

## Blue Springs Baptist Church

March 30, 2008

Students & Parents,

Greetings in the name of the Lord! This letter is intended to update everyone on some upcoming FUNdraising ideas for our student ministry. When we think about raising money we need to think about having FUN. After all we do have FUN when we participate in activities and trips from the monies raised through our FUNdraising opportunities.

This year it is my goal as the Student Pastor to see that our student ministry grows to reach people for Jesus and to make an impact on the students we serve. To be honest, it takes a lot of money to have dynamic student ministry. We have several FUNdraising events planned to help us "reach people for Jesus".

As everyone is well aware we took a trip in December to Xtreme Winter Student Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and had a blast. The student ministry was unable to raise all of the funds for this trip and approximately \$800.00 was borrowed from the church treasurer. These funds must be paid back. We recently purchased a van to be used primarily for the student trips and to provide transportation to and from church on a weekly basis. Our goal is to raise \$2,500 for the van and we have only raised \$900 to date. To reach our goal, we need to raise an additional \$1,600 for the van ministry. We are researching the possibility of taking another student conference trip this summer and a Dolly Wood trip in September. All of these activities will require each of us to raise money.

We have developed a new plan and strategy for FUNdraising. An account will be created for each person who participates in our Student FUNdraising program. Each person will be given an opportunity to participate in various FUNdraising activities throughout the year. Proceeds earned by each activity will go into that particular persons account. During group FUNdraising projects each person who participates will earn a portion of the proceeds to go into their account. On group FUNdraising projects earnings will be based on each individual person's participation in an event.

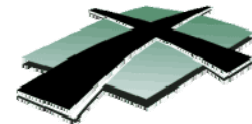
Prior to collecting money for each account we need to remove the current debt that is owed for the Xtreme trip from December. Anyone who attended the Xtreme conference needs earn \$50 per person to cover their expenses. All profit earned over this amount will go in each person's individual account. Anyone who opts out of these fundraising activities and attended the Xtreme Conference will need to refund the church \$50 per person for monies borrowed.

I have attached a sheet for our upcoming Home Interior candle fundraising event. If you have any questions related to our new FUNdraising campaign, please feel free to contact me at (423) 479-2474 or (423) 618-2693.

Blessings,

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## 2008 Student Ministry FUNdraising Campaign

Question: "Should a church participate in fundraising?"

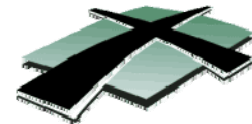
Answer: First, we must define what we mean by "fundraising." The Bible is clear that the giving of "offerings" is commanded and blessed by God. God loves a "cheerful giver"—one who gives abundantly out of a heart of love for God (2 Corinthians 2:8-9). Paul provides instruction and a great deal of discussion about giving in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9. He also shows great appreciation to those who gave to him at various times to enable him to continue his ministry (Philippians 4:14-20). You also find records of generous giving in the early church (Acts 4:32-37). Fund-raising, then, is something other than the normal giving of a congregation toward the work of the Lord.

FUNdraising Project: Home Interior Candles  
FUNdraiser Begins: Sunday, March 30, 2008  
FUNdraiser Ends: Sunday, April 13, 2008  
Purpose of FUNdraiser: Student Ministry

FUNdraising Information: The purpose of this FUNdraiser is to raise monies for our student ministries. Currently the student ministry owes the church approximately \$800 for a trip taken back in December to Xtreme Winter Conferences. Each individual who attended the trip owes \$50 each. If you attended Xtreme the first \$50 of profit earned per person will go to pay off debt owed. If you do not owe monies to the church your profit earned will go into your account for the next upcoming student trip. Please note that monies earned can be spent toward any student sponsored trip including bowling, concerts, etc. [Please note that no CASH will be given to anyone who participates in a FUNdraiser events. However, if extra money is earned it may be used toward the purchases of meals for a particular trip.]

Special Instructions: Each person who plans to participate in the Home Interior Candle sales will need to take a candle price form. This form contains all of the prices for the candles. 50% of the price for each candle sold will go in your student account. Please collect money from each individual who purchases a candle during the sale. All monies and candle orders must be turned in no later than Sunday, April 13, 2008. Candle deliveries will take approximately 2 weeks after the end of the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Lawson at (423) 479-2474 or via email at: [kellymlawson@hotmail.com](mailto:kellymlawson@hotmail.com).



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### Upcoming Student FUNdraising Opportunities – Spring/Summer 2008

- Home Interiors Candle Sale – March 30, 2008 – April 16, 2008
- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – May – TBA
- Cake Auction – June – TBA
- Car Wash – July - TBA
- Golf Tournament – TBA (The proceeds for the event will go toward the VAN ministry. All additional proceeds will go toward individual accounts).

### Other Possible FUNdraiser Opportunities

- Auction - TBA
- Bar-B-Q Sale – TBA
- Tupperware Sale – TBA
- Cookie Dough Sale - TBA

### Purposes for FUNdraising:

- Pay off debt owed for Xtreme Conference (\$50 per person).
- To reimburse church for recent VAN purchase (Golf tournament and donations).
- Possible Summer Conference Trip
- Student Lock-in (Summer)
- Dollywood Trip – Fall
- Strength to Stand student trip – January 2009