

Dear Youth Leader,

We hear words everyday on the news, on Facebook, in our email and around the water cooler telling us how we are a more “connected” society today than ever before. But our guess is that if you’ve stood in front of a group of teens recently, they seem more connected to their iPod or a social media website than to one another. To understand what it means to live in “community” and to truly be “connected”, we have to first know which connection is the most important!



GLORYbound 2012 features a theme of UNCOMMON UNITY on July 19-22 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott & Convention Center in The Woodlands, TX. We’ll explore how our students can grow closer to Christ, live that out within their youth groups and take that attitude and actions back to your local community. Our theme verse for GLORYbound comes from Romans 15:5-6 (NIV)

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

It really is uncommon these days for large groups of people to rally around a central cause. But Jesus wants our cause to be showing the world about eternal salvation found only through His death on the cross and resurrection. So we stand united in our circle of friends, in our homes, in our churches and in our communities to glorify Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

We have planned an event jam-packed with amazing speakers including our emcees for the event, the Skit Guys, Christ centered Bible studies, uplifting worship, awesome service opportunities, great food and a ton of fun. In this packet, you will find details about this year’s Texas District LCMS High School Youth Gathering, GLORYbound, and everything you need to register. If you have any questions or concerns about the event, check out our website at www.gloryboundtexas.org. You may also email the event co-chairs, Brett Bortnem (brett@gloryboundtexas.org) or Tiffany Miller (tiffany@gloryboundtexas.org). We are truly honored to be a part of the planning team for GLORYbound 2012, and are excited to bring our own youth. We hope we get a chance to meet you and your youth too!

Thrilled to serve you and your teens in Jesus’ name,

The Glorybound 2012 Planning Team



GLORYBOUND COMMUNITY NEWS

WHEN: July 19-22, 2012
WHO: Students in 9th-12th Grade 2012-13 school year
WHERE: Marriott Woodlands Waterway Hotel & Convention Center
1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX
HOW MUCH: \$155 by December 15th
REGISTER: Registration begins August 1st. Details are in this packet

IMPORTANT DATES

August 1 st	Registration Opens
December 15 th	Early Bird Registration Postmarked (\$155)
April 1 st	Regular Registration Postmarked (\$175)
June 1 st	Late Registration Postmarked (\$185) & Final Payment Due
June 1 st	Deadline for Hotel Reservations* To avoid \$100 per participant fee you must stay at the Marriott Woodlands Waterway

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

When and Where?

GLORYbound 2012 will be held at the Marriott Woodlands Waterway Hotel & Convention Center (just north of Houston). Check-in begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2012 and ends at 4:00pm, a dinner (included in your registration cost) will be served from 5:00-6:00pm and check-out is 12 noon on Sunday, July 22, 2012.

Who may attend?

Student Participants: GLORYbound 2012 is open to all high school youth who will be in 9th to 12th grade in the 2012-2013 school year.

Adult Leaders: An Adult Leader is any adult over the age of 21, who will serve as counselors during the Gathering. An Adult Leader is responsible for the care and nurture of their youth participants throughout the Gathering experience. The Gathering expects Adult Leaders to attend all activities and participate with their youth. It is hard work to be an effective Adult Leader! However, there are great rewards in personal growth and the relationships built with your youth participants. Please be sure to discuss with your adult leaders their role in this Gathering. Adult Leaders will also lead small groups and stay in the hotels with students the entire weekend. Because of the close proximity of adults leaders to students, we trust all adults have background checks done by your church. The ratio of adults to students is to be at least 1 adult to every 5 students. This is gender specific! For example, if you only have 2 girls and 11 guys, you need to bring 1 female leader and 2 male leaders.



Primary Adult Leader (PAL): All communication between the Gathering committee and the congregation will be done through one Primary Adult Leader, whom we like to call our "PAL." The PAL is responsible for returning all forms and payments for GLORYbound to the Registrar by the designated deadlines.

Adult Volunteers: An Adult Volunteer is any adult over the age of 19, interested in serving GLORYbound 2012 in various areas such as tech and stage help, registration check-in, games, etc. All those interested should apply using the Adult Volunteer Application and Reference forms available on the website (www.gloryboundtexas.org) by June 1, 2012.

What are the costs?

