



August 18, 2009

Dear Preteen Parents,

Welcome to the Kidfirst Preteen Ministry! This is a great year for preteens at First Baptist. We are beginning a new Sunday School year with a new preteen curriculum, *Grapple*. *Grapple* is designed to capture the interest of sixth graders by targeting the spiritual and relational issues they grapple with daily. Each lesson provides time for social interaction, games and Bible study. *Grapple* also has a computer component which carries the Sunday lessons into your home each week. This component really sets *Grapple* apart from other preteen Bible Study programs.

With your signed permission, your preteen will be given a personal password allowing them access to *Grapple* through our church's web site. The *Grapple* site allows preteens to communicate with one another, share prayer concerns, play Bible games and vote for the games they will play the next Sunday morning. Teachers will post information about upcoming preteen activities and prayer concerns. Preteens can post questions or concerns to Sunday School teachers on the Grapple site, however the teachers will not be able to reply to them through the site.

Please read the enclosed information to learn more about *Grapple* and sign the parent consent form. This must be signed and returned to your preteen's Sunday School leader before your preteen will be given her/his password. Grapple will be available on the FBCJ website in September. Through the remainder of August we will continue our focus on LOVE.

Parents and preteens reserve Sunday, September 13 just after 10:30 worship to join us for our preteen and parent luncheon. We are so excited to offer the opportunities for you to meet all preteen leaders, learn more about the Grapple curriculum, hear about plans for retreats and fellowships just for preteens, leadership opportunities for preteens, and hear our hearts for this wonderful group of kids. It's a crucial year to encourage and support your kids to plunge into activities and fellowships that will transition them as a strong group of believers and friends into the student ministry. **Lunch will be provided for your preteen. Additional family members will be \$5 a plate.** Siblings are welcome also! Please respond by email or phone as soon as possible as we want to receive an accurate lunch count.

It's a joy to have you and your family as part of the FBCJ family. Again, we look forward to a wonderful year.

In His service,

Kim Parrish
Minister to Children

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