

# Youth Newsletter

February 2011

## Alpha, Omega Youth Visit Nursing Home, Shut-Ins at Christmas

On Tuesday, December 21, the Alpha Youth visited both Nansemond Pointe and Autumn Care nursing homes to deliver their Angel Tree gifts. After visiting the nursing homes, the youth enjoyed dinner together at Chick-Fil-A.

Then, on Wednesday, December 22, the Omega Youth went to the homes of several area shut-ins to deliver their gifts and spend time visiting. Afterwards, the teens had dinner at Japan Samurai, a restaurant at Chesapeake Square, for their annual Christmas party.

That same night, both the junior and senior high youth participated in the Living Nativity. From 6:00pm until 8:00pm, the youth braved the cold to play the parts of Mary, Joseph, the Christmas Angel, the Shepherds, and the Three Wise Men.

Finally, on Thursday, December 23, nearly a dozen youth and parents went to MacArthur Mall in Norfolk for ice skating, and to watch the new movie, "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader".



The junior and senior high youth help with the Living Nativity

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 13** Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
- February 18-21** SnowBlast '11, Alpha/Omega Youth Ski Retreat
- February 25-26** Alphas/Omegas World Vision 30 Hour Famine
- February 27** Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm (K-5th Grade only)
- March 13** Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
- March 20** Alphas/Omegas Winter Jam 2011 Trip, details TBA
- March 27** Regular Meeting, 4:30pm-5:45pm
- March TBA** Family Road Trip to Massanutten, details TBA

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

## Alphas, Omegas Prepare for 30 Hour Famine

For the eighth consecutive year, our junior and senior high youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

Each day, hunger kills nearly 8,000 children under the age of 5. That's one child every 10 seconds. And, each night, over a billion people, mostly women and children, go to bed hungry. Throughout the world, nearly 1 in 6 people live on less than \$1 a day.

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

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Starting on Friday, February 25, our youth will join thousands of youth groups in more than 21 countries—over 1 million youth worldwide—and go without food for 30 hours, to experience the hunger that far too many children around the world face every day.

Over the next few weeks, the youth will be seeking donors and sponsors in the congregation and our local community. It takes only \$30 per month—just \$1 a day—to feed and care for a child through World Vision, even in the most remote of locations.

World Vision is a non-profit Christian relief organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of children, families, and communities all over the world. For more than 50 years, World Vision has been providing food, clean water, medical treatment, and much more for needy children and families. Each year, more than 80 million people in almost 100 countries receive the hope of a brighter future through thousands of World Vision projects worldwide.

The youth will be challenged personally and physically over their 30 hours of fasting. This year's theme is Haiti, and, during the Famine, the youth will participate in a number of activities,

projects, and Bible studies related to the tragic earthquake that struck the small island country last January. In the end, the youth will gain a greater sense of compassion for a world in need, and learn to see others through the eyes of Christ.

Last year, thanks to the overwhelming support of the congregation and community, Bethlehem's youth collected enough to feed and care for a child for nearly 10 months.

This year, when a junior or senior high youth asks you to sponsor them for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, please consider helping once again to fight hunger all over the world and to spread the love of Christ to a world in need. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.



## Thank You!

*Thanks to the support of the congregation, the Alpha and Omega Youth raised over \$450 during their Chicken Dinner Luncheon on Sunday, January 9. The proceeds will be used for the group's annual Ski Trip, as well as their other activities and projects.*

*Thank you so much for your support of our youth at Bethlehem!*



## Pioneer Clubs Are Back!

The brand-new Pioneer Clubs Discovery Program builds on the strength of a **small-group setting** by allowing kids in K through 5th Grade to meet together to **study God's Word, memorize Scripture, and enjoy fun activities.**

**So tell all your friends, and invite them back to Pioneer Clubs at Bethlehem!**