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Merry Christmas from 3D Youth Ministries

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Good News of Great Joy!!!

A word from Kyle

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

With these words the angels announced to the shepherds that *He* had come to earth. There are two phrases that I encourage us to think upon as we celebrate this Christmas season. The first is **“...for all the people.”** The birth of Christ is not just good news for Christians, but for *everyone*. Jesus does not discriminate, He is the Savior for every person. The good news of His birth and the great joy that comes from knowing Him is for all people. What will *we* do this

Christmas season to share this good news with others?

The second phrase is **“...born this day...”** There was a day when this happened, a moment in time when the King of Kings came to His creation as a baby. Our hope of salvation begins because there was a day when He was born! This is why we celebrate, because of *that* day. So in our festivities, our gatherings, our parties, our giving and receiving of gifts, let us pause and remember there was a day when He was born, and this is Good News.

Julianna and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and it is our prayer that now, more than ever, you hold Jesus as your greatest

treasure. May we all worship, obey, love, exalt, and follow Jesus above all things.

God Bless,
 Pastor Kyle.



Wednesday Nights! 6:30-8:15 pm

Starting in the fall we have been working our way through the 10 commandments. We are studying what these laws meant to the Israelites, what Jesus has to say about them, and what they mean for our lives today as we follow

Jesus. These commandments bring us to truth concerning our worship, our devotion, submission, authority, respect, humility, rest, our language, lust, lying, stealing, conduct, and on and on...It has been a challenging and encour-

aging series to teach to our students. After this series we will turn our teaching focus on Wednesday nights to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and what this means for believers and non-believers in this present age. Don't miss this!



Summer 2017 Mission Opportunities

“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

James 2:15-17

With these words God reminds followers of Christ to put your faith into action. We do not engage in good works in order to gain salvation, rather, we engage in good works **because** we have been given such a great salvation. Faith in action through good works is an excellent way to display the love of Jesus and grants us an opportunity to share the

Good News of Jesus while meeting the physical needs of those we go to serve.

This is why we go on short term mission trips, to serve others, and to share the Good News that Jesus is alive and there is salvation found in Him.

Summer 2017 we will partner with Reach Global to bring a multi-generational team from Cross of Glory to Haiti. While in Haiti we will have opportunities to share the Gospel, rebuild hurricane & earthquake damaged areas, and assist Reach Global in serving the people of Haiti. Applications for this trip will be made available in mid December. A **PASSPORT** is required for this trip!! **The dates**

for this trip are July 8-15.

Parents & students, would you please do 3 things for me:

1. **Pray** and ask God if he would lead you to serve on this trip.
2. **Attend** an informational meeting about both of these trips on **Sunday, January 29 from 12:30-2 pm, lunch will be provided.**
3. **Pray** for these trips, whether you serve on them or not.

Jr. High to Milwaukee Wisconsin

7 students and 2 leaders traveled to Milwaukee WI this summer to serve with Next Step Ministries. Students led a Salvation Army daily VBS in several neighborhoods. Our team also prepared over 400 sandwiches and lunches every day to distribute to children around the Milwaukee area. We toured several ministries in Milwaukee who are serving the people every day and bringing them the good news

of Jesus Christ, his love and salvation. We partnered each night with students from around the country to worship together, pray together, and be taught God's word together. An amazing trip!!



Sr. High to San Diego California

13 students and 6 leaders traveled to San Diego CA this past summer. Very hard to find words to express the depth of this trip. We observed God work in powerful ways in our lives through worship, prayer, service, fatigue, fellowship, and work. We were truly a group who loved being together and working side by side with one another. We served multiple people groups all week. We shared the love of Jesus with the homeless, the elder-

ly, children, and each other. I encourage you to find a student or leader who served on this trip and ask him/her to share their experience with you.



3D Youth Bible Studies

Every Sunday morning students are encouraged to attend a Bible study. Jr. High & Sr. High meet from 9:30-10:30 am to study God's word together. We have 3 main goals during these times of study:

1. Get to know one another
2. Pray with and for one another
3. Learn God's word together

This fall the Sr. High is walking through the book of Galatians and learning what the authentic Gos-

pel of Jesus truly is. We have been challenged by this letter to live by the power of God's Holy Spirit. We will start a study through the Gospel of Luke in January.

Mr. Dan Olson is leading the Jr. High students through a study of the book of Judges. Students are learning about God's faithfulness and his great care for us.



Mark Your Calendars!

COMING UP

DECEMBER

7- Refuge Groups 6:30-8:00 pm @ Refuge Homes

14- Student ministries serving at the Children's Christmas program. We are calling this a "Formal Night" so dress up. Be at Church by 6 pm on this special night!

21- Christmas cookies and Christmas PARTY at 3DYouth. 6-9 pm. Cross of Glory Youth Center. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share, wear an ugly sweater, bring a \$5-10 white elephant for a gift exchange! Watch for the PARTY invite coming soon.

25- NO YOUTH Bible Studies & only 1 service @ 10 am. Merry Christmas!

JANUARY

1- No Youth Bible Studies & only 1 service @ 10 am. Happy New Year!

4- Refuge Groups 6:30-8:00 pm @ Refuge Homes

8- Student Bible studies resume. 9:30-10:30 am. Bible studies for Jr. High and Sr. High students.

13-15- Winter TLC Retreat! Leave Friday, return Sunday. Register @ www.cog-youth.org

11, 18 & 25- Regular Wednesday Night Program. 6:30-8:15 pm

29- 3DYouth Summer 2017 Missions meeting. 12:30-2 pm in the Youth Room. Lunch provided. Come learn more about mission opportunities for the summer of 2017

FEBRUARY

1- Refuge Groups 6:30-8:00 pm @ Refuge Homes

11- 3D Youth Ski Day!! Leave Church at 8:30 am Return by 10:30 pm. Register at cog-youth.org

8, 15 & 22- Regular Wednesday Night Program. 6:30-8:15 pm

Praises & Prayer Requests

Praises

- ◆ God has brought several new students and families to the youth ministry over the last 12 months.
- ◆ Jr. High & Sr. High fall retreats to TLC were, once again, FANTASTIC!! Great time of worship, prayer, and fellowship.
- ◆ Many students are stepping out in faith at their schools and sharing the GOSPEL!!
- ◆ Youth staff and small group time.
- ◆ The Leadership of Noelle F. in raising the culture of worship in the youth ministry.
- ◆ Jake and David Brandt were baptized at our Thanksgiving service



Prayers

- ◆ Boldness and courage for our students to share the Gospel.
 - ◆ A devotion to Jesus that is far above anything else on this planet.
 - ◆ More volunteer leaders.
 - ◆ A continued dependence upon God and His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.
 - ◆ That God's word would become a daily bread in our lives.
 - ◆ Students would grow in their faith in God and service to God!
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