

# Youth Newsletter

September 2007

## Youth Groups Preparing for a Busy New Year

As summer comes to a close, the youth leaders at Bethlehem are busy preparing for the start of the 2007-2008 youth group season.

The youth group season will officially “kick off” with our annual Youth Group Cook-Out on Sunday, September 9, from 3:00pm until 7:00pm at Bennett’s Creek Park. There will be plenty of activities available, including a playground for the kids, tennis courts, nature walking, and fishing. We will also be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs under the shelter. 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 for the entire year is available both at church and on the internet at <http://www.bccyouth.org> (under Documents & Forms). Our first Regular Meeting will be Sunday, September 9, beginning with dinner at 5:30pm and ending at 7:15pm.

Special events and mission projects are already being planned for all age groups, including the annual Junior and Senior High Ski Retreat, the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, and the Family Skating Party.

The Harvest Festival Committee is also hard at work planning for our annual Community Harvest Festival. This year, we hope to have so much for the kids to do that we’re moving outdoors! 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.

Training and leadership growth opportunities will

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

### ALL CLUBS

- September 9** Youth Group Cook-Out, 3:00pm-7:00pm  
Bennett's Creek Park, Shelter #2
- September 16** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- September 23** No Regular Meeting  
*Sunday School Picnic*
- September 30** Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- October 7** 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.

be made available to all youth leaders during the youth group season, including special Pioneer Clubs training sessions for our Pioneer Club leaders, and Youth Ministry Seminars for Junior and Senior High leaders.

Also, this year, we welcome two new youth leaders—Sandy Shirk and Amy Willette—and welcome back many of last year’s youth leaders for another exciting youth group season. The Youth Advisory Committee is planning a special banquet on Sunday, September 15, to thank these leaders for their dedication and effort. However, we always have a need 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!



## Don't Forget!

If you completed the Summer Bible Reading Challenge, you must turn in your Bible Reading Certification Card by Sunday, September 2, in order to receive your award at the Youth Group Cook-Out!

Please call David Salerno at 539-1966 with any questions.

such as finding coins in the pool and seeing how many books of the Bible they can remember. Paula also made snacks and grilled hamburgers for the youth.



(Clockwise from top left) Tori, Laura, Dominique, Taylor, Kate, Melissa, and Alex had a great time in the pool

### Alphas' Pool Party

On Sunday, August 12, the Alpha Youth Group was invited to a pool party at the home of Paula and Jerry Thornton to begin the new year.

The group swam in the pool and played games,

“With many of the youth moving up to the Alphas this year, and Paula moving up to serve as an Alpha Youth leader as well, it was a great chance for everyone to have fun together and get to know each other,” commented Alpha Youth leader David Salerno. “Special thanks to Paula and Jerry for hosting this party.”

# Youth Group Cook-Out

**Sunday, September 9 • 3:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Bennett's Creek Park • Shelter #2**



Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and dessert

*Softball\* • Kickball • Volleyball • Badminton • Football*  
*Frisbee • Horseshoes • Tennis\* • Fishing\* • Nature Walking*

*\*Please bring your own softball glove, tennis racket and balls, or fishing equipment*



There is also a playground with swings, slides, and other activities for the children

There is limited space under the shelter. You may want to bring your own chairs or blankets.  
 This is the opening activity for the 2007-2008 youth group season. All children and their families are encouraged to attend!