

Youth Choir!

Dear Youth Choir Members and Parents,

January 23, 2023

This information is for all youth:

Our Youth Choir sounds awesome! It is open to ALL youth, even those not going on tour. If you would like to join us, we rehearse on most Sundays from 4:30—5:30PM in the Ike Terry Rehearsal Hall (choir room). Use this code to enter the far right Front Office door: TOUR# (8687#). We are rehearsing our three Easter anthems (the Youth Choir sings at the 8:30 service that day, accompanied by the Perdido Brass) plus a few other anthems to sing before and after Easter. We would LOVE to have you join us.

Harry Potter Themed Tour Information:

Our choir tour this summer is from Friday, June 16, through Saturday, June 24, with our Home Concert at the 8:30 and 11AM services on Sunday, June 25. This year's tour will be to Central Florida, including Tallahassee, Orlando, Cocoa Beach, the original Ron Jon's Surf Shop, 2 days at Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios (including, of course, Harry Potter World). Everyone will be sorted into the Hogwarts Houses and the houses will compete during the week for House Points. The winning House will be the guests of honor at our End of Tour Hogwarts Banquet.

The price for a youth to go on tour has been same since 2011, but expenses have increased substantially! During most of these past 13 years, we had access to a well-stocked tour fundraising account, which has meant our fund raising efforts in the past have only needed to be modest. That fund is within two years of being used up, which means we have to step up our fundraising game, and we have to increase the cost for tour. The price for the tour itself is going up \$50 to \$450 and the food price is going up \$50 to \$200. (All expenses for tour are covered, except for whatever they bring for shopping and other optional extras.) Actual cost per youth to go on tour is about \$1000. We will have to make up the difference by fundraising.

Schedule for tour payments: Feb. 19: \$200; March 19: \$150; May 1: \$150; June 1: \$150.

Scholarships are available.

More information about tour will be shared with those who sign up. (Attendance requirements, fundraising opportunities, etc.) You can register for tour on our church's website. Also, an email will go out in the next couple of days with the registration link in it.

Rick Branch