

Youth Newsletter

June 2007

Youth Revival Activities Attract Over 100 Children, Youth, and Adults

On Sunday, April 22, the Youth Groups at Bethlehem kicked off Revival Week with two activities specifically designed for its children and youth.

The activities began at 5:30pm, where, in the Old Fellowship Hall, the Pioneer Clubs were treated to a Puppet Show by the Wilroy Baptist Church Puppet Team. Directed by Amy Cobb, the team of puppeteers, ranging in age from 10 to 16, put on a lively musical show that captured the attention of the children.



The Wilroy Baptist Church Puppet Team captured the attention of the children

At the same time, in Graham Hall, a youth concert and rally geared towards junior and senior high youth, was getting underway.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

ALL CLUBS

- June 10 Youth Group Pool Party, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Suffolk Family YMCA
- September 9 Opening Activity, time & details TBA

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

The concert began with the Southside Baptist Church Praise Band. Guitarist Mark Fowler, bass player Jay Devers, drummer Barry Hurdle, and percussionist Riki Williams led the youth in a number of praise and worship songs that had them singing and clapping right along.



The Southside Baptist Church Praise Band leads the youth in a worship and praise song

Following the praise band, Christian comedian Stephen West took the stage. No stranger to Bethlehem, Stephen last performed at our church's annual Family Life Luncheon in 2005. This time, however, Stephen brought a message that particularly spoke to the youth, and encouraged them to dedicate their lives to Christ.

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Christian comedian Stephen West delivers a message to the youth

Closing out the evening was local recording artist Days Difference. A favorite of Bethlehem's youth, the group performed music filled with emotion, passion, and uplifting messages.

Consisting of two sets of brothers—Jeremy and Jonathan Smith, and Jeremiah and Jonathan Ricks—Days Difference made personal sacrifices to pursue their dream of performing and spreading a message of hope. "Experience, conviction, and the passions and sorrows of life really define who people are," said vocalist Jeremy Smith. "Really, it's the things we and the people around us go through every day that inspire us to write and play."




Youth Director David Salerno closed the night with prayer, and a personal challenge to the youth to take to heart the message they received that evening.

Pizza, cheeseburgers, candy, and drinks were available throughout the night, and Days Difference had CDs, t-shirts, and other


merchandise for sale.


Over 80 youth and adults attended the concert. Many of the youth came from other area churches, including several that brought their entire youth group. Approximately 30 children, leaders, and adults attended the Puppet Show.

Thanks so much to all who helped make the Youth Revival events a huge success. Special thanks to Cathy Allsbrook, her Revival Committee, and the entire Deaconry Board for their support, and for providing the love offerings for the bands and the speaker. Thanks also to the C.O.F.F.E.E. Class for their generous donation, allowing us to provide food to the youth free of charge. And thanks to Becke West, Wanda Crumpler, and all those who helped serve food, welcome visitors, chaperone, clean up, and so much more.




Pioneer Clubs News & Notes






The **Scooters** closed out the youth group season by working on their God's Friends unit. The children created Prayer Boxes—colorfully-painted and decorated boxes that hold cards bearing the names of people they want to pray for. The children completed six units, and earned six unit badges, over the entire year.



The **Voyagers** group recently finished their Living God's Way unit. They learned God's safety rules—the Ten Commandments—as well as man's safety rules. They learned about traffic signs and what they mean, and what to do in an emergency. Club members also learned what it means to follow Jesus and how to be like salt and light in the world. The group earned their Making Music badge by listening to music, singing, and making simple instruments.



The **Pathfinders** finished the year by completing their I Like Me unit. The children made "I Like Me" notebooks, and learned wood burning to earn their Creative Fun badge. The group also earned their My Money and Looking Sharp badges, and started working on their Families Are Special unit before the youth group season came to a close.

Children's Fishing Trip a Huge Success

By Paula Thornton

On Sunday, April 29, approximately 25 youth and parents met for an afternoon of fishing. Children used crickets and worms to fish, and were quite successful. Although the exact count is unknown, nearly everyone caught fish, and some little anglers caught several.




Several of the little fishermen show off their prize catches

The group grilled hot dogs and marshmallows and enjoyed each other's company.



The children are all smiles roasting hot dogs and marshmallows

Thanks to Jerry Thornton, Sr. for hosting everyone in his backyard. Everyone had an enjoyable time, and smiles were plentiful!



