12/23/2009

Dear Youth,

I thought this might get your attention. How many times have you received something from a church that has the word SEX in the letter? (Probably not many.) Many of you know a lot about sex, and some of you know very little. I think that one of the best places to learn about sex is at a church. That’s right, in a place where we talk about God, we are also going to talk about SEX. It may seem strange and it may seem embarrassing, but I hope you will join the other youth of town for the workshop, “Love, Sex and God.” No, this will not be your typical workshop with a lot of lectures. There are *a lot of activities, discussions, and honest questions and honest answers* ***And it is Just for you!!!***

The workshop will be held at our church on **Jan 16, 2010*.***Not only will you have an opportunity to hear others discuss their attitudes and views on dating, boys, girls, and SEX. Our leader will be the Rev. Mike Topham who has been there and done it himself. We will also have other leaders from our town and some “professionals” to answer your questions truthfully and honestly. No Beating around the bush, double talk, or implied metaphors and we are not telling you what to do or how you need to act.

Yeah I know that most of the youth who have attended a workshop like this, do not want to attend! However, when they finished, they all say things like, “It was a lot of fun,” “the activities were lots of fun,” “It was nice to have a chance to talk and learn about this stuff,” “I can’t believe how open the adults were.” The workshop has a lot of activities.” and I promise that you will not be bored and 100% of the youth who attended this workshop will say they are glad they attended. As a way to sweeten the pot a little, we have secured door prizes and gifts for some lucky winners attending the sessions including a new TV set.

If you attend, you will need to be at the church on Saturday, Jan 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will even feed you Pizza for lunch. Your parents may come with you, **but you will not be with them, this is for you not them!, It is designed for YOU!!!** If your parents do come we will not try to embarrass them to much.

This event is open to any youth in age 13 - 17 including all of your friends. Please return this registration form to the United Methodist church by Jan 11 if possible so we can get a count. Even if you are not planning on attending the workshop, please return the form and tell us why you won’t be here.

Sincerely, Rev Mike

Sex Love and God

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Registration for “Love, Sex and God Event”

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Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Yes I will attend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No I will not be able to attend Because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of adult who gives you permission to come: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this I give permission to the presenters of this seminar to be opening and truthful in discussing matters of sexual nature and matters of Birth Control and Abstinence with this youth. I fully understand that diagrams, picture, videos and movies of possible sexual nature may and will be presented along with some nudity and that my youth will be exposed to these in a mature and appropriate manner. I understand the purpose of this seminar is to explain facts of life to my youth and to educate them into making right choices in their lives.*

Our Schedule of Event

Des Arc First United Methodist Church Des Arc, Arkansas   
Saturday, January 16th, 2010

8:15 am First Session Sex and Sexuality

9:45 am Second Session Bible and Sex

11:00 am Third Session Feelings Decisions & Ethics

1:45 pm Fourth Session The Whole Picture Show

3:00 pm Fifth Session The STIs, STDs and Contraception

4:45 pm Questions and the Truth.

*Youth will be broken up into smaller groups during these studies we will try to use age, maturity, friends, and siblings and other factors as rational for filling the groups. Boyfriend/girlfriends and siblings will not be put into the same groups if at all possible. And Jr. High and Senior High will be separated if needed and possible.*

***We reserve the right to remove any youth or adult who is being disruptive to the order of the environment.***

* Help participants better understand their own sexuality.
* Open communication with parents, friends, spouse, etc.
* Gain knowledge about the human body and human sexuality.
* Understand what God has to say about human sexuality.
* Help participant with decision making and smart choices.
* To realize that human sexuality is a gift from God