The registration fee covers program, speakers, bands, activities and two meals. It does not include lodging, transportation, parking (\$11/day), meals (expect for Thursday night's meal), and adult leader costs. Be sure to consider these costs when you set the price for your students.

GLORYbound requests that all payments be made with ONE CHECK per congregation. Each payment check should be drawn on the congregation's or youth ministry's bank account for the entire group. The initial deposit is to be sent in with your Church Registration form. Make checks payable to GLORYbound. A \$50 fee will be assessed for checks returned with insufficient funds. The GLORYbound Planning Committee has set the following registration fees & dates:

A \$75 non-refundable deposit per participant is due with registration.
Registration begins August 1st. Final payments will be due June 1, 2012

Early Bird Registration Rate	postmarked by December 15th	\$155.00
Regular Registration Rate	postmarked by April 1st	\$175.00
Late Registration Rate	postmarked by June 1st	\$185.00
Non-Gathering Hotel Fee*		\$100.00

* To avoid a \$100 per participant fee, all GLORYbound 2012 participants must stay at the designated hotel.

Hotel Information: GLORYbound is using the Woodlands Waterway Marriott for the gathering and hotel accommodations. Those attending GLORYbound 2012 will need to make their own hotel reservations. To avoid an additional \$100/per participant fee, you MUST use the designated hotel.

Rooms: Room prices are: \$129.00 for a Double/Double and \$109.00 for a King.

Parking: There is a "FREE" parking lot one (1) block behind the hotel and a Pay Per Day lot for \$11.00, which is connected to the Marriott by an air conditioned walkway.

Meals: The Marriott is surrounded by shops and restaurants. If you choose to eat out there is a wide variety of places to visit.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center
1601 Lake Robbins Drive · The Woodlands, Texas 77380 USA

Phone: 281-367-9797 FAX: 281-367-9686
www.marriott.com/houmw
Visit the website and check out the local information.



Registration made simple. Period.

You can register your entire group online at gloryboundtexas.org or you can use the attached paper form following the process below! You can also register online and send a check in to pay for your registration.

Registering for the extended weekend is easy. Simply...

1. Read all enclosed registration materials. Decide on a cost for your students. Promote GLORYbound 2012 to your students.
2. Decide the number of spots you want to reserve for both adults and students.
3. The Primary Adult Leader fills out the Church Registration Form.
4. Write a check for your deposits and mail it in with your registration form. Your church is NOT registered without both a deposit check and a registration form or go to www.gloryboundtexas.org and register there!
5. Once you have received a confirmation e-mail that you are registered for the event then go to the hotel information above or in your confirmation letter and make your hotel reservations.
6. Additional information and a more detailed schedule of events, emergency information and service opportunities will be included in your registration confirmation materials sent to all Primary Adult Leaders.
7. Distribute the "Individual Registration and Emergency Medical Form" to all student and adult participants.

What forms are needed?

Before GLORYbound 2012, the Primary Adult Leader (PAL) only has to fill out the "Church Registration Form." By May 1st, we will send an email with an Excel form to all PALs to collect the names and contact information of all participants. Before leaving for GLORYbound, PALs will need to have two copies of each "Individual Registration & Emergency Medical Information Form" (two-sided). Upon arrival in The Woodlands, the PAL will turn in one form per adult and student. There is no need to return these forms before the Gathering.

Can I request additional spots or cancel spots?

Once you receive your registration confirmation, the PAL may reserve additional spots, simply by emailing registratar@gloryboundtexas.org with your church code (on envelope), church name and the number of additional spots before June 1st. Then mail a \$75 non-refundable deposit for each additional spot to GLORYbound c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, 5201 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, TX 77379.

Again, your spots are not confirmed until deposits are received. If you are requesting additional spots after April 1st, payment must be received in full at the late registration rate. If you wish to cancel spots, simply email registrar@gloryboundtexas.org with your church code, name and number of spots. All Deposits are non-refundable. If you pay in full before the June 1st deadline and cancel any spots before June 1st your registration

fee minus the \$75 non refundable deposit will be returned to you, however no cancellations will be refunded after the June 1st deadline.



