

Attention Parents of 5th through 12th graders

Important Retreat

Topic: **Spirituality and Sexuality**

Date: **February 12-14, 2010**

Location: **Calvin Center** (Presbyterian Retreat Center in Hampton, GA)

Led by: **Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, with support from John Ryan and Erin McGee** (and other TPC members)

This retreat was designed in a 3 year process to address the need of “tweens” and teens to discuss **their changing sexuality in the context of their faith.**

This is **NOT** a “basic information” retreat, providing youth a first conversation on anatomy, physiology, abstinence, or birth control.

This does **NOT** replace parental conversations but is intended to support and facilitate those conversations.

This **IS** a retreat which considers:

- what the **Bible** teaches about sexuality
- how to make informed **decisions** that will honor God
- how our **society** (including media) portrays images related to gender and sexuality
- how we are **connected** as a community and thus, how our decisions and actions affect others

There are **3 tracks** – **Grades 5-6; Grades 7-8; and Grades 9-12** to facilitate developmentally appropriate conversations.

There are opportunities for **single gender** small group conversations.

There will be a **parents' component** to this retreat for parents to learn more about what their children experienced on the retreat and ways they can continue this conversation with their child.

Want more information so you can determine if this retreat is “right” for your family?

Go to www.trinityatlanta.org; find “Tip of the Iceberg Retreat; Discussions on Spirituality and Sexuality” under Children’s Ministry or Youth Ministry and click for a variety of documents including the statement of purpose; retreat outline; biographies of leadership; and more.

Specific questions? Contact Erin McGee or John Ryan at the church office.