“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” -Matthew 4:19 (NIV)

YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10 • 6:30PM
SUFFOLK FAMILY YMCA**

**OUTDOOR POOL • KIDDIE POOL • SPRAY PARK
PLAYGROUND • REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Use the Bible Reading Plan below to read the entire New Testament over the summer. It only takes about 20 minutes a day, and you can use the Bible translation you're the most comfortable reading!

Those who complete the challenge will receive special recognition and an award at the Youth Group Cook-Out.

Summer Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, June 17	Matthew 1-3 Matthew 4-6	Friday, July 13	Acts 4-6	Wednesday, August 8	1 Timothy 1-3
Monday, June 18	Matthew 7-9	Saturday, July 14	Acts 7-9	Thursday, August 9	1 Timothy 4-6
Tuesday, June 19	Matthew 10-12	Sunday, July 15	Acts 10-12 Acts 13-15	Friday, August 10	2 Timothy 1-4
Wednesday, June 20	Matthew 13-15	Monday, July 16	Acts 16-18	Saturday, August 11	Titus 1-3
Thursday, June 21	Matthew 16-18	Tuesday, July 17	Acts 19-21	Sunday, August 12	Philemon Hebrews 1-3
Friday, June 22	Matthew 19-21	Wednesday, July 18	Acts 22-24	Monday, August 13	Hebrews 4-6
Saturday, June 23	Matthew 22-24	Thursday, July 19	Acts 25-28	Tuesday, August 14	Hebrews 7-9
Sunday, June 24	Matthew 25-28 Mark 1-3	Friday, July 20	Romans 1-3	Wednesday, August 15	Hebrews 10-13
Monday, June 25	Mark 4-6	Saturday, July 21	Romans 4-6	Thursday, August 16	James 1-3
Tuesday, June 26	Mark 7-9	Sunday, July 22	Romans 7-9 Romans 10-12	Friday, August 17	James 4-5
Wednesday, June 27	Mark 10-12	Monday, July 23	Romans 13-16	Saturday, August 18	1 Peter 1-5
Thursday, June 28	Mark 13-16	Tuesday, July 24	1 Corinthians 1-3	Sunday, August 19	2 Peter 1-3
Friday, June 29	Luke 1-3	Wednesday, July 25	1 Corinthians 4-6	Monday, August 20	1 John 1-3
Saturday, June 30	Luke 4-6	Thursday, July 26	1 Corinthians 7-9	Tuesday, August 21	1 John 4-5
Sunday, July 1	Luke 7-9 Luke 10-12	Friday, July 27	1 Corinthians 10-12	Wednesday, August 22	2 John • 3 John • Jude
Monday, July 2	Luke 13-15	Saturday, July 28	1 Corinthians 13-16	Thursday, August 23	Revelation 1-3
Tuesday, July 3	Luke 16-18	Sunday, July 29	2 Corinthians 1-3	Friday, August 24	Revelation 4-6
Wednesday, July 4	Luke 19-21	Monday, July 30	2 Corinthians 4-6	Saturday, August 25	Revelation 7-9
Thursday, July 5	Luke 22-24	Tuesday, July 31	2 Corinthians 7-9	Sunday, August 26	Revelation 10-12
Friday, July 6	John 1-3	Wednesday, August 1	2 Corinthians 10-13	Sunday, September 2	Revelation 13-15
Saturday, July 7	John 4-6	Thursday, August 2	Galatians 1-3	Sunday, September 9	Revelation 16-18
Sunday, July 8	John 7-9 John 10-12	Friday, August 3	Galatians 4-6		Revelation 19-22
Monday, July 9	John 13-15	Saturday, August 4	Ephesians 1-3		Deadline for turning in Certification Card
Tuesday, July 10	John 16-18	Sunday, August 5	Ephesians 4-6		Awards presented at Youth Group Cook-Out
Wednesday, July 11	John 19-21	Monday, August 6	Philippians 1-4		
Thursday, July 12	Acts 1-3	Tuesday, August 7	Colossians 1-4		
			1 Thessalonians 1-5		
			2 Thessalonians 1-3		

adapted from the Comprehensive Bible Reading Plan (365 days) on biblegateway.com

Certification Card

I certify by my signature below that I have successfully completed the Summer Bible Reading Plan, and that I have completely read the entire New Testament.

Signature/Date

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

NOTE: Please give this completed card to David Salerno no later than September 2 to insure that you receive your award at the Youth Group Cook-Out!