Promotional Items

Promo items are available to download on our website www.gloryboundtexas.org and you may preorder a Glorybound 2012 T-shirt for \$10 a shirt at our GLORYbound web site. Orders and payments must be received by June 1st. There will be a limited supply of shirts at GLORYbound and all pre-ordered shirts can be picked up during the registration process.

Questions?

If you have questions concerning the Registration process, please email registrar@gloryboundtexas.org or call Cheryl Bailes @ (281) 376-5773 x215.

SCHEDULE

Thursday:

2:00 - 5:00 pm Registration Opens
3:00 pm Hotel Check-in Begins
4:00 pm Experiential Room (ER) Open
5:00-6:00 pm Dinner (provided)
6:00-6:45 pm Adult Leader Meeting
7:00 pm General Session
9:30-11:00 pm ER Open
11:30 pm Family Group Time

Friday & Saturday:

8:30 am General Session
9:00 am Depart for mission work
On site tracks
11:30 am Experiential Room (ER) opens
12:00-1:30 pm Lunch (**On the day that your group is on the mission track, lunch is provided)
1:30 pm On site tracks continue
3:30pm Mission teams return
4:00-5:00pm Concerts on the plaza
Dinner On your own
7:00 pm General Session
10:00-11:30 pm Late Night Options & ER Open
11:30pm Family Group Time

Sunday:

9:00 am Worship w/Communion
11:30am Leave for Home



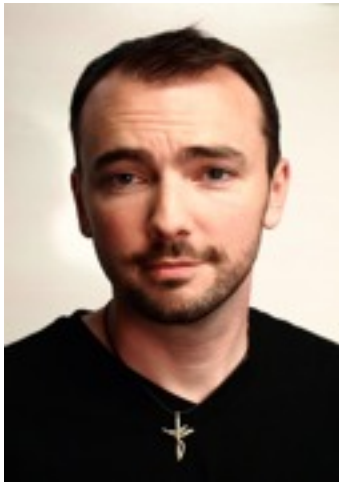
SERVING

As a part of Glorybound 2012, each youth group will go down to Houston and serve for a day with either LINC Houston or Generation ONE Ministries.

For more information on either of these two ministries please check out their websites.
<http://www.generationone.net/>
<http://www.linchouston.org/>

If your youth group would like more than one day of service and you would like to come to Houston a day or two early or stay a day or two later, both of these groups could be utilized for pre or post GLORYbound mission work as well. Please contact them directly to make further service project plans.

Who's on stage??



Bible Study Leader

Matt Popovits

Matt is married to Lisa, his high school sweetheart and daddy to Ava Elise. Since 2005 Matt has served as Lead Pastor of the Westgreen Campus of CrossPoint Community Church. Matt is also staff writer for Homiletics—a worldwide magazine for pastors providing insights and ideas for preaching and teaching. In 2010 Matt was honored to be a keynote speaker at the LCMS National Youth Gathering, New Orleans, where he was able to talk about Jesus to more than 25,000 students. Prior to becoming a pastor Matt studied acting at the University of Michigan. He was also once in a comedy sketch with Jimmy Fallon on NBC's "Late Night." So, he's kind of cool in that sense.

Emcees

The Skit Guys

Tommy Woodard and Eddie James are The Skit Guys. They have been best friends since high school. Think of them as the wise guys in class who had everyone laughing and managed to make a career out of it. They've been teaching God's word using comedy, drama and whatever category talking action figures fit into for over twenty years.





Speakers



Travis Hartjen

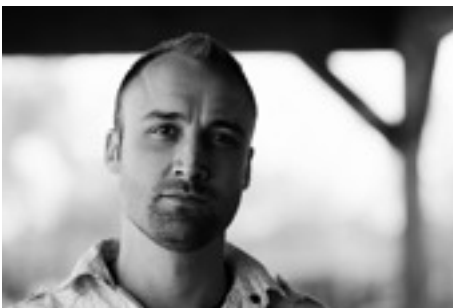
Travis wasn't born in Texas but got here as soon as he could. Serving as a DCE for over 10 years in Houston and Austin, his latest adventure is starting a Church from Scratch, Waters Edge Allen. He is married and has 4 amazing kids. He loves proclaiming the Word in powerful ways that make you laugh till your sides hurt and cry...maybe just once. Currently, Travis serves as a Church Plant Pastor in Allen, TX.

