



Senior Youth Group NEWS!!!

Cary Church of Christ: January '11 Edition

Spread The News_{letter} Mark 6:15

Thanks for a Great 2010 and BIG PLANS for 2011!!



So we had a great 2010 but will be growing the momentum to create an even better 2011. Our theme this year is "Light the Fire." We will be on fire for God and it will be evident in our lives. This year the goal will be to ensure you are ignited. We are going to focus on spreading Christianity like we are on fire because we are or will be. To start this off January 15th we are going to be

purging our lives of sin, temptation and anything else we need to rid ourselves of. Please plan on joining us at the Mitchell's house on Saturday at 7pm bringing any music, movies, shirts or anything else that may be a temptation or sin in your lives and BURNING it with us. Please read the spiritual thoughts section at the end of the newsletter for more information on why we are doing this!!

GET INVOLVED!! Yes that means YOU!!

Last year several families wanted to do something for/with the Senior Youth Group and we hope this year is no different! How can you be involved in the Senior Youth Group?? There are three ways the church can help. **1. Host a Devo** **2. Lead a Service Project** (what good do you see we can do?). **3. Lead a Social Event** (just fun gatherings that serve as ways we can get to know each other, friends and family better). If you have any ideas see Chad or Brian to talk about what you are passionate about and we will figure it out! Sign up at: <http://tinyurl.com/SeniorYG>

Service Projects! LETS DO DAT GOOD!!

Last year we wrapped up a few impactful service projects such as distributing the Thanksgiving food baskets to those in need as well as writing cards to all those that visited/attended Cary in 2010. We had a great time as evident by the pictures below!! Coming up we have a Parents Night Out scheduled for February 12th!!!



Senior Youth of the Month!



Jansen Hommel is this month's honorary senior youth group member because she is involved. I have been

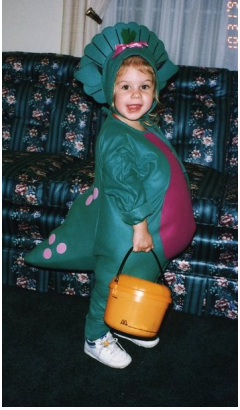
thrilled with the level of leadership she has displayed over the last month. She has been to all of our events, been bringing friends and just as important has been a friend to new Christians such as Brennah. Jansen is always there and figuring out how to help without being asked. We continue to be impressed with Jansen and it is obvious she is working for the Lord. For all this we want to say THANKS!

Upcoming Events (next 2 months)

- Jan 9: Devo @ Building
- Jan 15: The Fire Purging
- Jan 16: Senior Class Leadership Devo
- Jan 23: Devo @ Building
- Jan 30: Parent Meeting
- Feb 12: Parents Night Out Service Project
- Feb 13: Devo @ Cruses
- Feb 25: Ice Skating
- Feb 27: Devo @ Moores
- Mar 4: Lock-In!!

Info, sign-ups, devos, pictures, etc:
<http://tinyurl.com/SeniorYG>

GUESS WHO!? Last Issue: Jennifer Thompson



I was born in Raleigh on May 3, 1993 and have lived in Cary my whole life. At 5 I was diagnosed with Leukemia and endured 2 ½ years of Chemotherapy. When I was 8 years old I was declared “in remission” and have not had any relapses since. I have two dogs, Mia and Lacey, and two cats, Meeko and Pebbles. My sister’s name is Ashley and she goes to Harding University. I am currently a senior at Green Hope High School. I was color-guard captain for two years and have been in the varsity winterguard since freshman year. I am really

passionate about music. I play the piano and percussion in school. My college plans are to go to NC State and study to be an elementary school teacher. I have been a YMCA counselor for two years and can’t wait to work with kids for the rest of my life. Go Wolfpack!!

Reminder for Youth/Parent Meeting January 30th

We will be having our quarterly parent/youth meeting Sunday afternoon on January 30th from 3:45 till 5pm. Please plan to attend as we discuss upcoming events for the year and our plans to become more spiritual.

Spiritual Thoughts from Brian Newberry



Price Check on Register 6, Can I Get a Cost for Christianity?

In the churches of Christ, we place great emphasis on sharing our heritage with that of the first century church. But how far are we willing to share that heritage? Are we willing to let Christianity cost us the way it did the church in the first century? First century Christians left their homes, their families, they lost their possessions and many lost their very lives. They took seriously the claims Jesus made that in Luke 9:24-27 and Mark 10:29-30: “Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. **25**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? **26**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory

and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. “I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel **30**will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.”

How much have we lost for Jesus? How much have we left for Jesus? Have we left anything for Jesus? The first century church put us all to shame, what can we do to close the gap? The first century church was faced daily in many places with persecution unlike anything we have ever experienced or will experience, and they as a result knew the cost of their calling. We read in Acts 19:18-20 Ephesus a story about how the members of that body showed the world they understood the cost and what they had to give up. It reads: “Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”

These Christians took the equivalent of millions of dollars of possessions and burned them. Why? Because they knew they held no value, wouldn't sell them to others what wasn't right for them to own no matter how much money they might have received, and they weren't afraid to show their neighbors the application of their new faith. In January, the senior youth group has been challenged to follow the example of the Ephesian Christians and burn what they own that is of no value, is detrimental to our walk as Christians and keeps us from being effective witnesses for Christ on earth. This will include but not be limited to CDs, DVDs, illegal copies of CDs or DVDs, books, magazines, video games, computer games, shorts that are too short, shirts that show too much, clothes that fit too tight, drugs, birth control, pictures, toys, and anything else that fits the bill. We will also have computers there for us to erase music off our MP3 players and iTunes accounts, delete videos, uninstall programs, and erase user accounts. This is a challenge we have made to the senior youth, but it's absolutely applicable to us all. If you are a parent or a sibling or maybe a member that has no tie to the group, the challenge is still yours. Give the possessions you are holding onto that you shouldn't be to a member of the senior group and be a part of our activity!

Prayer Requests

1. Brennah as she wants to be able to attend Church more.
2. Our 2011 year that we might truly be on fire for God.
3. Our event Saturday to purge our lives of any sin.
4. Our seniors as they complete their last semester of high school.
5. The world to have open hearts and mind as we plant and God gives the increase.

Senior YG 2011 Priorities!!!

