

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR YOUTH -Rev. Monica Harbarger

The youth are starting a new study on Sunday evenings revolving around issues brought up in the movie, To Save a Life. This is a movie written by a season youth worker. If you would like to learn more about the movie you can visit [www.tosavealifemovie.com](http://www.tosavealifemovie.com). We are in need of some volunteers for Sunday evening meals. The dates available are February 21st, March 14th, March 21st, and a fireside on March 28th. If you would like to sign up, please email Monica at [MonicaHarbarger@pleasanthillumc.us](mailto:MonicaHarbarger@pleasanthillumc.us). We will be going on an overnight retreat to SIFAT (Service in Faith and Technology) February 13th and 14th. We will be learning about what it is like to live in a third world country and experiencing different cultures. This is a fantastic program that is used in the training of missionaries. I am very excited about this. The cost will be \$50 and that will cover all



meals and lodging for the night. You can learn more about SIFAT at [www.sifat.org](http://www.sifat.org). Also we are beginning to think about our summer plans and the senior high mission trip will be included in the ASP mission trip that the church is going on. This will be July 17-24th and you must be 15 years old or older. Parents are invited and encouraged to come be a part of this experience as well and serve alongside your child. This trip will involve various generations of age and should be a great time for Pleasant Hill to minister as the body of Christ. We need a \$45 deposit asap to reserve your spot. Please contact me or Andrew Peebles with any questions.



**Dinners for Eight groups will meet together and then reorganize in 2010.**



### Queen Esther's Banquet

On Saturday, January 16, the Family Life Center was transformed into an exquisite Persian banquet hall for the kickoff of the Beth Moore Bible Study of the Book of Esther. Stepping through vine-covered doors, honored guests took the first steps of a journey that will lead through the pages of scripture to a closer look into how the hand of God affects the destiny of our lives.

Since the story of Esther centers around one banquet after another, each table was decorated individually to reflect the splendor of a banquet hall during the reign of King Xerxes. Judy Fillebaum planned a feast fit for a king. A surprise visitor, Queen Esther herself, gave a glimpse of the precarious situation in which she found herself. Music by Kelsey Jones set the tone for the spiritual journey.

**Around seventy women are planning to participate in this study!** Classes for the nine week study will be held in the sanctuary on the hill on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Fridays at 9:00 am. Each lesson is a blessing unto itself. **Visitors are always welcomed.**