

Youth Newsletter

September 2005

Youth Groups Preparing for a Busy New Year

As summer comes to a close, the youth leaders at Bethlehem are already actively preparing for the start of the 2005-2006 youth group season.

The youth group season will officially "kick off" with our yearly Youth Group Pool Party on Sunday, August 28, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm at the Franklin YMCA outdoor pool. SubWay party subs, chips, drinks, and dessert will be provided. An outdoor playground is also available for the younger children. This event is for all ages and families are encouraged to attend, so everyone come out and help start off the youth group season right!

The youth group schedule is being finalized and will be made available, both on paper and on the internet at <http://www.bccyouth.org>, within the next few days. The first Regular Meeting will be Sunday, September 11, beginning with a light dinner at 5:30pm and ending at 7:15pm.

Special events and mission projects are already being planned for all age groups, including a trip to Kings Dominion for their Christian Family Days celebration in October and our annual Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF mission project on October 30.

The Harvest Festival Committee is also hard at work planning for our 3rd annual Community Harvest Festival. Plans are focusing on making this a bigger event than ever before, and attracting children and families from all over the community through aggressive publicity. The help of everyone in the congregation is needed to make this event a real success, so please contact Robert Lewis, chairman of the Harvest Festival Committee, and let him know in what area you would like to help.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

ALL CLUBS

August 28	Youth Group Pool Party, 5:00pm-8:00pm <i>Franklin YMCA</i>
September 4	No Regular Meeting • <i>Labor Day Weekend</i>
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.

Training and leadership growth opportunities will also be made available to all youth leaders during the youth group season, beginning with a Pioneer Clubs Leadership Training Workshop for Pioneer leaders, and a C.O.R.E. Youth Ministry Seminar from Group Publishing, the publisher of many of our youth devotional materials, for our Junior and Senior High leaders.

Also, this year, we welcome new youth leaders Carrie Doty, Amanda Crumpler, and Russ Greene, and welcome back last year's youth leaders, who are all returning for another exciting youth group season. However, we always have room for more leaders and volunteers, and are especially in need of volunteers to help serve dinner once a month during the youth group season, so please consider helping build tomorrow's leaders today and contact David Salerno at 539-1966.

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