



Senior Youth Group NEWS!!!

C3 Senior YG: September Edition

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Welcome and Newsletter Intent!!

First of all, let me again say how excited we are to be working with the youth!! This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, our family, the Church and make a positive impact on the world! The intent of this newsletter is to provide monthly "one-stop-shopping" for all relevant senior youth announcements and an outlet for the youth to bring up topics on their heart. Our hope is that we grow spiritually while having as much fun as possible! Let us know how you like it!!

Strategies for Success!!

Most of you have seen this before through Patrick's presentations, youth group parent meetings and devos but we wanted to reiterate our goals as youth directors. **First** we want to increase the youth's spiritual relationship. Our primary objective is to help the youth get to heaven while learning what it means to be a Christian. **Second** we want to increase the youth's love for their family. Parent/child relationships are always "fun" and we hope to help strengthen those relationships through devos and activities. **Third** we want to increase the love of the youth for the Church. There are a ton of people in Cary CoC and as a youth group we need to build relationships and strengthen each other to be the best examples we can be! **Lastly** we want to increase the youth's love for helping the world! We are here to bring as many people to heaven as we can, that starts by being active in our communities and focusing on what we can do to help bring as many people as we can with us!!!

To those ends we will be kicking off the first few activities in October that map to those four strategies!! It is our hope that we all participate and have a great time doing so!!!

October Kick-Offs!!

- 1. Devos in Church Member's Homes!!** Starting in October we will no longer have senior YG devos at the Church building! The first devo will be held in the Bosworth's home. It is our hope that we can work through the of the logistical challenges this imposes because we believe there are real benefits from having devos in a more personal setting while getting to know the host family!
- 2. Monthly Service Projects!!** We have the power to make an incredible difference in the lives of the community and the Church members. We would like to start doing one project a month that will help us do something completely selfless to glorify God. October's service project will be performing chores for the elderly of the congregation! Please plan to meet at the Church building at 9am on October 17th for this service! I guarantee you will benefit from it.
- 3. Monthly "TRUST" Events:** TRUST being an acronym for Teens Ready Under Saving Truth. This event will be organized by the MANY groups/people in the Church that want to build a relationship with you. It will be social in nature with a spiritual component to it. We are extremely excited about getting the LIVE wires, Prime Timers, Young Marrieds, and Young Professional groups involved in the your lives!!

Planned January Kickoffs!!

We really do have a TON of ideas and can't wait till we get to introduce more in the new year. We want to stick with the above three for the rest of the year and see how those go before we potentially rolling out more opportunities for us to serve the Lord and develop spiritually:

- 1. Monthly Senior Devos:** Our seniors are absolutely vital to the development of the entire group. Their leadership and examples are the backbone for the entire group. It is absolutely vital that we work specifically on their needs and ensure they are ready to move onto the next phase of their lives knowing they will serve the Lord.
- 2. Quarterly Lock-Ins:** Lock-ins provide an excellent time for the youth to get to know the directors and the directors to get the youth on new levels. There is nothing like singing for hours past midnight and playing games that further unite the group. We would like to have these scheduled regularly so there are clear expectations as to when these happen.
- 3. Annual Mission Trip:** How many of the youth know how to teach others about what being a Christian means and have experience converting them to Christ? A mission trip would prepare them for just that. We are here to bring as much of the world to heaven as we can, it is absolutely imperative that the youth are prepared!!!
- 4. Annual Great Escape:** AKA Youth Retreat! Some period of time away from life where the group can come together and worship God. This could be a whitewater rafting trip, mountains, beach... we don't know, but what we do know is that the spiritual and personal development will last a lifetime!!!
- 5. OTHERS?** This is where we need your help!!! What else do you want to see, what do you like, what don't you like! I guarantee you we will evolve our activities to better align to our strategies and address various needs we see arise. We would love your input! At the parents meeting we ran out of time here. The next meeting we have we will address this topic greatly so be thinking!

Identity CRISIS!!!!

"Senior Youth Group"? Is that really our name? We have an opportunity to come up with a name that better defines who we are. An example would be "SWAT" meaning Spiritual Warriors & Advocates of Truth. This is much like our "TEABS" group which stands for Totally Enthusiastic About Bible Study!! Anyway... think about it, if we want to stay Senior Youth Group then we can, BUT this is an opportunity for us to get creative and truly identify the group. The most creative name that we can agree to wins!!! Let the suggestions begin!!!!!! That means you youth!!!!

