

The Youth Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina presents:
The Middle School Youth Retreat

"DON'T RATION COMPASSION"

**November 21-23, 2008
Camp Grier, Old Fort, NC**

With Keynote speaker and leader Robert Alexander

Robert Alexander is currently the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Union, SC. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Columbia Theological Seminary. Robert loves playing with his three daughters, taking walks with his wife, Ginny, and playing his guitar. He is passionate about sharing the good news of God's love and wants all to enjoy the abundant life that we have been given in Jesus Christ! We welcome Robert and his youth leadership team to this years WNC Middle School Youth Retreat!

What is a Presbytery Youth Retreat?

A time for middle school youth (grades 6-8) from across our Presbytery to gather for the experience of Christian fellowship.

An opportunity to play, study, worship, sing and serve in a beautiful setting with their peers.

An opportunity for youth to see the Church of Jesus Christ beyond the local congregation and take that experience home.

A chance for your youth group to grow closer through a shared experience

Please copy the following and have each youth and adult read and sign your groups' copy of the covenant.

Expectations for Participants: With Gods' help I covenant...

- To fully participate in the programs of the retreat
- Not to bring with me any of the following items:
 - Ipods, CD players, PSP, cell phones,
 - Weapons of any kind
 - Illegal substances: tobacco, drugs, alcohol
- To treat others and their property with respect and love.
- To stay on camp property during the retreat unless previously arranged.

Registration Form:

Cost \$65 per youth or adult

Name of Group Contact: _____

Church: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Total # Participants: _____

Female Adults: _____

Female Youth: _____

Male Adults: _____

Male Youth: _____

*Please attach a separate piece of paper listing ALL participants and leaders names with your registration form and check.

Any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or medical conditions for participants in your group? (Please list)

*Adults: One adult per 6 youth must be registered, attend, and participate in the entire retreat. If both male and female youth from your church are attending, you must have both male and female advisors registered and present.

Please remit full registration fee (\$65/person*) for your group along with the list of participants and a copy of this form. Make check payable to: Presbytery of WNC with note of Middle School Retreat. Mail with payment by November 14th , 2008 to:

Presbytery of WNC

Attn: Lisa Pressley

114 Silver Creek Road

Morganton, NC 28655

Fax (828) 437-8655

email: lpresley@presbyterywnc.org

*A late fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged for each registration and/or payment received after Nov. 14th. Groups not registering prior to the retreat cannot be guaranteed spaces.

What to Bring: sleeping bag or bed linens and pillow, towel and toiletries, comfortable clothes and shoes, Bible, rain gear and flashlight, and offering for Sunday worship to support our new Young Adult Volunteer, Rachel Brown, in Kenya Africa

General Information: Registration begins at 6 pm on Friday in the dining hall. Dinner is at 6:30 pm. The retreat concludes following worship on Sunday (no lunch on Sunday).

Directions to Camp Grier: From I-40 take Old Fort #73. Go North and then turn left onto Main Street. From there follow the signs to Camp Grier. A map can be found at www.campgrier.org