**Youth Valentine Steak and Chicken Dinner**

Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

**Friday, February 13th**

$20.00 per person

3 Seatings - 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm & 8:00 pm
Take Out Times - 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Come and support our Youth and their Summer Mission Trip 2015
And enjoy a great Steak or Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets are on sale on Sundays in the Welcome Center
or during the week in the Church Office

A nursery will be available (free hotdogs for them)
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the New Year! I want to thank everyone for the many ways you are part of and support the ministry of Couts. We strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world with everything we do.

This past Tuesday CCA had its open house so the children could show their parents what they are learning in school. Several prospective students and their parents visited as well. Also, our Tweens began meeting on Wednesdays and our confirmation class continues to meet during Sunday School. These ministries exist in addition to our adult Wednesday night Bible studies, our youth group, and our other activities. Keep tabs on our website and in our church bulletin for opportunities to grow in Christ and to grow closer to one another.

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Grace and Peace,
Pastor Matt

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### Financial Update

Income and Expense Summary for 2014

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Jr. League games
February 2015  Alison Zollinger, Associate Pastor of Children’s Minis-

**Dates to Know:**

Every Sunday:
- Worship at 8:30 and 11:00
- Children’s Sermon at both services.
- Children’s church available at 11am service.
- Sunday School (all ages) 9:45-10:45

Every Wednesday:
- KidZone (K-6th) 3:30-5pm
- Tweens Study (5th-6th grade) 6-7:30pm
- Nursery & Elementary Hang-out 6-7:30

Sun. Feb 1—Tweens’ SuperBowl Party
Wed Feb 18—Ash Wednesday Service (No Tweens)
Thurs Feb 19—VBS showcase

We are meeting every Wednesday night 6-7:30. Come hang out with us as we learn about our faith in fun and formative ways! Also, join us Sunday, Feb 1 for the Super Bowl at the Stokes house!

Couts UMC has the opportunity to host a VBS Showcase with Cokesbury again this year! It is Thursday, February 19th from 6-8pm. I would love for some of our smiling faces to be here to greet, as well as having a few people to help with refreshments, set up, and clean up. Please let me know if you are available! Plus, you will get a sneak peak at all the fun VBS options this year! Thank you!

Please be watching for information on how to renew your “Safe Sanctuaries” training through our new “Ministry Safe!” There is now online training and it is all much more stream-lined. As always, please remember you must keep up-to-date on this to work with our children AND youth! We love our children and youth, and as a church we are committed to keeping them safe. Thanks for helping us with this! A link will be added to the website and to the CoutsKidz and youth facebook pages soon!

Follow us
CoutsKidz

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Couts UMC Youth
Loving God. Loving Neighbor.

Newsletter
February 2015

Sunday Night Youth Ministry
Sun, Feb 1: Youth Super Bowl Party, 5p @Greene Residence
Sun, Feb 8: No Youth due to Mid-Winter Retreat
Sun, Feb 15: Youth @Couts, 5p-7p (dinner provided)
Sun, Feb 22: Youth Outing, 4:30p

Wednesday Nights in February
Wed, Feb 4: Youth Worship, 6:30p-8p
Wed, Feb 11: Youth Worship, 6:30p-8p
Wed, Feb 18: Ash Wednesday in Sanctuary, 6:30p
Wed, Feb 25: Youth Worship, 6:30p-8p

CTCYM Summer Mission Trip, June 14-20, Louisiana
Wanna go share the love of Christ by helping others who can't help themselves AND have an awesome time and make new friends while you're at it? Then go with us on mission trip! For info, talk to Jon Reeves. Or, if you're reading the online version of this, click HERE and let a rush of electrons

Questions? Comments? Let me know!

Jon Reeves, Director of Youth Ministry
jon@coutsumc.org
817.599.8601

Other Helpful Bits of Info:
- MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS: If you have not turned in a Medical Release Form, please do so. Jon can email you a PDF, or you can pick up a hard copy in the office.

Confirmation2015. Our 2015 Confirmation Class is off to a wonderful start! We began meeting January 18th, and we will continue to meet during Sunday School in the Sr High/Apostle's House Room through Confirmation Sunday, April 12.

If you want to receive Couts UMC Youth news, subscribe to our email updates by visiting our Facebook page and clicking on the “Email Signup” button. You can also CTRL + Click on this pic, or use the QR code:

Check us out at CoutsYouth on the Facebook, the Twitter, and the Instagram.

