



Youth Ministry Winter 2017 Newsletter

Hello!

It's been a great first half of the school year here at youth—we've had some great events like Bright Night, the Clue Game, and Live Action Monopoly, plus lots of Sunday morning classes to choose from and much more!

Our Sunday morning program ends on Dec. 18 with a special Christmas class before we take 2 weeks off for the break. Classes resume on Jan. 8, 2017. As always, doors open at 9:30am for hot drinks before lessons start at 10am. You can sign up for your choice of class on Sunday mornings. We always offer a variety of classes for all ages and learning styles.

On Friday nights, we've had lots of fun at our events which are geared towards outreach. It's been great getting to know new students who have been invited by friends! Keep it up everyone—we want youth to be a fun, safe place for all students to hang out, make friends, and be able to share life together. On Alive nights, we have enjoyed some great worship sets from our hardworking youth band and have worked through a sermon series called "Christianese" where we learned about some big strange words we read about in the Bible. In the new year, we will be focusing on testimonies from some of our youth, leaders and other guest speakers too.

We have some big stuff coming up in the new year! In January, we will be going to MissionsFest together (Saturday, Jan. 28—buy your \$10 ticket by Dec. 18 as they sell out fast). In February, we will once again be doing Youth Survivor, an overnight event with our friends from Fraserview Church here in Richmond. In March, we have the 30 Hour Famine with Sunshine Ridge and Ebenezer Churches. And that's all before Spring Break!

This year, we are also planning to attend the Triennial North American Baptist youth conference/missions trip—The Gathering. This weeklong event (July 16-21) is in Anaheim, CA and includes lots of service work, great worship and speakers, and lots of great food. This is a big trip that involves a lot of planning and fundraising! Grade 10-12 students can register until Dec. 18, and then we will decide if we have enough spots to open this trip up to Grade 8-9. Be sure to grab the info booklet from me, and mark your calendars for the Jan. 15 info meeting for parents and teens (optional if you are thinking about it, mandatory if you have signed up). You can also contact myself or Heidi Schunter, our key leader, for more information.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—hope to see you in the youth room soon!

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Friday Night Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all events are for Grades 8-12 and take place in the youth room from 7-9pm.

2016-2017 Consent Waiver required to participate—be sure to hand it in if you haven't done so already!

January 6—Glow Games

Wear something white or neon, invite some friends, and join us for a glow-in-the-dark party, complete with glowing games and prizes!

January 13—Alive

Join us for games, worship, message and small groups. Most of our 2017 Alive nights will feature testimonies from students, leaders, or other Bethany members.

January 20—Make a Movie Night

Work in teams to make a movie in 2 hours! We will announce the teams and our 2017 theme during the previous week's event. Then, edit the movies so we can show them and hand out awards at our Oscar Party!

January 27—Chapel Richmond-Delta—6:30-9:30pm

We are once again heading to Chapel, a youth worship night for area churches. **Sign up with Amanda no later than Jan. 25 as we need to arrange rides.** Location TBA.

Saturday, January 28—MissionsFest Youth Rally

We are heading downtown to check out MissionsFest together! We will meet at Skytrain, grab dinner on the way, and then head to Vancouver Convention Centre to learn about different missions work before we head to the youth event. **Times TBA as it depends on who signs up (approx. mid-afternoon to 10pm). Cost is \$10—register on Sundays with Amanda until Dec. 18.**

February 3-4—Youth Survivor (7pm-10am)

It's back! Bring a friend and get ready to outwit, outplay and outlast in this overnight event. Work in teams to compete in games for rewards or elimination. Once eliminated, we will have other activities running in the church. The Sole Survivor will be announced the following morning at breakfast. **Cost \$5 per person.**

February 10—Alive

Join us for games, worship and small groups.

February 17—Youth Olympics

Work in teams and go for the gold! Bring some friends and get ready for a great night of team games together.

February 24—Alive

Join us for games, worship and small groups.

March 3—Youth Oscars

Get dressed up, bring a dessert, and get ready to walk the red carpet! We will be showing all movies from Make a Movie Night, enjoying a dessert potluck, and then handing out awards such as Best Actor, Actress, Director and Picture.

March 10-11—30 Hour Famine (7pm-12:30pm)

This is a sleepover event for Grades 6-12—we raise money for those without food, and fast for 30 hours to understand what it feels like. This event includes group games, competitions, and activity stations—an event you don't want to miss! **Grab a registration package in January to start fundraising—each student must raise a minimum of \$50 to attend,** and those who have raised the most will get to throw a pie on one of the iConnect leaders' faces!

There are no Friday events during Spring Break (March 17/24). We resume with Where's Waldo on March 31.

In February, watch for more information about weekday Spring Break events.