

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Last Month Our College Students finished their series on Jesus in Christmas and Enjoyed a Christmas Party and Gift Exchange right before Finals. Our Sr Highers completed a Series on Hope in Jesus looking at passages in the Old Testament. At the writing of this, the Sr Highers are prepping for Finals and we are prepping for the Sr High Christmas party and Gift Exchange as well as our Second Annual Finals Finale. Our Jr Highers just began the series Book of Hope. This last month we discussed the need for God and How God impacts lives both in the stories of Joseph as well as several Christmas stories. The Jr Highers had a blast with their Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. In Sunday School we just completed the series Dealing with Conflict. We looked at the conflict with Family, Friends, Authority and God. We also saw some video clips by Veteran Youth Pastor Doug Fields.

By The time you get this our students will have taken time for Christmas Caroling with the Prime Timers and Cruzers. I really enjoy times like this where multiple generations connect. God calls older men and women to help and train younger ones and I can't think of a better way to do than to connect different generations in doing something that they love.

This Month our college students begin a new series on the book of Philippians and will also connect with each other in their annual college young adult retreat in Tahoe. January 28-30. Cost is \$110 per person.

Our Sr Highers will begin a new series based on John Ortburg's book, "The Me I Want to Be". We will be taking the time to look at how we want to start this new year to become all we want to be and to do it in a God honoring way. Our Sr Highers will also have an All Nighter January 16-17. Our Sr High Awana Group continues to grow and to develop Thursdays as well.

Our Jr Highers will continue in their Book of Hope series and will be looking at their purpose, dealing with temptation and how to maximize their year. There will be a Jr High Sled Day and BBQ Saturday, January 1st. Starting at 11 am.

Last fall we tried moving Jr High ministries to Thursdays in hope that it would be best for the church. Over the past couple of months we discovered that though the change was good for a large number of people, it made things more difficult for our Jr Highers. In light of this we are making another change and will be holding Jr High Fellowship Wednesday Nights in the Basement floor while Sr High meets on the mail floor. This way Jr Highers won't have to try to cram so much on Thursdays and Parents will have one less night to drive their children out.

Our new Sunday School series will be on the Book of James. Ted Krans will be teaching during the first service.

This month we will again hold our annual Student Auction. Please join us Sunday January 16th at 1230 for lunch. (Please bring a donation to help offset the cost.) This is a great opportunity for students to help raise funds for retreats as well as to continue in helping them develop a strong work ethic and to better connect the students with the church at large. Our students are available for babysitting, cleaning, tutoring, yard work, painting, car detailing as well as several other jobs as well. Please join us for this!

As we begin this new year, you may notice that we are making a number of changes and adjustments additional clarifications and details are available on the youth website. As we continue to grow and change, so often does the way we will do and present ministry. Please keep us and our staff in prayer as we strive to start 2011 well.

Excited for New Beginnings,

Jackson Fong
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