To receive mobile updates by text message, text keyword coutsyouth to 77948.

Mid-Winter. Feb 6-8, 2015.
7p Friday to 11a Sunday @Glenlake

Who Is Jesus? 2015 Annual Mid-Winter Retreat
Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission

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The Couts Primetimers will take a trip to the Christian Art Museum on Wednesday, February 11th. The cost is free. The Christian Arts Museum showcases and displays an appreciation of "Inspirational Art". From sculpture to canvas, the Christian Arts Commission brings a collection of work to the public that will help build spiritual harmony and goodwill for all that come to view it.

Following the visit to the Christian Art Museum, the Primetimers will stop for lunch at Lucile’s in Fort Worth - 4700 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth. The menu is $8.00 and up.

On Wednesday, February 25th, Primetimers will meet at the home of Merilyn Vantine from 10-Noon to work on some Harvest Festival projects.

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 18th
6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent. It occurs 46 days (40 weekdays plus 6 Sundays) before Easter. According to the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus Christ spent 40 days fasting in the desert, where he endured temptation by Satan. Lent originated as a mirroring of this, fasting 40 days as preparation for Easter.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship service. This will be the only event of the evening. All other bible studies, youth, tweens, basketball and etc. are encouraged to attend the service. There will be a time of singing, self-examination, prayer, scripture, communion and the imposition of ashes.

Chicks in Action
February Meeting
Tuesday, February 24th
7:00 p.m.
at
Antonio’s Restaurant

In the Spring during college finals time, the CIA group will be making goody boxes for our college kids. If you would like for your child or grandchild to be included on that list, please send your information to Carrie Worsham or the Church Office.
The church office and Couts Christian Academy will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of President’s Day.

**Special Women’s Fellowship Event**  
**Friday, February 27th**  
6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

A great night of Worship and fellowship for ladies of all ages is being planned for Friday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for the night is ‘Reflection’. Coffee, tea, and desserts will be served. A nursery will be provided.

**Wedding Shower**  
**For**  
**Kim Safford**

**Sun., Feb. 8th**  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Kim Safford, daughter of Rich and Chris Safford on Sunday, February 8th from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kim will be getting married in April.

**Baby Shower for Mylissa Capp**

**Saturday, February 7th**  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Selections at Target and Amazon

You are invited to a baby shower for Mylissa Capp on Saturday, February 7th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mylissa, Kyle and Brayten attend the 11:00 service and Mylissa works in our nursery. She just graduated from Tarleton and has been a pre-school teacher at CCA

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Grace House**

We are excited to be a part of the second Grace House Ministries Baby Bottle Fund Raiser. Grace House Ministries is a faith based 501c3 non-profit located in Weatherford. Founded in 1993, Grace House Ministries strives to promote hope, life, and knowledge in the community. The organization is fully funded by the generosity of community members which allows us to offer our services free of charge. We do not accept any govt. funding and Grace House Ministries is committed to financial prudence, integrity, and accountability. Couts currently has 18 bottles yet to be claimed. You may pick one up in the Welcome Center.
Healthy Church Initiative
Reading List

Session 2
ReCreating the Church
by Richard Hamm

Session 3
Renovate or Die
by Bob Farr & Kay Kotan

Session 4
Shaped by God’s Heart
by Milfred Minatrea

Session 5
Simple Church
by Thom Rainer & Eric Geiger

Session 6
The Externally Focused Church
by Rick Rusaw & Eric Swanson

Session 7
Beyond the First Visit
by Gary McIntosh

Session 8
Unbinding the Gospel

Our Military

February 1
Rich Safford

February 4
Janice Rice
   David Coleman

February 5
Waymond Torbett

February 6
Clenton Collier

February 9
Talon Slough
   Verna Polvado

February 10
Crystal Samson

February 13
Jean Grant

February 14
Amy Roberts

February 15
Kate Jenkins

February 16
Roland Real
   Ryder Jarrell

February 17
Ian Bazzell
   Kayliegh Bazzell

February 19
Weston Jester

February 21
Cameron Streck

February 22
Jackie Newman

February 23
Carol Real

February 25
Sherry Watters

February 27
Kristi Roberts

February 28
Allene Bielss

February 29
Becky Morgan
   Ashley Arthurs

February Birthdays

Our Military