

To all parents of those suffering from “Senioritis”,

I imagine that about now you are seeing the full blown manifestation of the “disease” that has attacked most of us at some point in our lives. We have over 50 teens in our group who have been exposed to senioritis - the urge to leave home, but mostly HIGH SCHOOL!!!!

We have been so blessed to have this wonderful class of Seniors. We consider ourselves fortunate to have been a part of their growth, and we will no doubt share in the struggles you have in letting them go.

As we do each year, we want to honor these teens during an evening service in addition to celebrating their time in the youth group with a reception following. **The date for this year’s celebration will be SUNDAY, MAY 3rd.** Following our evening assembly (which will be centered around our Seniors), we will join in THE FILLING STATION for a time to say thank you for all they have meant to our group and His Kingdom. **You will receive details about this event in the future, but please mark your calendars so that you and your family can attend.** There will be no charge for our seniors and FIVE guests, although (due to costs) other guests MAY have to purchase a ticket depending on the decision of the organizing committee. **Due to a large class, each Senior table will hold 8 people, so each Senior is encouraged to limit your table to EIGHT total people. This includes the Senior.** Any number over eight will need to be approved and coordinated through the committee planning the event.

There are some things you need to be aware of:

1. We will need a SCANNED (HIGH QUALITY) Senior picture of your teen **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 25th!!!** (This gives you nearly a month to get one to us.) We need these **ASAP** to insure that they get published in our program that lists all Seniors. (You CAN SCAN one and e-mail to me at: jdkidmore@aol.com)

Please read the following item VERY carefully.

2. We will **also** need pictures of your teen from many of the years of their life as they have grown up. These DO NOT have to be school pictures. The small wallet size pictures are often too small to scan clearly, so try to include some larger (4x6, 5X7) ones. In other words, you may include some larger school photos if you have easy access to them, but please try to include more than enough great shots of them growing up. **We need you to SCAN THESE and put these pics on a jump drive unless they are already digital pics in which case we also need them on a thumb drive, or emailed to us.** We will be putting together a video to show during the evening service, and we will need several photos of each student. Embarrassing/funny shots are welcome, and ***if you have some photos of your Senior with others from the Senior class, those are welcome also as we often use these at the end of the video.*** **Please give us SEVERAL to choose from.** Only a limited amount will be included in the video, **but we need several to select from (from a variety of ages).** We will likely try to use about 8-10 photos per teen, so give us plenty to choose from. Unfortunately we are unable to take loose pictures. All pics must be scanned and given to us on a thumb drive.

NOTE: If you have a picture(s) that you REALLY want included in the 8-10 that are chosen, PLEASE include that in a note to us. We will be choosing the pictures and if there are some you want to make sure are included, you need to let us know!

THESE PICTURES MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 25th AS WELL OR THEY MAY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE VIDEO THAT WILL BE SHOWN TO THE CONGREGATION! THIS GIVES YOU SEVERAL WEEKS TO GATHER THESE PICTURES.

We do not want ANYONE left out of the video, so please get these in as soon as possible. DO NOT SHOW YOUR TEEN THE PICTURES YOU PICK! We would like them to be surprised. 😊 If you have any questions about the pictures, please see SKID.

- 3. We have also included a very important information sheet in this envelope for your Senior to fill out that will be used in our printed memory book. Please make sure that they fill this information out and **return it by the March 25th deadline.** We don't want anyone left out of the fun. Any pictures or forms turned in AFTER this date may not be included in the program or video. Thanks for your cooperation!*

AGAIN, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ALL THIS INFORMATION IN BY THE DEADLINE! OUR BOOKLETS WILL BE GOING TO PRINT SOON AFTER THE DEADLINE!

IF WE DO NOT HEAR BACK FROM YOU, THEN WE WILL ASSUME THAT YOU ARE ELECTING NOT TO PARTICIPATE. We just want to make sure that no one is left out who desires to be a part!

Thanks for your timely cooperation.

NOTE: There are FIFTY nbyg bucks waiting for the FIRST PERSON who GETS EVERYTHING TURNED IN FIRST... including all items requested from parents AND Seniors.

This will surely be a time for us all to remember. Thank you for your support of this ministry and allowing us the privilege of partnership in encouraging your child to the glory of God. We will be in touch with more details in the future. **Make plans now, and make sure that your teen asks off from work if necessary so that everyone can attend. (. . . and get us that SCANNED Senior picture as soon as you can! They can choose whichever Senior Picture they prefer. Most use the one in the formal attire, but they are welcome to use any of their appropriate Senior photos if they have them.)** We look forward to honoring your Senior!

In the shadow of the cross,