

# Youth Newsletter

February 2009

## Alphas, Omegas Prepare for 30 Hour Famine

For the sixth consecutive year, our junior and senior high youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Each day, nearly 29,000 children die from hunger and other mostly preventable causes. Each night, nearly a billion people, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry. And, all over the world, 1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day.

The youth of Bethlehem have committed themselves to making a difference in the lives of needy children all over the world, and to be a part of the solution.

Starting on Friday, February 27, our youth will join thousands of youth groups in more than 21 countries—over 1 million youth worldwide—and go without food for 30 hours, to experience the hunger that far too many children around the world face every day.

Youth will be seeking donors and sponsors in the congregation and our local community. It takes only \$30 per month—just \$1 a day—to feed and care for a child through World Vision, even in the most remote of locations.

World Vision is a non-profit Christian relief organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of children, families, and communities all over the world. For more than 50 years, World Vision has been providing food, clean water, medical treatment, and much more for needy children and families. Each year, more than 80 million people in almost 100 countries receive the hope of a brighter future through thousands of World Vision projects worldwide.

The youth will be challenged personally and

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

### ALL CLUBS

- February 1 Regular Meeting, 12:15pm-2:00pm  
*Souper Bowl Sunday • youth are asked to bring non-perishable food items for Bethlehem's Food Pantry mission*
- February 8 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- February 14-16 Alphas/Omegas SnowBlast '09  
*see permission slip for complete trip details*
- February 15 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
*Pioneer Clubs only*
- February 22 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
- February 27-28 Alphas/Omegas World Vision 30 Hour Famine, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- March 1 Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm  
*Pioneer Clubs only*

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

physically over the 30 hours. During the famine, the youth will participate in a number of activities, projects, and Bible studies. In the end, the youth will gain a greater sense of compassion for a world in need, and learn to see others through the eyes of Christ.

Last year, thanks to the overwhelming support of the congregation and community, Bethlehem's youth collected pledges of \$1,713—enough to feed 16 needy children for over a year, thanks to matching Federal grants.

So, this year, when a junior or senior high youth asks you to sponsor them for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, please consider helping to fight hunger all over the world and to spread the love of Christ to a world in need. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

## Youth to Donate to Food Pantry on “Souper Bowl” Sunday

The winter months are a special time of need, and many people look to Bethlehem’s Food Pantry to help them get through difficult times.

Several years ago, the Youth Groups at Bethlehem decided to set aside their own special day—“Souper Bowl” Sunday—to give the children an opportunity to help the needy in our community by donating non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry.

On Sunday, February 1, the youth of Bethlehem Christian Church are asked to bring in their non-perishable food items for Bethlehem’s Food Pantry to celebrate “Souper Bowl” Sunday.

Last year, the youth donated over 50 different food items to the Food Pantry. Let’s make this year an even bigger success!

So please remember to bring your food items to the Regular Meeting right after church on Sunday, February 1! And don’t forget, anyone can donate to Bethlehem’s Food Pantry at any time, simply by bringing non-perishable food items to church.

**Sunday, February 1 is  
Souper Bowl Sunday!**

**Special regular meeting time**

**12:15pm-2:00pm**  
*(following morning worship)*

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**Please bring a non-perishable food item  
to help restock Bethlehem’s food pantry  
for the needy in our community**



## Pioneer Clubs News & Notes



The **Scooters** completed their third unit of the year, Family, by making a family photo album. The children also made sheep and donkey masks, and used them to act out the story of Abraham and Lot choosing their land.



The **Voyagers** are working on their Trusting God unit, and have been earning their Nature and Physical Fitness activity awards. To earn their Nature award, the children made peanut butter and bagel birdfeeders, sun catchers, pet rocks, and nature scrapbooks.



The **Pathfinders** recently completed their God’s Family unit, and earned their Team Games and Rocks activity awards. The children are currently working on their God Made Us unit, and are earning their Exercise Fun, Secret Codes, and Printer activity awards.



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## Camp Piankatank Hartfield, VA

June 28-30	Amazing Adventure Mini-Camp (ages 7-9)
July 19-24	Extreme Escape Youth Week (ages 13-17)
July 26-31	Amazing Adventure Camp (ages 10-14)

**REGISTRATION IS IN PROGRESS NOW**  
*Register today to insure your spot!*

Register by mail, or online at [www.camppiankatank.org](http://www.camppiankatank.org)

*If you would like to register for Summer Camp, or would like more information, please call David Salerno at (757) 334-1507.*