

Youth Newsletter

August 2005

Youth Group Enjoys Cook-Out

On Sunday, June 5, the Youth Groups at Bethlehem closed out their 2004-2005 season with a cook-out at Bennett's Creek Park.

Over 60 youth, parents, and leaders braved the 90-degree heat to come out for the food, fun, and fellowship.

Several of the younger children enjoyed the playground, while others tried their hands on the tennis court. Many of the adults took to the open field for a game of touch football.

Becke West and Janis Greene prepared and served a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, chips, potato salad, baked beans, and iced tea. Brownies and cakes were served for dessert.

Following the dinner, a closing ceremony was held, and certificates were awarded.

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the cook-out, and to all who helped make this a great youth group season!



Check out pictures from the Youth Group Cook-Out online at

<http://www.bccyouth.org>

and all things
you ask in
Prayer
BELIEVING
you shall receive (Matthew 21:22)

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

ALL CLUBS

August 28	Youth Group Pool Party, 5:00pm-8:00pm Franklin YMCA
September 4	No Regular Meeting • Labor Day Weekend
September 11	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
September 18	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
September 25	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
October 2	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm

For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please contact your club's leaders.

Youth Advisory Committee Brings Added Support to Youth Program

During the past 8 months, a group has been working hard, mostly silently in the background, to help further our Youth Fellowship program.

Last December, the Youth Advisory Committee was formed by a change to the church constitution, and was tasked with assisting and advising the Youth Director in planning and advancing the youth program.

"I think highly of the church for forming the Youth Advisory Committee," said committee member Robert Lewis. "It shows just how important we feel our youth and children are. After all, they are the future of our church."

"For a while, like any new committee, we were trying to find our way, learning what it was we were supposed to be doing," commented David Salerno, Bethlehem's Youth Director, and Chairman of the Youth Advisory Committee.

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Youth Fellowship Program to Present Video Course

Later this fall, the Youth Fellowship program will present "Parenting Teenagers for Positive Results", a 6-week interactive video course for parents of teenagers and soon-to-be-teenagers.

This video course will equip, encourage, and affirm parents as they work to make the parent-teen relationship all that it truly can be.

The course features video segments from youth and family authority Jim Burns, facilitator-led Bible discovery, small group interaction, and family home activities.

Participants will gain unforgettable insight and advice, and build "lifeline" friendships with other parents, to help you navigate the teen years with strength and confidence.

"Parenting Teenagers for Positive Results" is the first in what we hope is a series of offerings to provide support to the parents of youth, and to further enhance our Youth Fellowship program.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available.



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"But we have really grown into a good working committee. We are all working together to carry out, and to enhance, our youth program, and to make it the best it can possibly be."

Recently, the Youth Advisory Committee has established sub-committees to draft a Youth Handbook, to establish a Summer Camp program, and to plan and carry out our annual Harvest Festival. The entire Committee also recently held a Youth Leader/Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, which was much appreciated by all who attended.

"These sub-committees have really stepped forward in a lot of areas," praised David. "This helps tremendously to advance our youth program because now, instead of a single person, there is a whole team of people focusing on a specific area. This also frees me up as Youth Director to handle the many other areas of the youth program that need attention."

The Youth Advisory Committee is chaired by the Youth Director, and consists of the Pastor, the Chairman or a designated representative of the Deaconry Board, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Finance, and four members nominated by the Church Moderator. The Church Moderator and the President of the Senior High Youth Fellowship are also ex officio members.

The Youth Advisory Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



Sunday, August 28
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Franklin YMCA Outdoor Pool
300 Crescent Drive • Franklin, VA • (757) 562-3491

Everyone come out and kick-off the youth group season!

Outdoor playground available
Subway party subs, chips, and drinks provided

POOL PARTY