

Hey everyone! I just wanted to tell y'all a little bit about the Happening Retreat on February 1st-3rd for 10th-12th graders at The Episcopal Church of the Nativity Dothan. Parents, if any of you went to Cursillo, Happening is basically Cursillo for teenagers. If you didn't go to Cursillo, I am going to say a little bit about my experience and hopefully convince you to send your child. Anyway, Happening is an Episcopal youth-led retreat, and this year I am one of two youth in charge. Happening is a lot of things to a lot of people. To me it is a safe place. A place where I can be myself, love everyone whole-heartedly, and share the love of God with my peers. Before being a "Happener" in 2017, my faith was shaky, however, this retreat changed my life. The youth staff that year helped me find the way of Christ. It was very personal and the best experience of my life. I would not change my experience at Happening for anything. Now that I am on staff, I reminisce on my experience as a Happener, and use these memories to help new Happeners delve deeper into their love for Christ as well as the love He offers. If any of you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. My email is mary.sternenberg@gmail.com and my cell number is 251-654-7780. The link for registration is <https://www.diocgc.org/happening>

God's Peace,

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