

SURVEY RESULTS

1. Did you belong to a Youth Group?

YES= 45

NO= 24

2. On a scale of 1-5 rate the value of these experiences in your faith life today.

NO IMPACT= 3

LOW IMPACT= 6

MODERATE IMPACT= 20

HIGH IMPACT= 23

VERY HIGH=16

3. Do you have children under the age of 18?

YES= 17

NO= 52

4. Do your children attend Christian Education events at Grace?

YES=31

NO=6

5. Do your children attend Youth Ministry events at Grace?

YES=13

NO= 15

N/A= 5

6. What issues compete for your attention on Sunday morning?

Catch up on sleep, social events, work, travel, camping with scouts, vacations, grandchildren, sports, family time, catch up on work, time and logistics, takes up half of our 2 days off work,

7. How important would you rate Christian Education to you and your family?

NOT IMPORTANT= 0

SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT= 8

VERY IMPORTANT= 58

8. What do your children like about the current Christian Education program?

Friends, having fun, teachers that accepted them, Christmas pageant, VBS, energetic instructors who engage the children, holiday receptions and parties, Little Angels

9. What do your children dislike?

Lectures, homework, not many kids in their classes, overly structured, pageants, current curriculum for confirmation needs to be more interactive, too much like school

10. What suggestions do you have to improve and/or change in the Christian Education program?

Sunday school for young adults, interactive classes, teach through doing, apply stories to everyday life, get parents involved, lessons not age appropriate, less structure, pastors should be more involved in teaching confirmation classes, more involvement from new voices within the church, get suggestions from older children, confirmation classes during the evening, not with Sunday school, shorten confirmation program, develop a weekly or Sunday night program like VBS for all ages, having 1st holy communion in 2nd grade is too soon, classes 45 minutes

11. Would you support an alternative delivery format of Sunday School?

YES= 28

NO=37

12. Do you attend Adult Christian Education events?

YES= 28

NO=37

13. What do you like about the Adult Education?

Friendship and doing things for others, very interactive, lectures, Bible study,, social events, learning about the Bible and how we can apply these lessons to life today, small group interaction, Mainstreet Connections, Soul Café, Sharing,

discussions and helping each other grow in faith, several choices of classes, see the Bible through the eyes of others, we can express ourselves, ask questions, learn new perspectives, enjoy the opportunity to learn from a Pastor taught class, fellowship

14. What do you dislike?

15. What would inspire you to join an Adult Christian Education class or group?

CURRENT TOPICS= 21

DELIVERY FORMAT:WEEKDAYS, SUNDAYS, EVENINGS, RETREATS=13

BIBLICAL BASIS:TRADITIONAL STUDY=12

FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSFACTOR= 25

SKIPPED QUESTION=29

16. Would you be willing to begin or increase your level of volunteering for CE activities in the coming year?

YES= 23

NO=33

17. How important would you rate Youth Ministry?

NOT IMPORTANT= 0

MODERATELY IMPORTANT= 9

VERY IMPORTANT= 52

18. What do your youth like about the current Youth Ministry program?

Harvey Cedars, mission trips, monthly events, fellowship, liked KidConnect, big events with service, caring at Christmas, supper club

19. What do your youth dislike?

No homework or projects, no friends attend, time commitments, lectures, too few people involved

20. What suggestions do you have to improve and/or change the Youth Program?

Put youth in charge, rotate events, more volunteers, improve our facility to make it feel and/or look more inviting, comfy furniture and fun accents, more interaction with community,, helping others, get a youth pastor, blend 6-12 grade youth groups together, have live music and presentations followed by small group discussions, combine activities with area churches,

21. Would you be willing to begin or increase your level of volunteering for YM?

YES=11

NO=35

NO ANSWER= 6

22. Would you personally support a decision to hire paid staff to support both Christian Education and Youth Ministry?

YES=39

NO=9

UNSURE=2

NO ANSWER=19

Do not support unless no parents agree to do it, have a professional guide the volunteers and educate them, our congregation would be best served by someone who would consistently implement responsibilities, concerned about the expense. Need to do research to see if its needed or how effective it will be, can it be supported financially, does it mean the pastors will not be instructing class at all, someone with the knowledge and experience as well as time to motivate the parents and youth, whatever is needed-our youth are our future, too much to ask on volunteer to do all of the work of the Christian Ed supervisor, it is a very big job for one person volunteering their time, a paid staff member would be the head of the department, the person needs to be trained in the field, competent, and qualified.