John David Mull

John David was born and raised in Texas. He is currently serving as a Vicar at St. Peter Lutheran in Roanoke, TX and building the foundations of a new church plant. Naturally, being Texas born and bred, his favorite ice cream is Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla (from Brenham, Texas), his favorite drink is Dr. Pepper (from Waco, Texas), and his favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys (from ... well, Dallas, obviously!) John David is passionate about helping Christians live the lives God has called them to and the results – formerly lost people receiving Christ!



Paul Goeke



Paul Goeke is a Native Texan and Graduate of \Concordia University at Austin, where he received a Bachelors Degree in English and Biblical Languages. He studied at the Instituto De Allende in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and served briefly in East Africa with several Tanzanian churches. He later received his Masters in Divinity from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. After completing internship in Denver, Colorado, Paul was ordained and called by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod along with fellow pastor, Ryan Neuhaus, to the Buda area where they planted a new church called The Well. He now happily

serves as a pastor of The Well, a church community that is often said to be comprised of people “with church backgrounds and church-hating backgrounds.” Paul loves to see people of wildly different backgrounds enjoy meaningful relationships with each other and God. He considers his most

important role in life to be husband to his beautiful wife of 10 years, Angie, and daddy to his 3 children: Ava, Helen, and Gideon.



Michelle Thompson



Michelle was born in Houston, TX and still calls it here home. She is the Executive Director of CrossPoint Community Church, and also oversees Community Life and Children's Ministry at their Westgreen Campus. She passionately believes in telling "the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" (Psalm 78:4 NIV) as they are a powerful part of the church today and will be the leaders of our churches and communities tomorrow. When Michelle is not leading her team at CrossPoint, she enjoys spending her time encouraging and training others at a variety of retreats and conferences.

In her spare time she enjoys hiking as a new hobby as well as traveling to new places, shopping, relaxing in coffee shops and spending time with

friends.

Ken Chitwood



Ken was born and raised in California where he graduated from Concordia University Irvine in 2007 with a BA in Christian Education Leadership and Theological Studies. Since then he has found himself serving in a myriad of contexts.

Ken served as a Director of Christian Education Intern in Palmerston North, New Zealand from 2007-2009 and also taught as adjunct faculty at Laidlaw College (formerly the Bible College of New Zealand). Later in 2009 his wife, Elizabeth, and him went to serve as Christian Leadership Volunteers for the Themba Trust in Mabola, South Africa. While there, Ken taught religious education, assisted the local pastor, worked on community development projects and helped facilitate leadership gatherings for the rural community. In the last year Ken

served as a Family Ministry Director in Apache Junction, AZ and as Assistant Director of International Friendship House at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

Ken's wife is called as the Director of Music Ministries at Memorial Lutheran Church in Katy, TX and the two of them moved to Houston in late August 2010. Ken is studying for his MA in Theology and Culture from Concordia Irvine. As a vicar (intern) at LINC Houston he assists Rev. David Kim in the Missions Department and is the Director of the LINC Bible Institute.

And more to be announced.....

Texas District High School Youth Gathering

GLORYbound 2012 Church Registration

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRIMARY ADULT LEADER)

Church Code _____

Church _____

City _____

Church Information

Church Name _____

Address _____

City _____

ST _____

Zip _____

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Church Phone _____

Fax Number _____

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Email _____

Primary Adult Leader Information (PAL)

**Be sure to fill out an Individual Registration & Medical Information form for yourself also.

(CIRCLE) Male Female

Name (First, Last) _____

Home Address (if desire information to be sent to house instead of church) _____

City _____

ST _____

Zip _____

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Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail (PLEASE print clearly) _____

Position: Pastor Youth Ministry Professional Volunteer Teacher

Registrations Costs

(\$75 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration)

Early Bird Registration Rate \$155.00

postmarked by December 15th

Regular Registration Rate \$175.00

postmarked by April 1st

Late Registration Rate \$185.00

postmarked by June 1st

Non-Gathering Hotel Fee* \$100.00

* To avoid a \$100 per participant fee, all GLORYbound 2012 participants must stay in one of three designated hotels.

