family prepare a display
with photos, information, goodies, and items from that country.

Top three displays win cash prizes!!!

Also bring food to share for a potluck meal.

Please notify [Josh Peterson](#) which country you will be choosing. It's OK if countries are doubled up, but you can check with me if you want to see what's already taken.

Things to include in your display:

- photos
- statistics, graphs
- short history
- Christianity percentage and evangelism efforts
- interesting facts and tidbits
- clothing, toys, items from that country
- treats or goodies (store-bought or homemade recipies)

Upcoming Meetings

February 10, 7:00 PM
Location TBD

**Panel discussion/Q&A for the adults
and...**

Our TeenPact Students will be hosting the annual Valentine Party

[❤️] Children 5-12* are invited to join us for a fun night! [❤️]

*exceptions may be made for younger children
with a suitable assigned sibling helper, but
activities are geared to school age children.

Games Activities Snacks
Fun session of "Mock Legislation"
The Great Valentine Exchange

WHAT TO BRING

25 Valentines to pass out
a mailbox to collect them in
a mail bag for easy delivery
Sign up early to help us plan!

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!!

[Click this link](#) and fill out the info to sign up.

PLEASE GIVE

This is a fundraiser for our students traveling to TeenPact in March
so please prayerfully consider your donation to help us out!

March

No meeting

April

No meeting

Field Trips

January 27 - Skate City - Fun Spot 10a-12p

Cost: \$7.50 per student skater (walking - age 18)

Parents/teachers may skate for no extra charge

Age: Students ages 10-17 may skate with no parent present, however the parent must sign a waiver, leave contact information and sign the student in and out promptly at 12pm with Kim Rathke.

Payment due January 21, cash payment to Kimberly Rathke at TLC, or electronic payment - cash app, or Venmo.

Lunch is available through Skate City for \$4, to be paid by individuals if you would like. No food or drinks can be brought in, except water bottles that are spill resistant.

To sign up, contact (call or text) Kim at 618-791-0850.

February 7th - Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate factory tour & self guided Science Center. 10am, 10:30am and 11am

No age limit, must wear mask at all times. Each time slot is limited to 10 people

Tours are 30 min in length

After all tours are complete we will meet over at the Saint Louis Science Center for self guided learning fun. You may bring your lunch or buy from their food counters at the Science Center.

Families are encouraged to do this trip together however if a parent can't attend, we will have chaperones. Contact Kim Rathke to make arrangements.

Cost: free for both the tour and Science Center.

To sign up, contact (call or text) Kim at 618-791-0850.

February 21 - Top Golf

More info to come.

March 22 - Saint Genevieve Hands on House 9:30am-11:30am

Food, water, shelter - Spring

Students will learn what settlers had to do to survive when they arrived to this new land. This is a hands on program. It is completely interactive.

Age group: school aged

Limit: 15 student - no more than 5 adults

Cost: \$4 per person - adults need to pay as well

Lunch: bring your lunch for a picnic lunch in the park before heading home.

Payment due March 11th, cash payment to Kimberly Rathke at TLC, or electronic payment - cash app, or Venmo.

No masks required

To sign up, contact (call or text) Kim at 618-791-0850.

April 5 - Saint Genevieve Hands On House 9:30-11:30 or 1-3p (duplicate trip of March 22)

April 21 - Then Gentle Barn

More information to come

May 19 - Saint Genevieve Hands on House 9:30-11:30 or 1-3p (duplicate, except this one focuses on Summer living rather than Spring)

June 2 - Saint Genevieve Hands on House 9:30-11:30 or 1-3p (duplicate of May trip)

July 12 - Saint Genevieve Hands on House 9:30-11:30 or 1-3p Mississippi River Crossing

More description to come

July 14 - Saint Genevieve hands on house 9:30-11:30 or 1-3p Mississippi River Crossing

All field trips are subject to change. Due to the on going concerns for Covid variants, field trip options are limited. Be on the look out for hiking opportunities as the weather is favorable and for park meet ups.

Yearbook

Please share your photos for the yearbook!!

You can upload any photos of activities in which two or more families are participants.

We are also wanting family photos and portrait photos of your students (please label them with name and year in school). You can login in with this link:

[Yearbook Login](#)

User ID : SCCCHE photos

password :SCCCHE

Make sure to share them to the 2022 yearbook!

You may also email to Lori Hubble at happyhubble@yahoo.com or text (618)580-7960.

Also, if you would like to reserve a family page for \$5 please let Lori know.

Graduation meeting

2022 High School graduation meeting will be held January 13th at Faith Family in Shiloh. This will be the last opportunity to sign up.

Angie Brown

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis offers two of our financial literacy/work readiness/entrepreneurship programs to the homeschool community:

JA BizTown and **JA Finance Park**.

JA BizTown is a mini-city in which kids discover how the "real world" works. Each day, about 100 fourth- sixth graders become JA BizTown "citizens" where they work in one of 17 businesses, make financial decisions, pay taxes, and donate to charity. After 12 classroom lessons, students come to JA BizTown for the learning experience of their lives! Each citizen has a job for the day, gets paid twice, manages a checking account, shops, may be interviewed on TV and much more. The time spent at JA BizTown may be only one day, but the impact that this experiential learning provides will last a lifetime!

