

BACK ROOM NEWS

Palmetto Presbyterian Church Youth Group News

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CROSS

Over Martin Luther King weekend, we headed to Charlotte, NC to do mission work through with an organization called CROSS.

The youth were split into two different groups: High School and Middle School, and each group went to 4 different mission sites (so our whole group visited 4 sites total)

Each group went to a variety of different sites, which was nice since we all got out of our comfort zones and got to see different people excel in different ministry locations.



Middle School Group:

On Friday, this group headed out to the Friendship Trays location (much like Meals on Wheels). They cooked and made the meals and then distributed them.

After a lunch break, they headed back out to work at Crisis Assistance. While they were there, they sorted items for the Crisis Assistance store.

On Saturday morning, they headed out to Brookdale, which is a home for those with dementia and Alzheimer's. They played games and painted with the residents there.

Next, they headed to the Men's Shelter, where they made cookies and lemonade to serve to the residents there while playing games with them.



The youth enjoyed playing games with the residents at Brookdale.

High School Group:

This group began with the Lifespan Enrichment Center, which is a daycare center for those with developmental disabilities. The youth did yoga with them and then split up to play games and/or attend music class with them.

After lunch, they headed to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The girls sorted through cans and boxes of food while the guys headed to the "Wal-mart" section, where they went through medicines.

On Saturday, the group headed to the Hospitality House (similar to the Ronald McDonald House). They cleaned and made treats for the residents there.

Next they headed to the Samaritan House, which is a place for the homeless to transition to after they have been in the hospital but are not well yet, so that they can heal. The youth played games and served cookies and lemonade there.



The girls were the quality control for the food bank as they inspected cans, boxes, and other packaging to make sure that only safe food was distributed from that location.

CROSS MINISTRY SITES

Friendship Trays
Lifespan Enrichment Center
Crisis Assistance
Second Harvest Food Bank
Brookdale
Hospitality House
Samaritan House
Men's Shelter

CROSS LESSONS:

God is always with us, even though we don't always recognize him.

Luke 24:13-35

We are all unique and have different strengths and weaknesses, but we are all important, no matter what our personal gifts are. We are all needed by God.

1 Corinthians 12

No matter how amazing my gift or talent is, if I don't have love, none of it matters. I am called to love, even when it is hard.

1 Corinthians 13

God is pleased when we live holy, loving lives. Our "mission" does not end when we leave CROSS. God calls us to go out in the world and live a life that is pleasing to him.

Romans 12

EDGE

Edge is what we call our weekly youth group meeting on Sunday nights. In January, we began a new Edge format that includes a fantastic worship band, a large group lesson and then splitting into small groups. I'd like to give a special thank you to the Worship Band and those who have led energizers! You have really added something special to Edge and your hard work is appreciated!!! Also, thank you to our small group leaders: Murray (Sr/Jr), Hunter (Fr/So), and Harriet (Middle)! You are all amazing and I know the youth have appreciated their time with you! Thank you for all you do!!!



YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Edge: We meet every Sunday night for Edge! Students may come as early as 4:30 to hang out, play games, etc. and we start our service at 5:00pm with student-led worship music and a lesson. At 5:40 we split into small groups led by adult small group leaders. Dinner is provided at 6:00.

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9am, we meet for Sunday School! We have a middle school class and a high school class!

Mid-Week Missions: We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 4:00pm to do small mission projects or prep-work for larger mission projects.

Monthly Missions Project: We have a monthly large mission project, such as serving the homeless downtown or throwing the boys at Windwood Farms a Christmas party

Wednesday Breakfasts: Every Wednesday morning, the youth meet for breakfast at 7:15 before school.
High School: Chick-Fil-A
Middle School-McDonalds

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT REGISTRATION

March 4-6 we will be headed to Surfside Beach for a high school retreat! I know that sooo many of you are excited about this trip, however, you must register by February 12th in order to attend! Cost is \$50! Pick up your medical release form at the church or at CFA on Wednesday morning! We will have a short trip meeting on February 21st at 6:30pm after Edge.



Join us for this new series beginning on February 21st at Edge! God wants to connect with us, but sometimes it can be hard to hear him with all of the noise going on in our lives. How can we connect with God? We will look into God's Word to discover how we can clear away the static to hear him more clearly.

Middle Schoolers: A fun day trip is in the works for all of you! Stay tuned for more details!!



Christmas Carolers

UPCOMING TRIPS

High School Retreat-March 4-6
Montreat (High School) - June 11-18
Montreat (Middle School) - July 20-24
Trienneum (High School) - July 19-23

THANK YOU

There are so many people who contribute their time, energy, and talents to the youth at our church! I would like to recognize them and just give a big THANK YOU for all that you do!!

Barbara Guy: Thank you for the delicious goodies at youth events!

Caroline McKinney: Thank you for setting up the ministry opportunities for us! They have all been amazing!

Mark McKinney: Thank you for the rics

Small Group Leaders: Thank you for making the commitment to give every Sunday for our youth. I know they all appreciate you & so do I!!

CROSS Chaperones: Mike, Rosemary, Claire, Caroline, Karen-Thank you for giving up your MLK Weekend to minister to our youth & the people of Charlotte!

Youth Volunteers: Thank you for setting up for Edge, working the PowerPoint, and helping tear down after Edge! You are all awesome!

Those who provide meals: Thank you for the delicious food every Sunday!

Worship Band: You all are amazing!!!!

We have had an awesome January with many of our youth going on their very first mission trip to Charlotte for CROSS! We are so excited to continue our missions here at home ministering to the homeless downtown once a month with Barnabas Ministries!

I am so excited about the upcoming retreat! We will be looking at how God uses us in His story, which should go well with the "Can You Hear Me Now?" series that we are about to begin where we learn how to become more sensitive to God's voice and building our relationship with Him. I can't wait to see all that God is going to teach us over the next month! I know he has great things in store!

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