Number of Adults _____ Number of Students _____

(the ratio to adults to students must be at least 1:5)

Enclosed Non-refundable Deposit (DUE NOW)

TOTAL SPOTS = _____ x \$75 = _____

Remaining balance due by JUNE 1st

Make checks payable to "GLORYbound". Personal checks are NOT accepted. Mail form and check to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
Attn: GLORYbound 2012
5201 Spring Cypress Rd
Spring, TX 77379
(281) 376-5773 x215
registrar@gloryboundtexas.org

Any special needs/requests?

HOW ARE YOU PLANNING ON GETTING TO GLORYBOUND

Personal/church vehicle Charter Bus Flying/Train

I acknowledge that the registration information is trustworthy and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Primary Adult Leader's Signature _____

Date _____

I grant permission for the above listed PAL to attend GLORYbound 2012 with our congregation's students.

Pastor's Signature _____

Date _____

**Individual Registration &
Emergency Medical Information Form**

(TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH **AND** ADULT PARTICIPANTS)

Church Code _____
Church _____
City _____

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Male/Female _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Grade (circle) 9 10 11 12 Adult

E-mail _____

Parents' Names _____

Parents'/Guardians' Home Phone(s) _____

Parents'/Guardians' Work Phone(s) _____

Parents'/Guardians' Cell Phone Number(s) _____

Other contact person in case of emergency _____

Relationship to person _____ Phone number _____

Do you have any special needs? _____

Emergency and Health Information (if yes to any questions, please provide explanation and pertinent information) :

Do you have:

- Heart Condition? _____
- Diabetes? _____
- Other? _____

Allergies: _____

Are you subject to:

- Headaches? _____
- Seizures? _____
- Fainting? _____
- Sleep Walking? _____
- Activity induced asthma? _____
- Other? _____
- Are any drugs ineffective in treatment? _____

Do you have a reaction to:

- Bee stings? _____
- Penicillin? _____
- Other drugs? _____
- Poison Ivy, Oak, Sumac? _____
- Anything else? _____
- Any serious illness or surgery in the past 10 years?

Date of last Tetanus shot? _____

Any condition that would prevent you from participating in activities? _____

Sight or hearing impaired? __Glasses? __Contacts?

Please list all medications currently being used _____

Please indicate anything else that would be important for adult leaders to know in case of an emergency _____

I will participate fully in the GLORYbound Gathering and seek to help others do the same.

Participant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature (for those under 21) _____

Date _____



Medical and Liability Release Form RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

(TO BE COMPLETED BY ADULT PARTICIPANTS AND THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS)
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In consideration for participation in the 2012 LCMS Texas District High School Gathering, "GLORYbound," we (I), being 21 years of age or older, do for ourselves (myself) (and for and on behalf my child-participant if said child is not 21 years of age or older) do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, LINC Houston, Generation One Ministries, and _____ **(name of home congregation)** and the directors thereof from any and all liability, claims or demands for personal injury, sickness or death, as well as property damage and expenses, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the undersigned and the child-participant that occur while said child is participating in the above-described trip or activity.

Furthermore, (I) [and on behalf of our (my) child-participant if under the age of 21 years] hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expense as a result of participation in recreation and work activities involved therein.

Further, authorization and permission is hereby given to said church to furnish any necessary transportation, food and lodging to this participant.

The undersigned further hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the above organizations, its directors, employees, and agents, for any liability sustained by said church as the result of the negligent, willful or intentional acts of said participant, including expenses incurred attendant thereto.

(if the participant has not attained the age of 21 years):

We (I) are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant our (my) permission for him/her to participate fully in said trip, and hereby give our (my) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical and/or dental treatment, including but not in limitation to emergency surgery or medical and/or dental treatment, and assume the responsibility of all medical/dental bills, if any.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, we (I) hereby assume all transportation costs.

_____ **Parents, please initial if your home congregation, GLORYbound, LINC Houston, and Generation One have permission to use pictures of your child in future promotional materials.**

Print full name of participant

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) telephone

SIGNATURES

Alternate phone number (work/cell/etc.)

Hospital Insurance _____ Yes _____ No

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number _____

Physician _____

Physician's phone _____

Only participant needs to sign if 21 years of age or older. If under 21, **both** parents must sign unless parents are separated or divorced in which case the custodial parent must sign.

GUARDIAN

Father _____ date

Mother _____ date

Legal Guardian _____ date

Participant, if age 21 or older _____ date