



# Summer Survival Newsletter

## June-August 2003

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### Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Beachmont Nights at Beachmont Camp in northern Baltimore County
- ◆ Outreach trips to involve friends
- ◆ Student-led Summer Storm on Sunday mornings
- ◆ Much more

## Lazy Days? Not If We Can Help It!

Summer is coming fast! Are you ready for your kids to be home asking – ‘What are we going to do today? I’m so bored...’ Well, I wouldn’t mind having students wash my car each week, do some yard work and...yeah right! Like you don’t have plenty for them to do at your house that you can’t get them to do anyway!

No, summer is that special time of year where students are free to not be students, waste away a lazy day and just enjoy being a kid. I’m sure that you have many different things planned for your families during this summer – and hopefully, while you are finishing up (or just starting) your calendars, we wanted to remind you of the things that we have going on here at Central for graduated 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.



Students and leaders from last summer’s Tijuana mission trip.

Although we stop meeting on Friday and Sunday nights from the end of June through the middle of August, we still offer weekly programs that encourage students to bring friends, encourage them and their friends in a walk with Christ, and give opportunities to serve others. From Tuesday trips to Beachmont for a XXL youth group type night, to our summer mission trip to Rand, WV, to 3 outreach oriented day trips – we keep striving to fulfill our mission of ‘Providing a place for students to BELONG, teach them what we BELIEVE, and see them BECOME Christ followers.

While you are home with your students this summer, will you pray about being a volunteer? Maybe you would like to start with one of our summer trips. Or perhaps you need a break also and would prefer to wait until the school year. I ask that you consider joining this team.

Check out the 3 calendars enclosed in this newsletter for details on all the things we have going on. Please call us or email us with any questions you have or clarifications you need. We look forward to being a part of your families’ summer plans!

## Movin' On Up

Hopefully, all of you have been made aware of the date for students moving up in our ministry. Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, graduated 5<sup>th</sup> graders will begin joining us for 'Life in the Loft' on Sunday mornings during the 10 o'clock hour. That same Sunday night, graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin coming to 'the Storm'. And then the following Friday night, June 27<sup>th</sup> will be the first 'Whirlwind' for the graduated 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

We would also like to invite the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to come and checkout 'Whirlwind' on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a night when you can come and see what a regular 'Whirlwind' (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders) looks like. You can play the games, sing, hear the teaching and be part of a small group – OR just hang out in the back.

We think we have the best thing around for middle schoolers in all of Baltimore. Come check it out and see why this is THE place to be on Friday nights!

## Don't Forget!

We must know exactly how many students are coming on each trip. Please use the easy tear off trip forms and return by June 15. Make copies for your friends!

## Recap: 2002-2003 School Year

One of the most exciting things to happen this past year was the opening of 'The Loft.' Giving us space to grow and a place for students to call their own definitely impacted the ministry. We had nights where there were almost 90 students and leaders during 'the Storm.' That couldn't have happened in the old room! Almost every Sunday morning we have between 70 and 90 piled in for 'Life in the Loft.' And it gave us the space to add things like the foosball table, basketball shot and video games – all key to providing a place for students who have never been in a church before to have touch points to the world they know!



Bruce Stuart, Bill Pitts, Dick Eger, and Bart Houseman take a break from renovating the Loft.

Besides having space issues advanced and seeing numeric growth, we have seen the vision for student ministry caught. There is not a week that goes by without us seeing a new face on a Friday or Sunday

and innovative in their input into the direction the ministry should grow. We also have 10 high school students working as leaders in 'Whirlwind.' Students are involved and owning ministry!

## Looking Ahead: 2003-2004 School Year

We are set to welcome almost 35 new 5<sup>th</sup> graders into 'Whirlwind' on Friday nights! This will come close to doubling our current numbers. Sunday nights we anticipate continued growth, averaging 80 students each week.

Plans are being made to alter the times for our Satellite Stations (small group Bible study/accountability groups) to have them meet the same nights as 'the Storm' and 'Whirlwind' in homes. Please be praying about the possibility of hosting one of these groups – we need 6-8 homes on Sunday nights and 4-6 homes on Friday nights. We would like them to be within 5 miles of Central. Please contact Bill or Eileen if you would be open to hosting.

If it works out, we will be offering the smash hit 'Understanding Your Teenager' seminar with Duffy Robbins again in the Fall. We got such a great response from those who attended – and so many people said, "I would have brought several friends/neighbors if I had known how good this would be!" -- that we are trying to bring Duffy back for a night in early November. More details will come soon!

And finally, we will be doing a combined middle and high school discipleship weekend again in January 2004. It will be Saturday through Monday Jan. 17-19 – MLK weekend. (schools closed on Monday) We wanted to give as much notice for that weekend as possible.

### Beach Trip: Wednesday, July 2, 2003

Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Explain further. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any other medical information we should have regarding your student? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_/  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Attendance at all outings is a privilege contingent upon the cooperation of each young person. Central Presbyterian Church is a Christian organization, and Christian standards of conduct, dress and attitude are expected from each teen. Should there be an abuse of this privilege, the student may be sent home at the parent's expense.

I give my consent for my son/daughter to participate on the trip with Central Presbyterian Church. When it is deemed necessary for my son/daughter's health, the leaders may have my son/daughter hospitalized or use outside medical, surgical, or dental aid, in which case all such expenses shall be paid for by me. I shall in no way hold Central Presbyterian Church or its representatives responsible for any financial obligation.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Six Flags: Monday, July 21, 2003

Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Explain further. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any other medical information we should have regarding your student? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_/  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### DC Trip: Thursday, July 31, 2003

Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Explain further. \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any other medical information we should have regarding your student? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_/  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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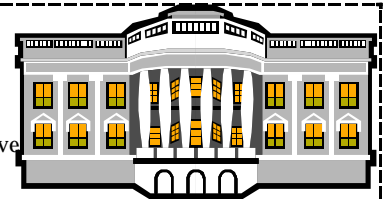
Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Storm Student Ministries

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### DC Trip: Additional Information

Parents: Please note that as part of this outreach trip, we are trying to get a tour of the White House. We'll keep you informed as details get firmed up. For this aspect of the trip we need to have your students' legal name as it appears on their birth certificate and their social security number. To save time later (and so we don't have to track you down on family vacations:) please write that information in the space provided below and mail in with the permission slips.



Student's Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_