



# Youthtalk

Weekly News for North Cross Youth

## Wednesday Dinners Begin

Youth sponsored Wednesday dinners begin this week with a crowd favorite - Barbecue Pulled Pork. Youth may arrive as early as 3:15 to help cook and set up. Cooking is typically done by 4:30, if not earlier. Those arriving after the cooking is completed, need to help with clean up after the meal. Just a few reminders. If you arrive before 6:20, you are expected to help with clean-up. If you cook, you do not have to clean, but may opt to do so for more money. Everyone who works the dinner shares in the profits for that week and the monies earned go into your fundraiser account. You are expected to participate in Wednesday Youth Nite if you helped at the dinner, unless you have prior approval from Vickie. This year, youth will be asked to sit at tables with our diners so that you can get to know them and they can get to know you.

## Planning Meeting This Wednesday

This week is our first scheduled planning meeting for 2010-2011. We have a lot to talk about and decide. I know some of you have school commitments, so feel free to email me or call me with your ideas or opinions. Please remember, this week is not a good week to bring friends unless they plan to come to Wednesday Youth Nite or Sunday school on a regular basis. Some of the items up for discussion are:

1. Mission trip 2011 - maximum cost, organization or type of mission trip, location
2. Fall fun trip - mystery trip, separate mid-high/senior high trips, camping...
3. Back room remodel project
4. Charitable organizations to support
5. Fundraisers for the year
6. Ideas to get more youth to Wednesday Youth and Sunday school

Next week we will be starting a program called "Living Prayer." We will open and close together, but will be separated mid-high and senior high for the program itself.

## What's Happening Sunday?

This Sunday Tom Brown will be the lead teacher. He has committed to teaching 3 weeks in September and 3 weeks in October. He wants to spend time this week getting to know you and discussing your ideas for Sunday school topics. Bev Frazier will be his assistant this week. I know this is a holiday weekend, but if you are in town, please make the effort to attend.

## KIVA update

What is KIVA? Kiva is an international organization that empowers individuals or small groups to lend to an entrepreneur across the globe. Kiva partners with existing microfinance institutions around the world called Field Partners. These organizations that have expertise in microfinance and a mission to alleviate poverty facilitate Kiva loans on the ground. Entrepreneurs receive these loans interest free but are required to pay them back within a certain time frame. Each entrepreneur requests a specific amount and loans from individuals are combined to reach the amount requested.

North Cross Youth gave their first loan in October 2007. We loaned \$100 to a man raising cattle in Azerbaijan. Once the loan was paid back, we had the option to re-lend to another person or have the loan returned. The youth group has re-loaned that same \$100 two other times. Currently we have a loan to a group who resells clothes in Ntungamo, Uganda. The leader of that group, Alaisa Nakafero, journaled that the loan allowed her to purchase more clothes and increase her profits greatly. Currently Alaisa has repaid \$87.50. Once our full \$100 is repaid, we will be able to choose another entrepreneur to lend to.

## Calendar of Events

### Sept

- 1 - 5:30 - 1st Wednesday Dinner
- 6:30 - WYN
- 5 - Fall Sunday School begins
- 8 - Wednesday Dinner and WYN
- 12 - Youth Sunday school
- 15 - Wednesday Dinner and WYN
- 19 - Youth Sunday school
- 22 - Wednesday Dinner and WYN
- 26 - Youth Sunday school
- 29 - Wednesday Dinner and WYN

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## Recurring Events

### Wednesday Dinners

5:30-6:15 - (Fellowship Hall)  
Youth may arrive as early as 3:00 p.m. to assist with cooking, serving, and cleanup. Those assisting earn fundraiser monies for the summer mission trip and other youth events.

### WYN - Wednesday

**Youth Nite** - 6:30-8:15 -  
(Youth room in lower level of church) A time for youth 6th - 12th grade to grow spiritually, develop their own relationship with God, & form lasting friendships through small & large group discussions, Bible study, drama, songs, games, food, fellowship, and fun. Youth share in an opening and closing activity but separate into mid-high and senior high small groups for the main program.

### Sunday School

9:45-10:45 - (Youth room)  
Mid-high and senior high meet together every week to learn more about the Bible, God, faith, and how to live out their faith in their everyday life.

## Dinner Menu

**Sept. 1** - Barbecue Pulled Pork on Bun, Baked Beans, Corn, Salad, Dessert

**Sept. 8** - Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Salad, Dessert

**Sept. 15** - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Corn, Applesauce, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert

**Sept. 22** - Roast Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