Financial Peace Service Project!!!!!!!

The **Financial Peace** class will be kicking off this Monday from 6:45 - 9:15pm running through December 14th in conjunction with our service projects, the youth will have an opportunity to do something completely selfless and offer to babysit the kids that's parents are taking the class. This childcare has been offered in previous classes and we would like to continue this good work. If interested, please e-mail me and sign up on the bulletin board ASAP! There are slots for two senior YG members at each event.

Thoughts on Expectations in the YG!!

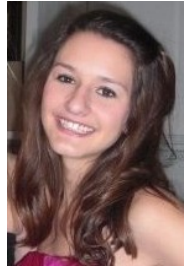
Last Sunday night we had a devo on expectations in devos, rallies, youth events outside Church and worship. We are firm believers in the three 'C's'. 1. Communication of expectations. 2. Consistency. 3. Compassion. It is critical we have all three components when helping our kids become they spiritual leaders they need to be. Please take a moment to review the devo and discuss these with the youth. We want to address this up front so we do not have to deal with behavioral concerns going forward.

Keep the Communication Open!!!

We cannot stress enough, if you want to see something then SPEAK UP! We have an open door policy!! ALSO... if you were not included or know of someone that this newsletter did not go to, let me know! It is surprisingly tough to gather the e-mail addresses for both youth and parents.

Recognition of the Month!

Chelsea Bosworth for her continued leadership in the devos, the rallies and activities outside of the Church. Last devo we had a hard lesson on expectations during various times and afterwards Chelsea said "Thank You for that lesson." I don't think she knew how much we needed that thank you during that time. For that Chelsea we want to recognize you!!!!



Upcoming Events

- Sep. 25-26: Cary Rally!!**
- Sep. 27: No Devo**
- Oct. 3: "TRUST" Event w/ Singles at Burrell's, Bring Pumpkin for carving 4-8pm!**
- Oct. 9-10: Oak Forest Rally!**
- Oct. 11: Devo at Bosworths!**
- Oct. 17: Service Project, 9am at Church Building**
- Oct. 23: Kannapolis Lock-in**
- Oct. 25: Fall Fellowship at Coopers!**
- Nov. 7: "TRUST" Event at TBD**

Things for You to Do Now!

- 1. Pray for DuJuan Chambers and his family as they suffer their loss.**
- 2. Arrange and get approval from parents on transportation to devos going forward.**
- 3. Help us come up with a Senior YG Name!**
- 4. Mark calendars for above activities!**
- 5. Sign up on bulletin board for Financial Peace babysitting!**
- 6. Register for Cary & Oak Forest Youth Rallies!**
- 7. Send thoughts for next newsletter!**

MEET A YOUTH DIRECTOR!!!



OK, so obviously we need to get to know each other!! I figure we can start with me and each month give more insight to a randomly selected director ;-). My name is Chad Thompson... some call me "Chad Thompson" (but you have to say it fast). I like walks on the beach, the smell of morning rain, and long showers. Ok not really... well really. I also LOVE God, international travel, techno, reading, cards, grilling and working with the youth. I really believe everyone has a purpose in life and we can all do great things if we try. I am an undying optimist and one of those guys that sees the glass as half full. I like to play and watch live sports but I don't follow them. My favorite passage of the Bible is the beatitudes in Matthew 5. I have a passion for owning my own business one day and believe in hard work. Tons more but that's enough for one session!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

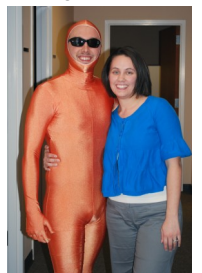
We are 100% sincere in our desire to do what is right for the youth. Please help us by talking to us about ideas you have and coming to us with concerns or questions. We are so thankful for every youth and parent at Cary! It is our hope this group has a profound impact on the youth and Church.

Embarrassing Pictures of the Month



I think she likes it!

For a good cause!



Topics Covered in Last Parent Meeting

For those of you that were not able to attend the last parents meeting, the agenda has been attached. Feel free to talk to us about any topics we covered.

THANKS!!!