Dear Parents,

As you may or may not know, our **D-Now** Weekend is just around the corner – **March 23-25**. I wanted to take a moment and fill you in on details about the weekend, and to also ask you to begin to pray for us as we head into this meaningful time in the life of our student ministry.

D-Now is a local weekend retreat here in Kings Mountain that emphasizes discipleship. There are Large Group sessions where a speaker and worship band can move the weekend's theme along from a big-picture perspective. And there are super-intentional Small Group times where students go deeper with their individual small group leaders. Youth are placed in small groups (similar age & same-sex) that stay in "Host-Homes" of FBCKM church families. Each group is led by a small group leader from our church with weekend events and activities taking place both in the homes, at church, and the KM community. **This is one of the best weekends of the year for our youth group – youth are definitely encouraged to invite their friends!**

Our theme for this year is "***THE PAUSE: LEARNING TO SEEK GOD***!" As the parent of a teenager, I'm sure you're well aware of the frantic pace of your child's life. (In fact, you're probably the leading expert on it!) Today's teenagers are constantly engaged in activities. And when they aren't, virtually every "free" moment is packed with media or entertainment of some kind.

In the midst of this environment of constant entertainment and engagement, how does a teenager connect with God and grow in his or her relationship with Him? How can students take time to engage in seeking personal spiritual growth when the time to focus is almost non-existent? The key is for students to learn to ***hit Pause***.

During our **D-Now** weekend, Your teenager will be challenged through a powerful time of Bible study and application, learning exactly what Scripture says about seeking the Lord in the busyness of life. ***The Pause*** will teach what the Bible says about:

- The importance of taking time to pause in order to live a life that makes an impact
- The importance of prayer in developing and maintaining a relationship with God
- How to pray to God
- How to study God's Word
- How to be on mission with God to the world around them

Studies show that you are the most influential force in your child's life as it pertains to shaping their spiritual identity. My goal is to equip you to help continue and build on the process we will have started. *** Please be sure to go to ***kmyouth.com/dnow/*** as we get closer to the weekend to download your "***Parent Pack***" that consists of:

1. A detailed D-Now information sheet including a weekend schedule and a "What to Bring" list
2. A guide to inform you of the topics we'll be covering in our Small Group sessions
3. Some questions for you to utilize in following-up with your child, reinforcing what he or she will have studied

Registration runs from February 12th through March 11th. Be sure to turn in both the registration form (included with this letter and also found on-line @ **kmyouth.com**) and your $50 payment into the church office during the week or put it in the brown lock-box in Student Center on Sundays. The $50 cost covers program expenses, a themed t-shirt, student book, follow-up journal, and more!

I look forward to our D-Now weekend with great joy and anticipation. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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*** Please have a 2012 Medical Form on file with the church BEFORE the D-Now weekend. You may pick one up in the Student Center or go to **kmyouth.com** for this form & other D-NOW information ***