



Youthtalk

Weekly News for North Cross Youth

Eleven Youth And One Homeless Night

This past weekend eleven youth and four adults participated in the *One Homeless Night* event. Special thanks to our "shelter employees" Sheryl Dykes, Henry Linch and security guard, Brant Linch for volunteering to help make this experience more memorable for the youth. It was probably not exactly what they expected, but hopefully



helped give them some insight into the plight of the homeless. Parents, if you would like to know more about what the youth experienced, you can read my article on the back page of the newsletter. (The North Cross Spirit) I would like to thank the youth for participating fully and for being open to new experiences. Finally, thank you to all of the youth who

worked hard to secure donations, especially the three youth who were unable to participate but still collected donations. Thanks to your efforts and the generosity of North Cross, we will be donating a little over \$1600 to Synergy Services. This donation will certainly make a positive impact in the lives of youth seeking shelter and help from Synergy.

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 to form friendships and grow with Christ through games, singing, worship, Bible study, short distance trips, large & small group discussions, food, fellowship, & fun.

Sunday School

9:45-10:45 - (Youth room)
Youth separate into mid-high and senior high classes. Teachers will vary from week to week. Topics focus on scriptures, current events, and faith-related issues. Lessons may include Bible study, games, field trips.

Calendar

November

- 11 - WYN & dinner
- 18 - WYN & dinner
- 20 - Bluegrass Fundraiser

December

- 2 - WYN & dinner
- 9 - Crestview Scavenger Hunt 5:30 pm
- 16 - Progressive Dinner 5:30 pm

Parents - How Are You Making Disciples?

The statistics are out there - churches across the country are getting older and dying. Why is this important or why should we care? If we truly believe it is our responsibility to share the love and grace of God and help others to know Christ, then it is incredibly important. So what about North Cross? Are we dying? Are we growing? Are we making disciples? I think in some part, we say yes to all of these questions. Our congregation is predominately an older congregation. However, we are a congregation who is beginning to discuss and move towards a positive change to keep North Cross alive, thriving, and growing. And in that growth, we

can help others to experience Christ as we have and to know his love, grace, and acceptance.

So, parents, what about you? We talk to the youth all the time about our responsibilities as Christians, of "giving to God" - inviting friends, serving others, sharing our faith, etc. How are you giving to God and making disciples?

I understand completely the demands on each of you as parents, spouses, and providers. Your plates are full. Your time and energy is limited. Your money is tight. I am there too. I often ask myself—am I making disciples, am I giving what I should to God?

I lift up just a few opportunities here at North Cross in which you can give to God and help North Cross grow - attend worship and bring your youth

with you, find an adult Sunday school class for yourself, and invite your friends to join you. The youth and children's department are consistently seeking teachers for Sunday school. Maybe you could volunteer in the nursery, sponsor a Wednesday Youth Nite or special event. Many other opportunities can be found in the newsletter each week in other areas of the church. If you would like help getting started in any of these or any other areas, please just ask.

Updates On Upcoming Holiday Events

Wednesday, Nov. 18th will be our last dinner for the year. We will have Wednesday Youth Nite (WYN) on the 25th, but no dinner. Jason and Lynn Parman have graciously opened their home for the final spot on our progressive dinner December

16th. They have an awesome downstairs family area, complete with a stage and karaoke set up. We will need 2 more homes willing to host part of the dinner. Families may consider going together in this endeavor. Contact Vickie in regards to details on how this

would work. We will also need drivers for this event and for the Crestview Scavenger Hunt Dec. 9. I apologize, I haven't had time to work on Snow Creek, but hopefully will get that done this week and will give you more details later.

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Sunday School Program

Senior high have been invited to attend the Good News class with Bryce Strong this Sunday. He was scheduled to teach, but felt the topic being taught in Good News was one senior high would really enjoy. Barb Bennett will



be leading mid-high in one of the Old Testament stories from the Good God Theatre or Scary, Gross, and Weird Stories from the Bible. Some of the stories are in both curriculums and she may lead a combination of both.

Wednesday Youth Nite

We will continue our *Case For Faith* discussion by looking at another "obstacle" to our faith. The topic is *It's Intolerant To Say That Jesus Is The Only Way*. The format will be similar to last week with a game, and both small and large group discussions. Matt Terrell has asked to take the lead for the Nov. 18th program.

The topic will fall into our *Case For Faith* studies. Hopefully he will have more details for us on Wednesday.



See you
Wednesday

Dinner Menu

Nov. 11 - Taco Salad

Corn
Refried Beans
Mexican Rice

Nov. 18 - Vegetable Beef or Chicken

Noodle Soup
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls

*November 18th will be our last
dinner for the year. Dinners will
resume after the holidays on
January, 6*

Wednesday Dinner

