

**Mountain Creek Youth
Parent Survey**

PARENT

This survey is designed to gather information on how I can most effectively accomplish God's will for this youth ministry. We all know (or should know) the spiritual well-being of young people starts and ends at home, so I look forward to using your input in my ministry in the church. The overall goal of this youth ministry is not to fit every youth's specific wants/needs, but to create a ministry that can spread the Good News of Christ to anyone and everyone that we can reach. Thank you for your time, prayer and insight.

This survey includes questions about your child/teenager. If you have more than one child in MCY, you may prefer to complete a separate survey for each. Your survey will not be seen by anyone outside the church staff at Mountain Creek church of Christ. If you would prefer that your survey not be seen by anyone other than the Youth Minister, please initial here: _____

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To create clear, open, effective lines of communication with parents and youth.

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

(specify cell/home/office) _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Youth Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade in '18-'19: _____

School: _____

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Please rank the following forms of communication in order of effectiveness for your family (1- best; 9- worst):

- Mailings
- Web site
- Facebook (MCY)
- Text message
- Weekly bulletin

- Monthly church newsletter
- E-mail
- Mass announcements
- Youth bulletin board

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To partner with parents and families in the spiritual growth and maturity of youth

Rank the TOP 5 areas below where MCY could specifically help you and your youth in their growth and maturity. (1 = most important/critical ... 5 = least important/critical)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accepting Jesus Christ as Savior (baptism) | <input type="checkbox"/> Breaking habits/addictions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to read/study the Bible | <input type="checkbox"/> Developing a closer relationship with Christ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making faith more of a priority | <input type="checkbox"/> Developing better family relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing their faith with their friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Making decisions about the future |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking responsibility for their Spiritual growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with an anti-God culture (music, movies and technology) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choosing better friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making wiser choices | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improving/Developing social skills | |

How satisfied are you with where your youth's relationship with God?

- Completely satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Completely unsatisfied

Which statement best describes your spiritual activities at home?

- We pray before meals
- We pray together and discuss the bible occasionally
- We feature Christ prominently in our decisions and everyday lives
- Our youth commonly see us praying, reading the Bible, and using a Spiritual perspective
- We save Jesus and the Bible for time at church
- We don't address it

How can we help you improve the quality of your family's spiritual life at home?

- Pray for your family
- Provide take-home materials over what we've covered at church, including scriptures and talking points
- Offer parent seminars on relevant topics such as dating, sexuality, technology, etc.
- Provide a parenting class on Sunday/Wednesday nights

Which statement best describes your influence in your youth's spiritual decisions, including decisions about church and youth involvement?

- We leave it completely up to them.
- We encourage and guide, but let them decide.
- We decide for them, and they are okay with that.
- We decided for them, and they are not okay with that.

What is your greatest concern related to your youth's spiritual life?

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To get each youth involved in a group where they meet regularly with other youth, led by adults, to experience Bible study, prayer, accountability and authenticity.

Rate the church schedule and calendar of events (including ALL that you are involved in)

- Too busy!
- About right
- Pick up the pace!

Rate the YOUTH schedule/events

- Too busy!
- About right
- Pick up the pace!

Rate the youth SUMMER schedule/events

- Too busy!
- About right
- Pick up the pace!

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To regularly create environments where youth are encouraged and equipped in their relationship with Christ.

Which statement(s) best characterize your youth? (If specifying more than one, 1 = best characterizes, 2 = next best ...)

- Youth events are top priority to them
- Participates whenever there is not another conflicting commitment
- Participates primarily because as a family we require it
- Participates only if there's nothing else to do
- Doesn't participate

What kind of activities would you like to see the youth participating in? (1- most important; 5- least important)

- Conference/youth rally
- Mission trip
- Day trips to local attractions
- Service within the church
- Service in the community

Do you have any suggestions for summer activities?

Would your youth benefit from/attend study hall sessions if made available on Wednesdays, after school and before worship assembly?

- Yes
- No

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To create environments where youth feel comfortable and empowered to invite their unchurched friends.

Families and youth connect with a church body most effectively when they are invited and encouraged by their friends and neighbors. Please list any families who have who have 7th-12th graders in the area who are not plugged into a church body, who would benefit from being involved at MCY, and who you could invite and encourage to participate in any of our ministries. List family names, name of youth and any contact info you have.

How can we assist you in getting these families connected?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray | <input type="checkbox"/> Call them to follow up on your invitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send an invitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan a special event (cookout, picnic, movie night, etc.) you could invited them to |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send a note to follow up on your invitation | |

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To solicit help from parents and families in the execution and logistics of the youth ministry.

Rank the TOP 3 to 5 ways that you would be willing to help with the overall success of the youth ministry (1 = most willing to help ... 5 = least willing to help)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead/facilitate a group | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate community service opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide transportation to and from events | <input type="checkbox"/> Open my home for group meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide food (snacks, help with fundraising meals, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist, encourage, support other parents of youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaperone events | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer wherever there is a need |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at outreach events | <input type="checkbox"/> Use my resources for youth activities (homes, land, boats, games, sporting equipment, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide assistance with praise and worship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology/sound/video | |

Would you be willing to make snacks for the HS or MS group on Sundays?

- Yes! The best way to open up a youth's ears is to keep their mouth busy with food!
- No way, Jose. Teenagers eat too much!

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL: To build a strong, trusting relationship between MCY parents/guardians and the youth minister.

What do you expect a youth minister's relationship with your youth to look like?

What do you expect a youth minister's relationship with you as a parent/guardian to look like?

Please rank the following in terms of the most comfortable way for you to get to know the youth minister better (1- most comfortable, 7- least comfortable). An (F) will follow any options that are one-on-one in nature, indicating that the youth minister will only meet with fathers/male guardians in this manner. The youth minister is not willing to meet with mothers/female guardians alone.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/Skype calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Office appointments in minister's office (F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch meetings (F) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational activities (F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-home visits | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit to minister's home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth's extracurricular activities | |

Do you have anything else you'd like to mention, suggest, or discuss? Please write it here, or if you feel more comfortable meeting one-on-one with me, please let me know. You can also e-mail additional information to kyleshrum66@gmail.com or call Kyle at 423.834.1301.