



**79!** In just 79 days it will be time to pack the big white van and head to Houston. There's still a lot to do before we go- so here's a list of what's coming up. But first – let's welcome our newest participants, Wes Warpool, Jason Hasler, Gianna Wiegel, and Mariella Wiegel.

*And now*, after two years of planning, the final dates for your calendar:

**Wednesday, May 5 @ 7:00 – 9:00 PM:** High School Youth Group returns and will meet weekly. **Note the time change!** Everyone going to the Gathering should come to youth group. There will be dinner, there will be games, and Pastor Rogers is going to begin the Bible study series about the Gathering theme: "in all things". Other stuff we'll be doing on Wednesdays:

- Writing thank-you notes. It's a BIG job because so many people have donated money, made soup, bought things from us, volunteered at our fundraisers, and more! If we write a few notes each week, we'll get it done!
- Rodeo Food Taste-testing: We need to sample some Houston style foods to choose for the rodeo menu and what better time to do it?
- Rodeo Projects: Create props and decorations for the rodeo.
- Pictures & Writing Bios: The Gathering participants will be introduced to the congregation in June. A booklet will be made with pictures and a biographies. This will be done on a Wednesday night to be announced.
- Make give-aways for Houston. Design a group t-shirt.

**Sunday, June 5 @ 10:30 Youth Gathering Recognition Day:** This is an important day for the group. You will be introduced to the congregation at the 10:30 worship service followed by a reception so that people can meet you. THEN – there will be lunch and service projects around the church to thank Trinity for all the support they've provided. **ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE GATHERING ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERVICE PROJECT. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE LET ME KNOW SO THAT I CAN SET UP A SUBSITUTE DAY FOR YOU TO DO A PROJECT.**

**Saturday, June 25 @ 5:30: Rodeo Fundraiser** This is it! Our FINAL fundraiser. Thanks to the Brockie family there will be an inflatable with a mechanical bull. Also – look forward to state fair style food, activities, and attractions. There will be no charge for the event, but donations will gladly be accepted! More information and how you can help will be available as planning progresses. Definitely the *BEST* way you can make this a successful event is to **INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, July 3 @ 10:30 – Commissioning of NYG Participants** Pastor will commission everyone to go forth and represent Trinity at the Gathering in Houston.