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EXPLORING... Youth



Youth Ministry at Bethel

What is Youth Group?

Youth group is the high school student ministry of Bethel. (If your child is younger than high school age, see the Children's Ministry brochure for information.)

We meet weekly on **Wednesday nights from 7-9 pm**. We strive for Youth Group to be a place where teens can learn more about Christ and be honest and open. Discipleship is key, in that leaders and volunteers point youth toward the love, and amazing grace of Jesus. Our weekly meetings can take a variety of forms. The typical Wednesday night will consist of games, a lesson or discussion, and small groups. (See Small Groups Section for more information.)

We also try to have Fun Nights once a month, and have Serve Nights every two months. Serve Nights involve ministering to different community groups in and around Acton. We try to look outside our doors to those in need.

Dinner & Drop in

The **first Wednesday of each month** we precede youth group with sharing a meal together. Students are invited to show up around 5:00 pm to start cooking and setting up, Yes! This is a student driven dinner. Dinner will be served around 6:00 pm, and we will also clean up together. We ask for \$3 to cover costs. This is a great way to get connected and meet some new people.

What are Small Groups?

A regular Youth Night starts with a game, and then a lesson. The next part is a time we call Small Groups. This is a chance for the students to split up into groups based on age. Each group will have at least one adult leader to direct the discussion. These are times for the students to get to know each other, themselves, and God. It can be a time to ask questions based on the lesson,

and a time to get to know the adult leaders in a quieter atmosphere. It is an honest and open time. Near the end of the evening, prayer requests are communicated, then we bring them before God as a group.

Mentoring at Bethel

Why mentoring?

It is our hope that each child in our church would feel loved and connected to our church family. With this in mind we have unfolded a mentorship program that seeks to have every high school aged student mentored by a caring godly adult. The goal of mentorship is to provide support for the Christian journey, for accountability, for challenge, and for community.

How it works

Every September, we attempt to bring mentoring back to the fore front of ministry. All our incoming grade 9's are asked to consider who might be a good fit as a mentor. Students continuing on in the program are asked to either renew their commitment or identify a new mentor.

Establishing a mentoring relationship can be tricky at first, but here is how we try to set it up at Bethel. Each student entering grade 9 is asked to list the names of 3 adults whom they would like to mentor them. The names are submitted to the mentorship co-ordinator and adults are approached to be mentors. Each new mentorship relationship has a three month "trial period" so there is no need to feel trapped; and each year (September-August) both parties have a choice to renew their mentorship commitment for the following year, or to move on.

These mentorship relationships can be as unique as the individuals in them. Some will meet one-on-one. Some adults may be asked to mentor more than one student and choose to meet in small cluster groups with all of their students.

How to get involved

For any further information on joining the mentorship program, either as a student or a mentor, contact Brian Smith: youth@actoncrc.com

For Parents

We understand that youth ministry is a family ministry, so we want parents to be connected with what happens in youth.

Occasionally we will ask parents to come in when we are tackling a sensitive topic, so we can ensure you know what we are teaching your children.

We believe in resourcing parents as well as conversations about topics that are important to you and your teens. With that in mind, we attempt to put together at least two parenting events annually. These vary widely in topics and style. They may include guest speakers on "hot topics", conversations among parents on best practices, or some practical teaching on faith formation in the home.

One of the ways we try to keep parents connected on an ongoing basis is our monthly emails. These emails come out on Thursdays and will include a brief synopsis of what we did in youth the previous month as well as some resources for parents such as websites, books or just good questions to ask regarding what we are learning in youth. We want Youth Ministry here at Bethel to be a partnership with you as parents, so please also feel free to interact with us as youth leaders!

For more information, please check out the youth website at www.actonyouth.weebly.com

Contact **Brian Smith** if you have any questions or concerns: **519-853-2121** or email: youth@actoncrc.com.