

STUDENT MINISTRIES

The End of Summer was Packed with all sorts of events, activities and options. For the First time, our Youth Group officially participated in Relay for Life. Mollie Williams put together a great team of more than 15 individuals and came up with a number of some great ideas. Thanks a ton to Both Mollie and all the students and families that participated! It was a great way to raise some funds to help out, to connect with the community and to actually do something with our faith.

Eric Davis, Melissa Hubbard and Frankie Fong did a great job putting together Sr High water wars. The students had a spectacular time and also enjoyed a great time of bonding.

With 22 participating in Lake day and 31 participating in Water Park day, one could say that we finished off the summer with a "Splash". Thanks To Tony Perez Sr, Tom Murphy, Michelle Fong, Melissa Hubbard, Paige Torres, Kayla Henrickson, and Jessie Alhiser for all their help and assistance in making those events happen.

By the time you read this, our Student Ministries Leadership team will have met to lay out the plans and the groundwork for this upcoming year. This year we have a number of different plans to continue to bring up our students and leaders to the "Next Level". Some of this will include taking new steps and developing new ministries and new approaches. One example of this is taking our Jr High Mid Week Ministries and moving it from Tuesdays to Thursdays. At the same time, some of this involves, changes and even releasing of ministries. One of these have been near and dear to myself, my family and several others.

Student Ministry Dates to Note:

10-12 WJU Leadership Retreat
19 SYATP Rally
22 SYATP

After much prayer, searching, and discussing, Last month the "G (God) Force" team that has been taking student leaders and developing them to work with children at Crossroads will be taking their time, energy and resources and will seek out other avenues of growth and service. Please pray that God will raise up other leaders, that He will connect those students with the right people and ministries that will bring them closer to God.

As you read this, the Jr High Midweek Fellowship will have started their R.E.F.U.G.E. series, a short series to refocus the Jr Highers and remind the group of what the Jr High Ministries is all about. Our Sr High Ministries will have started their E.P.I. C. Series, and our College Ministry will have started their series on "How faith survives in the midst of life—a series through the book of Nehemiah."

For the Month of September, Several of our student leaders will be attending a weekend leadership retreat at William Jessup University. If you are interested in sponsoring a full or partial scholarship for a leader, please let me know.

September is also the time for International "See You At The Pole", an encouragement for students to gather at their school flagpoles to pray for family, school, the nation and leaders. Parents are also invited to gather to pray as well. You can find out more by checking out the youth website or joining us for our local See You At The Pole Rally Sunday, September 19th. If you can, join us to pray, support and encourage our students and leaders.

As the new year starts, please pray for us to lead our students into a closer and greater walk with Christ.

Still Learning,

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