

# Youth Newsletter

**March 2006**

## Alphas, Omegas Enjoy Annual Ski Retreat

On Friday, January 24, fourteen junior and senior high youth, as well as four leaders and chaperones, left for their annual ski trip in Pennsylvania.

The group arrived later that afternoon in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and toured Hershey's Chocolate World. Although the factory tour ride was down for repairs, the group did get to see an informative video on how chocolate is made.

Following the video, the group shopped in Chocolate World's expansive gift shop, and sampled a wide variety of chocolate treats.

After a brief ride through historic downtown Hershey, the group headed for Comfort Suites in nearby Grantville.

The group checked in and settled in their rooms before going to dinner at a nearby Red Robin restaurant. After dinner, the youth returned to enjoy the indoor pool, hot tub, fitness room, and other amenities offered by the hotel.

The next morning, the group left for Ski Roundtop. Nestled in the rolling hills near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's state capitol, the ski resort had just received several inches of natural powdery snow, and featured a number of slopes for all skill levels. Between runs, the youth rested, ate, and warmed themselves by the fire in the resort's second floor lodge. After enjoying about an hour of nighttime skiing, the group returned to the hotel.

While in Pennsylvania, the group was saddened to receive the news of Raymond Johnson's passing. Although the group had planned to visit a large local church on Sunday for their morning worship

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULES

### **SCOOTERS • VOYAGERS • PATHFINDERS**

March 5	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
March 12	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
March 19	Regular Meeting, 5:30pm-7:15pm
March 26	Youth Revival, time & details TBA
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For more information about your club's schedule, including any special events planned for your individual club, please contact your club's leaders.

service, the group decided to return to church early so that family and friends could attend the visitation that afternoon.

Thanks to all the leaders and parent volunteers who helped to make the trip happen.

## Youth Donate to Food Pantry on "Souper Bowl" Sunday

On Sunday, February 5, the youth of Bethlehem Christian Church celebrated "Souper Bowl" Sunday by bringing in non-perishable food items for Bethlehem's Food Pantry.

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“Each year, on Super Bowl Sunday, youth group meets right after church, so that families can be together for the big game,” commented David Salerno, Bethlehem’s Youth Director.

“Several years ago, we noticed that the winter months were a special time of need, and that many people looked to Bethlehem’s Food Pantry to help them through tough times.”

“So we decided to set aside our own special day—‘Souper Bowl’ Sunday—to give our children an opportunity to help the needy in our community by donating non-perishable food items to the Food Pantry.”

This year, nearly 100 different canned and boxed goods were donated by the children. Thanks to all the youth and parents who helped support this worthy cause.

## Alphas, Omegas Prepare for 30 Hour Famine

For the third consecutive year, the junior and senior high youth of Bethlehem will be participating in World Vision’s 30 Hour Famine.

Beginning on Friday, February 24, the youth will go without food for 30 hours, to experience what nearly a billion people face every day—hunger.

Each day, nearly 29,000 children die from hunger and other mostly preventable causes. Each night, nearly a billion people, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry. And, all over the world, 1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 a day.

The youth of Bethlehem have decided to make a difference in the lives of needy children all over the world, and to be a part of the solution.

Before and after the famine, the youth will be accepting pledges and donations for World Vision’s ongoing Christian relief efforts. World Vision provides food, clean water, medical



## Pioneer Clubs News & Notes



The **Scooters** recently earned their Jesus the Teacher award. Wanda Crumpler visited the group and helped them learn the song “The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock”. The group also put together scrapbooks to earn their God Made Me badge. The Scooters are currently working on their Growing badge, and are watching seeds that they planted grow into plants over the next few weeks.



The **Voyagers** recently earned their Family Life, Family Fun, and Cooperative Games activity awards. The group also made flowers, butterflies, and crosses to take to the nursing home on a future visit. The Voyagers are currently working on their Belonging to God, Story Fun, and Our Earth awards.



The **Pathfinders** recently completed their Music, Little Friends, and Outdoor Cooking activity awards. To fulfill one of the requirements for the Little Friends award, the group read a story to the Scooters club. The group also learned how to safely cook outdoors by making hot dogs wrapped in dough and roasting marshmallows. Congratulations to Melissa Lewis, who successfully met the challenge of memorizing all of the books of the Bible. The Pathfinders are currently working on their Carpentry and Drawing activity awards.

treatment, and much more for needy children and families all over the world.

The youth will be challenged personally and physically over the 30 hours. During the famine, the youth will also participate in a number of activities, projects, and Bible studies. However, in the end, the youth will have a greater sense of compassion for a world in need, and learn to see others through the eyes of Christ.

Thanks in advance for your prayers and support.