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Charge Conference Report—November 2008

Sunday School:

- Youth—JR & SR High classes continue to have good attendance. Margaret Jordan is leading our SR High class using a series for youth called “RINGS”. Nancy Davis and Frank Peterson continue teaching the JR High class using a series called “Claim the Life”.

Youth Ministry:

- The youth went to John’s Island, SC this summer for their mission trip. They worked with an organization called Rural Missions to help repair homes of Sea Island families. They also worked on a new construction home this year. The youth and adults shingled the roof, added front porch stairs, Tyvec, and much more to a house on stilts 30 feet in the air. It was a wonderful learning experience for the entire group.
- Our youth group continues to grow. We follow the schedule of 2 discussion nights, one service night, and one fun fellowship event each month as part of UMYF. We have an active youth council that meets to work on plans for the upcoming months. We had our first ever Youth Council/Youth Partner joint planning retreat to kick-off the school year. It was a great opportunity for adults and youth share ideas and plan the UMYF calendar together. We participated in a variety of activities this past year including: District Fall Fling, Resurrection, canned food scavenger hunt, ICHTHUS Christian Music Festival, Parent vs youth capture the flag, monthly volunteer night at Bread of Life, cooking meals for single moms, Confirmation trip to the Antiquities Center in Atlanta and to Lake Junaluska, and much more. We have a wonderful group of young people and great support from their parents. We are so excited to have an active group of youth partners that work with the youth every Sunday and help plan and execute youth events. Our YP team has grown this year to 8 volunteers.
- We continue to have a weekly small group just for 6th graders. The youth ride the bus to the church for a time of fun and fellowship as they journey towards Confirmation. In May of 2008 we had 9 students that were confirmed into the church.

College Ministry:

- We started off the year with a wonderful group of church members who volunteered their Saturday morning to help freshman student’s move-in at Brevard College. The We-Haul team provided a helping hand and a welcoming smile to new students.
- College students are invited to enjoy a free meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings. Thanks to many church members who recycle ink jet printer cartridges--the money from the recycling program helps subsidize the meal for college students.