

Youth Retreat

March 29-30, 2019

Camp Chippewa

“Culture of Call” Grant from 2018

Santa Fe Parish-the United Methodist churches of Alta Vista, Dwight, Council Grove Dunlap, White City and Wilsey, Kansas in the Flint Hills District of the Great Plains Conference

Leaders: Rev. Brenda Davids and Sheryl Crooks

5:00 p.m.

3/29/19 Leave Council Grove Dunlap United Methodist Church

6:00 p.m. Stop at Buzzards in Osage City and eat supper

7:30 p.m. Arrive at Camp Chippewa, South Cabin, set up beds

8:00 p.m. Go to WalMart in Ottawa, KS to purchase supplies to make health kits (1 of each for each participant). Buy groceries needed for meals on Saturday. We could do cleaning buckets also if we think we have room to bring them back with us.

9:30 p.m. Evening Worship at the cabin (*use white board in cabin as needed*)

- **Song** “Lord, Be Glorified” The Faith We Sing #2150
  1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified
  2. In this place<sup>1</sup>,
- **Scripture** John 15:11-12
- **Prayer** **O God, give us today the grace of friendliness, so that we may gladly share the troubles and the joys of those who are in this place with us. Give us the grace to speak the right words when we speak, and to be silent when that is needed, and to listen when someone needs to unburden themselves. Help us all—here in this place and in our homes—to know each other better and find strength in these new friendships. May our friendship with You grow in and through all these relationships. We pray in your name. Amen.**
- Getting to know each other<sup>2</sup>--group off in pairs and interview each other. Participants will introduce the person they interviewed by telling the group their name and the answers to these questions.  
(*Write on white board in cabin*)

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<sup>1</sup> Words modified by Rev. Brenda Davids to fit the setting

<sup>2</sup> Credo TalkPoints for Mentors and Youth by Rev. Dr. Frank Nelson,  
[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)

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1. My favorite ice cream flavor is:
2. My favorite song or music artist is:
3. One thing I like about being the age I am is:

- Closing – teach participants “John Wesley’s Rule”

**Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.**

10:00 p.m.

11:30 p.m. Lights out

7:30 a.m.

3/30/19

Wake up, get ready for the day

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, bananas, clementines, milk, Rice Krispies,  
string cheese

8:30 a.m. Mission projects—assemble health kits (and cleaning buckets if we  
decide to do them – space to bring back with us is the issue)

9:00 a.m. God<sup>3</sup>

- Hand out sheets of typing paper to each participant.
- Ask participants to divide the paper into two columns.
- Ask them to think about who they love most in the world (someone who is alive) and write that person’s name at the top of the left column.
- Participants answer these questions and write them under the person’s name in the left column of their paper.
  1. How often do you talk to that person?
  2. How much time to you spend together?

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<sup>3</sup> Claim the Name Retreats for Continuing the Journey, page 106

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3. How much do you know about that person? Is it more or less than most people know about him or her?
  4. How much does this person know about you? Is it more or less than others know about you?
  5. Do you regard this person as a close friend? Why or why not?
- Have participants write the word God at the top of the right column and answer these questions in the right column.
    1. How often do you talk to God?
    2. How much time do you spend with God?
    3. How much do you know about God? more or less than most people?
    4. How much does God know about you? More or less than others?
    5. Do you regard God as a close friend? Why or why not?

10:00 a.m. Break time, outside time with Gaga ball pit if weather is agreeable

10:45 a.m. Initiation

Read in Anne of Green Gables pages 7-10 then start video clip

<https://youtu.be/oSQfFUPCvLg> (5 minutes)

Debrief questions:

1. Anne Shirley’s life is completely changed by leaving the orphanage and going to live with the Cutburt’s. How is this like the “new life” Christ asks us to?
2. Read Ephesians 1:4; 1:7; 1:11; 2:8-10. What do you think these promises in the Book of Ephesians mean?

Prayer for all believers: Read Ephesians 3:14-21 silently and then aloud together.

