

December 2011

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Future Plans:

December 28th-31st:
Chrysalis @ First
UMC, Wichita
January 20th-22nd:
CCYM Mid-Winter
April 13th-15th:
Confirmation Rally/
Middle School
Retreat



IT IS GOD WHO COMPLETES EACH OF US...

...no matter if you are married or single, five years old or ninety-five years old, big or small, tall or short...

First of all, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all.

But as this season comes upon us may we be reminded that God completes each and everyone of us. Too often during the holiday season we forget that. We look for love in all the wrong places when really only God can complete those needs. For example...

We want others' approval in the turkey we cooked...

We hope that the gift we just gave was adequate enough...

We don't want to be alone when the ball drops...

Those are just some instances and there are so many others that get brought to the forefront during the holiday season!

And my encouragement to all of us goes with the sermon on Sunday. When we are looking for the human need for love from other humans we are at their mercies and wishes and they are just like us...

incomplete...

broken...

and hurt...

The reminder here is not that we live in a broken world, but that God loves us so much! He loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to be born in a manger. And he wants to complete us no matter what we think.

Ms. Ann shared it best in the Children's Sermon. You cannot measure the love of God no matter how hard you try. You cannot measure it with a...

tape measure...

a measuring cup...

or a measuring spoon...

It is unfathomably overflowing the cup and the spoon and is way longer than the tape measure. And then she said it was like a Hula-hoop (which, might I add I would have liked to have seen used!) God's love keeps going around and around and it is complete!

Like I said Sunday, I have been a believer in Jesus Christ since the age of eight and it wasn't until three years ago that I really fathomed the statement that God completes me!

God meets us wherever we are at...

Whether you do not believe in Him right now...

Whether you are struggling with Him right now...

Whether you are reading your Bible and praying occasionally right now...

Whether you love him with your whole heart and are ready for Him to take you somewhere you could not even imagine right now...

God loves you and completes you in that place! And He wants us to realize that! So no matter if you are single or married...

big or small...

tall or short...

five years old or ninety-five years old...

GOD LOVES YOU AND COMPLETES YOU!



Myranda's Painting
from Last Sunday

DECEMBER, JANUARY & FUTURE EVENTS

December 4th:

Shoebox Shopping: Bring \$5 and be prepared to go shopping @ 6:00 PM:

Time to go shopping for different items to put in the Shoeboxes that we will be filling on the next Wednesday night! If you want to help others feel the joy that you do during Christmas, then come out and help shop for others' gifts and bring \$5.



December 7th:

Shoebox Wrapping:

This night instead of small groups we will be helping the rest of church after dinner by wrapping all the shoeboxes that get filled by others in the church!

December 17th & 18th:

Living Christmas:

Are you interested in playing Joseph, Mary, or one of the shepherds? Ms. Ann is in need of different people to play different

parts each night. So if you are interested, sign-up for a time slot on Saturday or Sunday night 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

December 18th:

Youth Group Christmas

Do you have a tacky Christmas sweater that you would like to show off to others? Do you have the best White Elephant Gift idea ever? Do you like Christmas? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you should be coming to the Youth Group Christmas Party. It will be from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM, because of Living Christmas. You do have school the next morning, but maybe just maybe we will get a little MIP in! So be prepared for about an hour of MIP after the rest of the Christmas festivities.

December 28th -

December 31st:

Chrysalis Flight 39:

Looking for a Spiritual refresher during the Christmas holiday? This is a perfect opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. This is for students who have finished their freshman year of high school

to college freshmen. Cost will be \$75 (this covers all the expenses on the weekend) for this Thursday through Saturday Spiritual Retreat @ First United Methodist Church in Wichita. We will be leaving the church at noon on Thursday, the 28th and return during the evening on Saturday, the 31st.

January 20th - 22nd:

CCYM Mid-Winter Retreat:

The conference High School Winter Retreat is coming to us. This will be an opportunity to meet other students from throughout the Kansas West Annual Conference for the weekend. We will also need help from adults with different parts of the weekend so if you are interested, please contact Brian or the church office.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me...

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YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHTS

November 27th @ 5:30 PM	Youth Group (Help with Hanging of the Greens)
December 4th @ 6:00 PM	Youth Group (Buy Shoebox Stuff)
December 11th @ 6:00 PM	Youth Group
December 18th @ 6:00	Youth Group (Help with Living Christmas/Christmas Party)
December 25th	No Youth Group
January 1st	No Youth Group
January 8th @ 6:00 PM	Youth Group

Friends are always welcome at all Youth Group Events!

Wednesday Night Bible Studies

Bible Study: 6:15 PM in the Basement

We are studying a series called, "Seven Principles Every Teenager Needs to Know!" by Andy Stanley. Come and join us as we learn these seven principles together!