

# Youth Newsletter

September 2004

## Youth Groups Preparing for a Busy Season

As summer comes to a close, Bethlehem's youth leaders are busy preparing for the start of the 2004-2005 youth group season.

The youth group season will start with our annual Youth Group Pool Party at the Franklin YMCA on Sunday, August 29, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. SubWay party platters, chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided. In addition to its swimming pool, the Franklin YMCA also has a playground and a covered shelter. This event is for all groups and ages, so everyone come out to "kick off" the youth group season!

There are several special events already planned for our junior and senior high youth, including the ShoutFest '04 Trip on September 12, the Kings Dominion Christian Family Days Trip on October 16, and the Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF mission project on October 31. Special event plans for the Pioneer Club groups are in the works.

Also, this year we will once again host a Community Harvest Festival. Last year's festival was a huge success, thanks to the planning of Bonnie Maki, Lisa Tarkington, Arlene Smith, and others, along with the efforts of dozens of volunteers. We hope this year's festival, scheduled for October 31, will be an effective outreach to the children and families in our community.

We are also privileged this year to host a Pioneer Clubs Leader Training Workshop for the first time ever. Bethlehem Christian Church is the only church in Virginia hosting a workshop, and we look forward to helping others learn how they can use Pioneer Clubs in their own churches.

However, one major change has been made in the youth group program this year. The weekly

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

### SCOOTERS • VOYAGERS • PATHFINDERS

**September 5** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**September 12** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**September 19** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**September 26** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**October 3** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm

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**September 5** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**September 12** ShoutFest '04 Trip, time and details TBA  
**September 19** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
**September 26** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
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For more detailed information about your group's schedule, please contact your group's leaders.

Check out the Youth Group Web Site at <http://www.bccyouth.org> for the latest schedule information!

Regular Meetings will now begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:15pm. The actual meeting length is still 1 hour and 45 minutes, the same as last year, and each meeting will still begin with dinner in Graham Hall. But we are "shifting" the Regular Meeting to start 15 minutes earlier in order to better align the youth meeting time with Sunday night Bible study, making it more convenient for families to attend the Sunday night activities at Bethlehem together.

We hope you and your young person will participate in the Youth Groups at Bethlehem, and will join us for an exciting and active new youth group season!

## Youth Coordinator's Corner by David Salerno

*"It went by so quickly." "It seems like it just started." "I can't believe it's over already."*

Across the nation, parents and students alike are lamenting the end of summer.

And while I too, wish for more one more day of the freedom and adventure of summer, I anxiously await the arrival of the new season.

Because, with the end of summer, we also have the beginning of a new season, a new beginning ripe with new opportunities and challenges.

This year, several new youth leaders join a number of returning leaders, as we welcome Tammy Schlatter, Rachel Lewis, and Ed and Mary Jane Joyner, and re-welcome Pam Culbertson, to our youth ministry team.

And, over a dozen youth are moving up to new

clubs, out of their familiar group of friends, but into exciting new adventures and opportunities to grow.

Plus, plans are being considered for a summer mission trip in 2005 that will even further challenge our teens and take them out of their personal "comfort zones".

New beginnings are sometimes awkward and uncomfortable, as we always prefer the familiar to the unknown. But, with your continuing support, we are ready for the challenges and opportunities that a new season brings.

Until next month, God bless,



## PIONEER BUCKS ARE BACK!

Earn your Pioneer Bucks at club and bring them to the Pioneer Clubs General Store for great prizes!

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SPECIAL SALES!

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Special opportunities to earn  
BONUS PIONEER BUCKS!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 is HALF-PRICE NIGHT!  
All items in the Pioneer Clubs General Store are  
HALF-PRICE!!! So earn and save your Bucks!



**04 FEST SHOUT**  
LET THE WALLS FALL DOWN

NATIONAL TALENT CONTEST WINNER RECEIVES SINGLE RELEASE ON CROWNE RECORDS!

Artists featured: JUMPS, TAIT, KJ-52, RACHAEL LAMPA, PETRA, OVERFLOW, SEVENTH DAY SLUMBER, STARFIELD.

Activities: Bungee Power Jump, Gladiator Joust, Obstacle Course, Titanic Super Slide.

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Presented by Manassas Baptist Church Student Ministries  
**Sunday • September 12 at 2:00PM**  
**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

*Trip details and permission slip available soon*  
Stay tuned for details!

## REWARD

Register for Pioneer Clubs.....	25 Pioneer Bucks
Bring a Friend.....	10 Pioneer Bucks PLUS
	10 Pioneer Bucks for your friend
Earn an Activity or Bible Award.....	10 Pioneer Bucks
Attend 3 Consecutive Meetings.....	5 Pioneer Bucks
Attend 5 or more Consecutive Meetings.....	5 Pioneer Bucks

You can use your Pioneer Bucks to buy candy, toys, and other items in the Pioneer Clubs General Store. Ask your club leaders for more information.