

Youth Newsletter

May 2008

Spring Revival Youth Night Offers Youth Music, Movie, and a Message

On Sunday, April 13, 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 in the Old Fellowship Hall, where the Pioneer Clubs were treated to a special Movie Night featuring the latest VeggieTales video, "The Wonderful Wizard of Has". The children enjoyed pizza, drinks, and popcorn while watching the movie on a big screen.

At the same time in Graham Hall, Youth Night was just getting underway. Geared specifically for the junior and senior high youth, the event began with the First Baptist Church Youth Praise Band.

The band led the youth in a number of high-energy praise and worship songs. The youth sang along to the lyrics on Graham Hall's video screen and clapped their hands to the music.



The youth sing along with the First Baptist Church Youth Praise Band

After a few songs, the Boykins Methodist Church Youth Group presented their special "Lifehouse Everything" drama. This powerful skit vividly illustrated how so many things in our lives often get in the way of our relationship with Jesus.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

May 4	Omegas End-Of-Year Luau, 3:00pm <i>Becke's House, 333 Sussex Ct.</i>
May 16-17	American Cancer Society Relay for Life <i>Nansemond-Suffolk Academy</i>
June 1	Closing Pool Party, 6:00pm-8:00pm <i>Suffolk Family YMCA</i>
July	Kings Dominion Kings Fest Trip, 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 Boykins Methodist Church Youth Group performs their drama

Following the skit, the band from First Baptist returned to the stage for several more songs before closing out their set.

After a brief intermission, Six Chasing Seven took the stage. From Lynchburg, Virginia, their unique blend of "rock-infused reggae funk" had the youth on their feet from the very start. Backed by Byron Cage on drums and C.J. Hagwood on bass guitar, lead guitarist Daniel Keeton and keyboardist James Walz laid the perfect foundation for the raw

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energy of vocalist Dick Redding. Each song delivered a powerful message to the youth.



Six Chasing Seven performs for the youth

Then, youth speaker Charles Jones closed out the night, delivering a powerful, personal message to the youth. Charles emphasized that it's not as important that you know God as much as it is that he knows you.



Youth Speaker Charles Jones talks to the youth

Pizza, cheeseburgers, candy, and drinks were available throughout the night, and Six Chasing Seven had CDs, t-shirts, and other merchandise available for sale.



Paula, Brenda, Becke, and other volunteers served food to the youth

Over 50 youth and adults attended Youth Night, including the entire youth group from Boykins Methodist Church. Approximately 20 children, leaders, and adults attended Movie Night.

Thanks so much to all who helped make the Youth Night events a huge success. Special thanks to Robert Lewis, his Revival Committee, and the entire Deaconry Board for their support, and for providing the love offerings for the bands and the speaker. And thanks to all those who helped set up, serve food, welcome visitors, chaperone, clean up, and so much more.



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<p><i>June 29-July 1</i></p> <p><i>July 20-25</i></p> <p><i>August 3-8</i></p>	<p><i>Mini Camp (ages 7-9)</i></p> <p><i>Youth Camp (ages 13-17)</i></p> <p><i>Outdoor Outburst (ages 10-14)</i></p>
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It's not too late! If you would like to sign up for Summer Camp, please call David Salerno at 334-1507.

**Join the
 BCC Youth Group
 E-Mail Circle!**

Stay in touch with the latest youth group news, schedule information, parenting topics, helpful advice, and more!

E-mail dbsalerno@aol.com to join today!

Children Sing and Visit Nursing Home, Youth Visit Shut-In

On Sunday, April 6, the youth at Bethlehem held an impromptu “visitation night”, with all youth groups going out to visit the nursing home and shut-ins.

After dinner at church, the Pioneers and Alphas went to Nansemond Pointe Nursing Home. Led by Terese Neblett and Cozette Holland, the children’s choir and I.D.E.A.L. Singers performed in the lobby for the residents. The children sang for about 30 minutes before visiting room-to-room, delivering hand-made crafts. Before returning to church, the children stopped at Sonic for treats.



The I.D.E.A.L. Singers perform for the residents at Nansemond Pointe

The same day, the Omega youth went to visit one of our shut-ins, Lane Salmon. Seven youth spent over an hour visiting and talking with Mrs. Salmon. After visiting, the teens stopped for dinner at Applebee’s.



The Omega Youth pause for a picture at Mrs. Lane Salmon’s house



Pioneer Clubs News & Notes





The **Scooters** closed out the youth group season earning their Missions badge. The children learned about international missionaries, and discovered new foods and games from other cultures. The Scooters also made cards of encouragement to send to missionaries overseas.



The **Voyagers** completed their God Made Families unit by earning their Parents activity award. The children learned what the Bible has to say about obeying our parents, and the things their parents do for them. The Voyagers also played various games to earn their Games activity award. The children have been working all year on how to find passages in the Bible, and have earned Pioneer Bucks for using their Bible.



The **Pathfinders** finished the year by working on their Me and My Family unit. They earned their Good Food activity award by learning about and making a number of healthy dishes. The children also earned their Stitchery activity award.

“The youth introduced themselves by telling Mrs. Salmon about their grandparents,” commented Omega Youth leader Becke West. “She paused for a second, then recognized exactly who they were. It was a very enjoyable visit.”

“I think it’s important that our children learn from a young age the importance of visiting our members who are shut-ins and in the nursing home,” said David Salerno, Bethlehem’s Youth Director. “It makes a real difference, and brightens their day.”

World Vision 30 Hour Famine Final Report

On February 22-23, twenty junior and senior high youth participated in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine (for complete details, see story in March 2008 Youth Newsletter). In the weeks following the Famine, the youth have been working hard to collect their pledges and thank their sponsors.

When the final count was made, the youth had collected \$1,713 for World Vision's international Christian relief efforts. With matching Federal grants, that's enough to feed and care for 16 children for an entire year!

The group's highest fundraiser was Tori Tarkington, who raised \$250. Five other youth also collected more than \$100 each.

Good job to all the youth who participated in the Famine! Those that earned Famine awards (wristbands, t-shirts, etc.) should receive them by the end of June.

Special thanks to the congregation for their support!

Alpha, Omega Youth Participate in Relay for Life

This year, our junior and senior high youth are partnering with the Missions Committee to form a Relay for Life team.

The youth will be participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy on May 16-17.

In the weeks leading up to the Relay, the youth will be working with the Missions Committee on a number of fundraisers. The youth will help serve at the Chicken Luncheon on Sunday, April 27. The youth will also be taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts. Please see any youth to order your dozen today!

Thanks to Donna Eby and Doris Johnson for serving as team captains and coordinating the team's efforts.



Youth Group Pool Party

Fun for the whole family!

Sunday, June 1 • 6pm-8pm
Suffolk Family YMCA

Outdoor Pool • Kiddie Pool • Spray Park
Playground • Refreshments provided

POOL PARTY

Bring your friends!

