

Youth Newsletter

November 2007

Children, Youth Preparing for Youth Sunday

Each year, on the first Sunday in November, the youth and children of the church are given the responsibility of teaching Sunday School and leading the morning worship services.

Youth Sunday allows the youth and children of the church to participate in all aspects of the church service, and gives them the opportunity to learn how to teach a Sunday School class and lead a worship service. It's a great learning experience for the children, and essential in order to train up the Sunday School teachers and church leaders of the next generation.

Over the past month, our children and youth have been working very hard to get ready for Youth Sunday on November 4.

The junior and senior high youth have been planning their Sunday School lessons, while the Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Junior Handbell Choir, and Youth Praise Team have all been practicing special music for both the Early and Morning Worship services.

Kelsey Greene has been preparing her message to be delivered at both services, and over a dozen youth have been getting ready for their special roles during the Morning Worship service.

Immediately following the 10:45am service, the children, youth, and their families are invited to a special luncheon in Graham Hall, provided by the Women's Fellowship.

We encourage everyone to support our youth and children by attending both worship services and Sunday School on Youth Sunday!

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

ALL CLUBS

November 4	Youth Sunday, 8:30am-12:00noon No Regular Meeting
November 11	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
November 18	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
November 25	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
December 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.



The Nursery is now OPEN on Sunday nights!

Our regular Sunday morning Nursery Worker, Tiffany Ehrenfried, is now providing nursery services from 5:30-7:30 every Sunday night. So, if you have a little one up to 2 years old, bring them out with the rest of the family on Sunday nights for Bible Study and Youth Groups here at Bethlehem!



Thanks to all who came out and supported the Omega Youth Group during their Car Wash on Saturday, October 20.

\$160 was raised for the group's ongoing activities and projects.

Alpha, Omega Youth Visit Busch Gardens

On two consecutive weekends this past month, the Alpha and Omega Youth Groups each took trips to Busch Gardens in Williamsburg.

On Sunday, October 14, the Alpha Youth left for Busch Gardens immediately following the Early Service. The group of nine youth and three chaperones arrived at the park around 11:00am.

A number of youth spent time on the park's five roller coasters—the Loch Ness Monster, the Big Bad Wolf, Alpenggeist, Apollo's Chariot, and their newest coaster, Griffon. Many of the youth, however, found the festival-style rides in Octoberfest and Festa Italia, including the bumper cars, the teacups, the swings, and the catapult, more to their liking. Several in the group also tried their hand at the skill games, and a few lucky youth came away with large stuffed animals to bring home.


The group left the park at 8:15pm, and, after stopping for a late meal at McDonald's, returned to church around 10:00pm.

The next Sunday, October 21, the Omega Youth headed to the theme park after attending the Early Service. The group of four youth and two chaperones arrived at Busch Gardens shortly before 11:30am.


The Omegas took in a number of the park's shows and interactive rides, such as Pirates 4-D, Corkscrew Hill, and the Curse of DarKastle. Several of the youth also rode the Loch Ness Monster, DaVinci's Cradle, and the Battering Ram.


The Omegas left the park shortly after 8:00pm, stopped for a late snack at Wendy's, and arrived back at church around 10:30pm.

Both groups had a great time, and enjoyed the fun and fellowship they had together.




Pioneer Clubs News & Notes






The Scooters completed their first unit of the year, Jesus, Our Special Friend. The children made Happy Boxes, where they would put cards containing IOUs for a hug for Mom and Dad, and listing other special favors they could do to cheer someone up. The group started their new unit, Praising God, by playing instruments and singing into a megaphone to praise music.




The Voyagers recently completed their All About Church unit, and earned their Campfire, Clothes, and Bible Exploration awards.



The Pathfinders completed their Bible Quest unit, and earned their Group Games and Nature Projects awards. To earn the Nature Project award, the children made Nature Mobiles and Bean Mosaic Picture Frames. The group recently started working on its Making Friends unit.

**IF THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL
BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW**
MATTHEW 9:37



**GET INTO
GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament Bible Reading Challenge

Read the entire Old Testament using the customized Bible Reading Plan (available online at www.bccyouth.org, click on Documents & Forms). It only takes about 15 minutes a day, and those who complete the challenge will receive a special award at the Youth Group Pool Party!