JA BizTown Homeschool Visit Day: March 14, 2022.

JA FINANCE PARK - 7th -12th grade students are given the rare opportunity to experience their personal financial futures first-hand. The experience begins in the classroom with 12 lessons of JA-provided curriculum that culminates with a day at JA Finance Park. Upon entering the center, students receive a 'life situation' with job, income, education, and family scenarios. The simulation is designed as a community including financial services, housing, transportation, insurance, entertainment, communications, utilities, and more. Students explore and learn about different budget categories, create a budget, make purchasing decisions, and pay for their expenses. Tablet-based.

JA Finance Park Homeschool Visit Day: March 8, 2022.

More info on the [website](#).

Thank you so much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Joy Germeroth

Director of Capstone Programs-JA BizTown and JA Finance Park

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TeenPact

It's not too late to get in on the Early Bird Discount for TeenPact!

If you haven't heard of TeenPact I encourage you to check out this website: teenpact.com

Here is a helpful video: [TeenPact Promo Video](#)

TeenPact is an amazing opportunity for students to learn leadership and to get hands-on

experience in understanding how our government works. These students come away from TeenPact with an ability and confidence to use their voice to impact legislation and the culture for Christ, and they have a GREAT time doing it while making new friends.

There are two different TeenPact opportunities, A One Day Class for elementary ages, and a Four Day Class (with a fifth day option) for students 13-19.

Every year our local homeschool groups coordinate a group to travel to the TeenPact Four Day Class and lodge together with assigned chaperones. TeenPact Illinois takes place March 21-24, 2022 in Springfield, IL. Also, there is a TeenPact Homework prep class at TLC and Master's Lyceum to help students prepare for the TeenPact week. Check out those registrations to get in on those opportunities.

TeenPact is not a cheap event, but it is definitely a worthwhile investment. Fundraising is typically done to help off-set the costs involved. We encourage students to do their own fundraising to help with tuition costs and group fundraising to help with travel/lodging costs. Volunteers to coordinate these efforts are always needed. Watch for details coming for the travel group, contact person is Annette Kanoy gototpil@gmail.com.

If you have any questions about TeenPact itself, contact Christie Black christieblack@charter.net

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English Country Dance: Winter/Spring dates

January 28 [RSVP Here](#)

February 25

March 25

April 22

May 20

Dances are held from 7:00-9:30 pm at Copper Creek Christian Church, 2184 Vadalabene Dr, Maryville, IL (close to Anderson Hospital).

\$5 per dancer; \$15 per family. Please RSVP using the link above.

Modest casual attire is appropriate. The young ladies often enjoy dancing in swishy skirts.

Rebecca Phillips
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TrailLife

Boys just want to be boys! Join TrailLife Troop IL-0078.

As Trail Life Troop members, we share a common vision, striving together to "guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, and serve others"....

Our Troop operates as a ministry of our charter organization, Community Bible Church. Young men ages 5 to 17 are encouraged to join our Troop to participate in scheduled events/activities. We highly

encourage the dad to join as well, and use this time to grow with his son(s). Typically, we meet the 2nd & 4th Monday nights, 6:30-8:00.

Please let me know if you and your family would like to be more involved in this wonderful Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused, Outdoor Adventure!

Walk Worthy,
Todd Neuverth
Troopmaster, IL-0078
todd.neuverth@gmail.com

One Another

One of the more interesting Bible studies is to look up all the verses that contain the phrase "one another." (There are about 59). There are also many scriptures with the same intent, but not the same words.

It's an extremely important concept in our Christian faith that we are there for one another - rejoicing, weeping, worshipping, praying, and fellowshiping together. Our concept of the 'body of Christ' requires that we are all important for one another.

And yet Covid and the government restrictions are doing the exact opposite to the Church and to us all. Church attendance is down, tithing is also down, church buildings are closing and people are in hostility with 'one another' over the issues of masks and jabs, or just about any topic.

Many would argue that there is in the midst of this a political war going on here, but I would argue that perhaps there is a great spiritual battle as well. Remember - you only need a little change of direction to turn a huge ship off of its course, and so this little shift of less personal interaction is having grave consequences on the Church and the world. Crime is skyrocketing; bullying, drugs, depression and suicide are epidemic, and people are quick to tear into one another for anything they might say or post online.

So how do we fight this battle? First of all, we pray. Second, we go to church and worship with our church family. Third, we continue to meet with one another as we are able, encouraging and uplifting one another.

"All will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:35

Is someone rejoicing? Send a card or letter, or rejoice with them in some way.

Is someone mourning? Be with them in their sorrow, send cards or letters, cook a meal, and weep with them.

Is someone in need? Get out and help, or send your teens to help.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." And we need not give much. You never know how much impact a simple kind word can do for someone. I once heard about a depressed man who committed suicide and left a note saying that if one single person greeted him on his way to his death, he wouldn't do it. I wonder if he passed any Christians on that walk.

It's so easy (especially when it's so cold outside!) to stay in our warm and comfy homes and hope that others will help while we just pray.

But to repeat one of my favorite quotes:

"A ship in a harbor is safe. But that's not what ships are for."

That glorious quote is a miniature sermon by itself, so no more of my words are needed, except "go forth and serve the Lord with gladness!"

God bless,
Josh Peterson

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