

## **Youth Ministry**

**We take a slightly different view of youth ministry than some churches. We don't believe the responsibility for the spiritual formation of our youth lies with a youth minister. We believe parents are responsible, so we attempt to come alongside them in this vital role. We don't want to isolate our youth from their parents. We want the family to grow together. Our Sunday morning worship assembly is fully integrated where the entire family is encouraged to worship as a unit. Each Sunday is family Sunday. We do have a training / cry room for toddlers and a staffed nursery to offer assistance if needed. We also offer an optional children's worship during the sermon period of the Sunday morning worship for ages three to eight years old. Children are dismissed before the sermon. Some parents choose to keep their little ones with them during the entirety of worship and that is great. We love children.**

**We do provide monthly activities for youth to gather and grow in their relationships with each other, but parents are always invited and encouraged to attend. We have classes for youth on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights and an active Bible bowl program in the winter and spring. We also have a spring and fall family camp at Hillbrook Camp in Karns. We attend Winterfest in February of each year – a large youth rally for the middle and high school age. Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth. We also have monthly service opportunities for our youth with Hope Central, our inner city ministry. Each Monday youth are encouraged to assist Tommy Drinnen, our local missionary, to serve the children in this afterschool ministry called Kingdom Kids/Just Lead. We help with tutoring, serving dinner, Bible study, and recreation.**