

Fusion Communication Introduction

Student Ministries at Faith Covenant puts a high premium on communication and we are constantly seeking the most reliable, effective and cost-efficient ways of communicating to students and parents about all the Revolution and Fusion action. We have worked hard to implement new technology to better communicate with you all. But communication is a two-way street and so we are asking for you to do your part.

Please familiarize yourselves with the following ways you can get into the loop and stay in the loop. Thanks for taking the time -- it will save you time and headaches in the end! =)

Q: What do you mean by “paperless”? No more snail-mail?

Yes, no more snail mail. We will save hundreds of dollars in postage and provide you with more up-to-date information. All communication now flows through our dynamic websites at WWW.FUSIONTEENS.COM and WWW.REVSTUDENTS.COM.

The Fusion website provides you with all the following:

- **Upcoming Events page:** This is a running, most up to date list of event dates and details.
- **Printable Fusion Newsletter & Calendar:** For those who love posting things to your frig!
- **Video News Updates:** 5-minute videos of Jeremy giving you the latest scoop!
- **Weekly Program page:** Info on all Fusion programs (Confirmation, Small Groups, Ethos, Student Leadership)
- **Church Calendar Link:** Faith Covenant has a master calendar for all ministries including Fusion.
- **Parent Resources page:** A collection of articles, videos, websites to help understand teens.
- **Sign-Up for e-Newsletter & Text Message Alerts:** Just look for the buttons on the right sidebar (read below).

...and much more!

Q: How can I get in the loop and stay in?

E-NEWSLETTER: We know your time is valuable and you probably won't always think of stopping by the website every time you check your email. Good news!! By signing up for the **Fusion e-Newsletter** you will get a weekly or bi-weekly email alerting you to new, relevant updates on the website. We promise to keep these emails to a minimum. We will not spam you!

TEXT MESSAGE ALERTS: Another great way for parents and students to get alerts and reminders of important deadlines and dates is by signing up for **Text Message Alerts**. I only send parents roughly 6-12 messages per year regarding important deadlines and meeting reminders. Even if you don't have a texting plan, this is worth signing up for. Most teens have unlimited texting and I send them MANY more reminders about stuff.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT RIGHT NOW to visit FusionTeens.com and sign up for these services by clicking on the sidebar. Thanks!!

Q: What's a youth pastor's best friend?

The answer is Jesus, of course. But a close second might be **FACEBOOK**. No matter what your feelings are about teens and online networking, it is here to stay and your teen is probably doing it. Like everything else in life, Facebook has its dangers and abuses. However, Facebook has opened wonderful doors of ministry opportunities for youth workers and other caring adults. ***It is important for parents to know that Facebook is the best, most effective way for me to connect and communicate with our busy teenagers.*** The best way for your high school teen to stay in the loop and up to date on the latest Fusion action is to start a Facebook account and immediately join our group called “**Faith Covenant. Wanna Come?**” If you have concerns or question about Facebook use please don't hesitate to call. (See also attached sheet on ministry and Facebook.)