

VIETNAMESE HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech,
in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."
(1 Timothy 4:12)*

ONE-DAY 2019 YOUTH RETREAT

Dear Pastors, Church Leaders, and All Youths,

There is no doubt that we are living in a time bombarded with so many world views that are contrary with the teachings of the Bible from issues, such as: homosexuality, transgender, pornographic viewing, and illicit sexuality. These worldly view messages can gradually influence our mind easily through high-tech communication tools such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, and other electronic means. As Christians, we cannot allow these worldly views to mold and shape us into their corrupt values because, *"... It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable..."* (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4). In helping to encourage youths to return to the biblical teachings of "true love waits," Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana is excited to host and invite you to join us in a One-day Youth Retreat. Our theme for this retreat is **"A Pure Heart Devoted to Jesus"** to live a life honoring God and enjoy His blessings. The Scripture verse for us to focus on is **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."** (Psalm 51:10)

In this retreat, our goal is to help each youth in understanding God's standards of purity in sexuality. We will have time for a morning worship together, fellowship lunch, and afternoon study and discussion of the related topics such as dating, overcoming sexual temptations outside of marriages, and forgiveness including a QA session. Our guest speaker will be pastor **Travis McNeely**, who is a Student and College Minister from Woodlawn Baptist church. Leaders, please help to post this invitation letter and encourage your youths to attend. For the sake of the mature audience, we want to limit the age group from 14 years old and up. If your church would like to sing a song during the worship in your language, please let us know as well. Also, please text and let us know by early August how many people will come to the retreat from your churches, so we can better prepare for the fellowship lunch.

Address: 7133 Greenwell Springs Road - Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70805

Date: August 17, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Sandra Tran (by e-mail below) or Pastor Vinh Nguyen (225-938-7305)

We'll see you all at this youth retreat!

In Christ,
Vinh Nguyen

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