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only **EXPERIENCED!**



To the parents of Rise Up Youth Ministries:

This past year in 2011 our youth ministry participated in a spring retreat and a fall youth convention sponsored by the Pen Florida A/G Youth District that changed many of our teens life and destinies around for the good. The speaker was Banning Liebscher, the director of the band *Jesus Culture*, and God really touched this youth ministry that has turned what we do here with the youth at STN for the good. I discussed before how I personally participated in YOUTH CONVENTIONS when I was a youth. This convention always reaffirmed what God was doing in my personal life and calling. Ask some of the youth what past events have meant for their spiritual journey.

Also, earlier in March 2011, we went on a retreat called *Kairos*... "*...It's an ancient Greek word meaning the "right or opportune moment." It is used to define a specific time that exists in between regular time ("Chronos"); a moment of undetermined period of time in which something unique and special happens.*" Many teens were touched, changed, and transformed, and as a fruitful result *Rise Up Youth Ministry* has EXPLODED both in numbers and in passion with a passionate, large group of young people! This year's retreat is called *Parousia 2012—Come Jesus Come!* The focus of this retreat is to be constantly ready for the return of Jesus Christ, and being fully equipped to bring back our King, Jesus Christ!

I'm very excited at the growth of the ministry and the deepening of all the teens' spirituality and maturity. **On March 30th, 31st, and April 1st (Friday to Sunday),** *Rise Up Youth Ministry* will be going on this retreat. It will be at the LPCCC (*Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center*), and there will be about 400-500 students from the local Fort Lauderdale area attending this retreat with about 10-12 other youth ministries. It is a time where they truly seek the face of God 1-on-1, especially since they will be completely disconnected from technology (i.e. no cellular usage, MP3 players, computers, laptops, mobile devices, no technology uses, etc). This will get them to literally seek God with NO DISTRACTIONS...can I get an amen?! Due to this element of the retreat, if you need to get in contact with your child for EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY, then you can contact me at my cell. The approved chaperones for this event are as follows:

- Kelvin Curtis, George Isaac, Junior Darosa, Ricky Camacho (and anyone else willing to serve)
- Clareanna Darosa, Rosie Camacho, Dhamarys Montoya (and anyone else willing to serve)
- Other young adult men and women pastors from other ministries with their leaders

Here is a summary of the retreat:

- **MARCH 30TH-April 1st, 2012**
- **We will be leaving Friday, the 30th at 6:15am SHARP from STN**
- **We will be returning Sunday, the 1st between the hours of 1pm to 3pm**
- **Non-refundable deposit of \$55 due by Sunday, February 5th, 2012**
 - **(Depending on funds raised will reflect final balance of \$100 or less)**
 - **Cost Covers: Room and Registration, Food, Traveling Expenses**
- *****FINAL FUNDS ARE DUE BY MARCH 28th, 2012—(remainder \$100 if not fundraised)*****

Once again, I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE that your teenager will be involved in some fundraisers to financially "lighten the load" for you as the parent. I look forward to having your teenager participate in this event and in his or her own personal spiritual development.

In Christ,

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