

# Youth Newsletter

October 2005

## Youth, Parents “Kick Off” New Youth Group Season

On Sunday, August 28, the Youth Groups at Bethlehem officially “kicked off” the 2005-2006 youth group season with a Pool Party at the Franklin YMCA.

Although the weather appeared threatening earlier in the day, the skies cleared and God provided a warm sunny afternoon.

Approximately 40 youth, leaders, and parents enjoyed the fun and fellowship, swimming and sunning by the pool. The group also had a dinner of Subway party subs, chips, drinks, and snacks.

The event proved to be a great start to the youth group season. Thanks to all who came out, and all who helped make it happen!

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

### ALL CLUBS

October 2	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
October 9	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
October 16	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
October 23	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
October 30	Alphas/Omegas Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF, 12:00noon-3:00pm
October 30	Community Harvest Festival, time & details TBA
	<b>No Regular Meeting</b>
November 6	Youth Sunday, 9:30am-12:00noon
	<b>No Regular Meeting</b>

For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please contact your club's leaders.



Children and parents enjoy a swim



Lindsay and Lexi



Angie and Benji



Nathan and Ariel pose for the camera



Dinner is served!



Good food, great family fun!



## Youth Director's Corner by David Salerno

Well, it's that time of year again—the time of year that we start to get in full swing with another exciting youth group season.

I'm happy to have all of our 2004-2005 youth leaders return for another year, but I'm elated to welcome 5 new leaders to our youth ministry team—Carrie Doty, Fran Tarkington, Sonya Palmer, Amanda Crumpler, and Russ Greene. There are always leadership opportunities within our youth program, so if you would like to be a part of helping raise tomorrow's leaders today, please be sure to ask me how you can help.

Robert Lewis and his Harvest Festival Committee are already working hard on this year's Community Harvest Festival, scheduled for Sunday, October 30. We have plans to make this year's event bigger and better than ever, and to heavily publicize it within our local community. So be sure to invite your friends, because we will have a great evening of family fun in store.

Youth leader training opportunities are also being planned for all age groups, beginning with two Pioneer Club training teleconferences during the month of October, one of them dealing with the difficult topic of club discipline, and how to use positive methods of discipline for positive results. These teleconferences are led by trained Pioneer Clubs instructors, and will be helpful to both new and returning youth leaders.

It's been especially rewarding to see all the new and returning faces among our youth. Although it's common for attendance to be down the first few weeks of a youth group season, attendance has been averaging between 50 and 55 each Sunday night, which equals our averages from last year and is really encouraging to see. But we always have more room for even more children, so be sure to invite your friends to join in the fun at youth group, and we'll continue to grow!

One other thing you may notice is that our youth group calendar is now being published for the entire youth group season. Although it's hard sometimes to plan out ten months ahead, especially when dealing with special events, we felt it would be more helpful for both parents and leaders to have the entire youth group season planned out as best as possible. Of course, we will be periodically updating the calendar as needed with any special events that do arise.

Be sure to bookmark the Youth Group Web Site, [www.bccyouth.org](http://www.bccyouth.org). Not only does it have the latest schedule information, but it also contains a lot of helpful articles, pictures of the youth ministry in action, downloadable forms and permission slips, and so much more.

Welcome back to another exciting year with the Youth Groups at Bethlehem!

Until next month, God bless,

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***The thief does not come except to steal,  
and to kill, and to destroy.***

***I have come that they may have life,  
and that they may have it more abundantly.***

***--John 10:10 (New King James Version)***

