

# the central student min NEWS

fall 2016

## dates to remember

### Olympic Night Kickoff & BreakThru Registration Begins

Wednesday, August 31  
[BT non-refundable deposit \$50  
Limited spots • Total cost \$100]

### Breakfast Club Begins

Wednesdays, Sept. 7- Oct. 26 • 7 a.m.  
Fridays, Sept. 9-Oct. 28 • 7 a.m.

### Small Groups Begin

Wednesdays, Sept. 7-Nov. 2

### Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, September 11

### Sunday Night Activities

Sunday, Sept. 18-Nov. 13

### Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30

### Operation Shoebox

Wednesday, November 9

### Stop Hunger Now

Wednesday, November 16

### Advent Fair

Sunday, November 27

### Christmas Parties

High School • December 10  
Middle School • December 11

### Aldersgate Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 3

### BreakThru

December 30-January 3

## loving God, loving others

Fall is right around the corner and youth activities are gearing up for this school year! Our student ministry team met over the summer to evaluate our programming and brainstorm new ideas to help our students be in **closer relationship with God and each other.**

Students will see a new format for **Sunday School.** We will continue to fellowship from 9:45 until 10 a.m. At that time we will gather for worship and a video introduction to our lesson. We will then divide into middle school and high school groups which will be taught by adult volunteers. Each week, each group will rotate to a different teacher. Sixth-grade students will meet with me each week as they prepare for confirmation. We are excited to integrate an additional group of church members as teachers in our student ministry.

**Sunday nights** will be the same format as before – dinner at 5:30, fellowship until 6 p.m., worship and group lesson until 7 p.m.

We are super excited about our new **Wednesday Night** format which will introduce small group fellowship to our students. After dinner and fellowship time, students will gather as a large group. We will then break into smaller age-based groups that will be led by adult facilitators. **Our prayer is that this will be a time of spiritual growth and accountability for our students.**

Some of the important upcoming activities to note on your calendar are listed in the box to the left. **One of the MOST important things you can do RIGHT NOW** is to make sure that you are connected through our different communication channels. On our calendar page you will find instructions on how to join REMIND. We will send important information through this text message application. If you are a Facebook or Instagram user, please follow student ministry there as well.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 601-831-8280 or jonathan@cumcmdn.org.

Grace and Chacos, Jonathan

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**“We are a community of students striving to love God and love each other.”**

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