11:30 a.m. Lunch

Prepare fire outside (or in fireplace in cabin if weather is inclement) for hot dog roasting and smores.

1:00 p.m. Crafts with Sheryl

2:00 p.m. Feet up off the floor time—everyone take 45 minutes to rest in their bunks.

3:00 p.m. Snacks – granola bars, leftover fruit, bottled water, string cheese

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3:15 p.m. Living a Christian Life<sup>4</sup>

Cut a Cross—outside on picnic tables

- Divide group into 3 groups. Have the groups spread out on picnic tables or back deck. Give each group a few pieces of typing paper and scissors.
- Appoint one person in each group as the leader and give them the sealed envelope with the instructions (*photocopy page 47 in Claim the Name Retreats for Continuing the Journey-cut apart and put in sealed envelopes.*)
- Instruct the groups to open the envelope and follow the directions.

Debrief questions:

1. What happened?
2. Was it easy or difficult to follow the instructions given? Why?
3. What is the advantage of having clear directions?
4. When do you need directions for living a Christian life? Where do you go to find these directions?

4:00 p.m. Walk with Faith<sup>5</sup>

Trust Fall—back deck of the cabin

Ask a volunteer to stand on the bench facing away from the rest of the group with his or her hands crossed in the front, legs straight, and eyes closed. The rest of the group forms two lines closely facing each other, arms outstretched and alternating (but not linking). The volunteer falls backward and is caught in the group’s arms. As the volunteer falls, the whole group will experience what it means to trust others and to act on such trust. Repeat with as many who wish to volunteer.

Debrief questions:

1. How did it feel to let go and fall backward?
2. How much did you trust the group to catch you?
3. How does this compare with trust in God?

Read James 2:17

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<sup>4</sup> Cut a Cross exercise and instructions-Claim the Name Retreats for Continuing the Journey pages 46-47

<sup>5</sup> Claim the Name Retreats for Continuing the Journey, page 107-108

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Say and write on white board: Faith = Trust + Action

Video Lesson (*in cabin to have internet*)

Indiana Jones has to take a leap of faith to heal his father’s wound.

<https://youtu.be/MxPdqbMYi8U> (5 minute clip)

1. What would have prevented Indiana from healing his father?
2. Many obstacles were in Indiana’s way and could have prevented him from trusting, yet he stepped out in faith over the abyss, not trusting his eyes. What did he trust?
3. What allowed him to take action?
4. What was the result of his faith in action?
5. How does this connect with your own faith life?

Read Matthew 14:22-33

Debrief questions

1. What would have prevented Peter from taking the first step?
2. Many obstacles were in Peter’s way and could have prevented him from trusting, yet he stepped out in faith over the side of the boat, not trusting his eyes. What did he trust?
3. What allowed him to take action?
4. What was the result of his faith in action?
5. What happened when he stopped trusting Jesus?
6. How does this connect with your own faith life?

Writing your own faith statement—give the participants a sheet of typing paper and ask them to write down what faith means to them.

Ask them to pray silently about what they have written down.

Prayer: God, you have asked us to consider that trust plus action equals faith. God, I think that I can trust and I think that you have asked me to do action and that you do action in my life. Help me to understand what faith means to me and how I can be in relationship with you.

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Our relationship with you is the best friendship that we could ever have, and it is forever. We would not ignore our best friends; we find ways to spend time together and to talk with one another. Help me to do that with you too. Amen.

5:15 p.m. Free time to explore the camp, play board games.  
Do a hike to Briscoe Lake  
Put the lasagnas in the oven at the cabin.

6:15 p.m. Supper—lasagna and garlic bread and any leftovers

7:00 p.m. Clean up cabin and pack up our stuff

7:30 p.m. Closing worship with communion  
A Service of Word and Table I<sup>6</sup>

8:00 p.m. Depart Camp Chippewa

9:15-9:30 p.m. Arrive Council Grove Dunlap United Methodist Church

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<sup>6</sup> The United Methodist Hymnal page 6-11