



YOUTH COOP

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Amazing Race

Written by Charlie Griffith

The night started out as every one split up into three groups. Then the different groups went to different stations that were named after different places. Branden got to man the station called Arizona, Tybie was in charge of the Guatemala station, Sierra worked at the Kenya station, Eric was at the Canada station, Brianna was in charge of the Baltimore station, and Marlena was put at the last station and that was called America. The first station that my group went to was "Arizona," where we had to run down a steep hill, cross the river, carry two five gallon buckets of water back up the hill, and dump the water. Then one person had to run the buckets back down across the river and run back. After that we went to "Guatemala," where we played a card game that is popular there. From there we went to "Kenya," and they forced us to eat ugali. Ugali is a mixture of cornmeal and water. I personally found it incredibly gross, but Logan said that it didn't taste that bad. Then we went all the way to "Canada," where Eric had been waiting for an hour for us to get there; and we got to write letters to Dave and Laverna. He tried to challenge us by making us write our letters while sitting in a tree, but it was too dark under the trees. After that we went to "Baltimore" and Brianna made us sing and dance. By this time it was starting to get dark outside so my group didn't get to go to "America," but that was just the ropes course. After all of the stations we prayed for all of the places. Then after it was too dark to see, we all went inside. Once inside, we started having weird conversations and the people that I was talking to, for some odd reason, started wondering who's deodorant smelled the best after two hours of running. So little Sam decided that the winner was definitely Justin. But sadly, that wasn't the strangest thing that happened that night, but I'll come back to that later. After our little deodorant contest, I started watching people play cards. It started out with pinochle, and in the midst of that someone drew an interesting portrait of Doug. It was pretty spot on except for the ears, they were a little too big. Then after a while, I joined them for a couple rounds of black sevens. I think I had the best losing streak. Then some of the guys and I went downstairs where Reilly was watching Barbie. We found out pretty quickly that Barbie was funnier than you would expect. After a while some of the girls started coming downstairs and found it funny that four teenage boys were watching Barbie. As the night progressed, most of the people watched it at some point, and everyone that watched it laughed at least once. The race was definitely longer than last year, but it was still a fun race!

Youth Quotes:

- "Sometimes you gotta hear the hard truths of life. You gotta suck up your gut and gurgle" -Danae
- "Guys, look! There are so many suns!" -Kara, at one in the morning.
- "I think my feet are making me hungry" -Danae.
- "You cry like an elegant walrus" -Anita.
- "They throw it weird, they throw it normal" -Sierra, watching the guys play basketball.
- "You guys can't start another Barbie without telling us!" -Justin.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Written by Lydia Bender

Have you ever wanted to know what it would be like to get all the local youth groups together and play ultimate Frisbee? Well, a while back some of us thought that would be fun, so that is exactly what we did on September 4, 2015. About seven o'clock Youth Groupers started pulling into the Mt. View parking lot. By the time everyone arrived there were Frisbee's being thrown everywhere. Everyone got a chance to throw and catch the Frisbee before we split up into four groups and began the tournament. There was a lot of running and catching involved and all the teams were very much into the games. It was very enjoyable and exciting to be able to play with other youth that we don't normally get to play with. There was definitely a bunch of good old competition that you never get tired of. By the time it was dark we had played a couple of games and we had a winning team. After we were done we went inside the gym and decided to play some volleyball. It was then that we realized how much better the Mt. View youth were at volley ball than a large amount of us. But we still had a great time and it was great to be with other brothers and sisters in Christ that we don't normally get the chance to hang out with or get to know. I think everyone definitely had a great time and I would absolutely love to get all the Youth Groups together again. Whether it is another ultimate Frisbee tournament or doing a work day together to help someone. We could even do a volley ball tournament! Although we might want to get better at it before we play against Mt. View again. Anyway, by the end of the night everyone was tired and worn out, and we all had a great time and were happy to get to know and see others that we don't normally get to see.

Upcoming Events

October 2nd: Game Night. All Jr. Youth is invited!

October 4th: StudLea Meeting.

October 9th: Bible Study.

October 16th: Health Dept. Anti-Tobacco Project Training.

October 23rd: Persecution at Sheldon and Diane's. For more information, talk to Morgan Maust.

October 25th: Coopers Rock. Meet at the Church at 9:00AM. Bring a covered dish for lunch.

October 30th: Scare Trail at Dale and Darlene's.

November 1st: StudLea Meeting.

November 8th: Soup and Salad Fundraiser Meal following the morning service. It will be benefitting the Youth Group's trip to Weagamow in 2016.

December 11th: Christmas Banquet.

Riddle:

"You use me from your head to your toes, the more I work the thinner I grow."

If you think you know the answer, see the editor to be mentioned in next Issue! Congratulations Anthony, Eric, Matt, and Sierra who got the answer to last month's riddle. The answer was a yardstick.

Youth Quotes:

"Look at you guys, not even procrastinating. I'm gonna have to get used to this." -Trevor, at his first committee meeting.

"We pretty much have everything planned. Except for the details" -Matthew, at the committee meeting talking about the Valentines Banquet that the guys are planning.

Birthdays

October 11th: Reilly Lehman October 18th: Ian Tice

October 12th: Lydia Bender October 25th: Brian Mast

Girls Weekend

Written by Morgan Maust

On September 18-20, a few of the Youth Group girls and sponsors packed up in a van and drove five hours to Sandusky, Ohio, where we were going to spend the weekend at an event called Point Fest. Point Fest is an event that gives you free admission to Cedar Point Amusement Park, and in the evening, Love and the Outcome, Skillet, For King and Country, and Casting Crowns played in concert. We arrived in the evening at Wendy's parent's camper, where we would be spending our nights. We spent the first night eating cookies, playing black seven, and jungle speed. For some reason that game of jungle speed was a very hysterical one. Don't ask me why, because even I might not know! Eventually we all found a corner to sleep in and tried to go to sleep so we had energy for the very exciting day ahead.

Saturday morning we woke up to Wendy's delicious breakfast, then packed up and headed out to see a lighthouse that was near by. After spending a little time there and enjoying the view, we started making our way to Cedar Point. When we pulled into the parking lot, there were a few in the group that were already freaking out about all the rides! We got inside the park and started making our way to the Gate Keeper. But before we knew it, they stopped the rides because they said it was going to rain. By that point we were in the front of the line, so we decided to wait it out. But an hour turned into two, and two quickly turned into three. We soon found ourselves debating whether to forfeit our spots or not, because though the rain had stopped, they said it was too windy and they had to test all the carts since it had rained. After much debating, we forfeited our spots and found the others in our group. Within another hour or two, all of the rides started up again, and we could finally ride some more rides. Four o'clock quickly rolled around, and we found a Chick-fil-a in the park to eat lunch. Then a few of us rode rides, while the rest of us decided to go and watch the concerts that were soon to start. I was in the group that decided to go to the concerts, while two of the others decided to put themselves through sweet torture and ride the second tallest (missing the first tallest by only forty feet) roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster. It goes from 0mph to 120mph in under 4 seconds, climbs 420 feet and returns in only 17 seconds. Meanwhile, the rest of us were enjoying the concerts. The concerts were amazing, and they also held quite a few laughs. We got to watch a dance competition, watch someone get proposed to on stage, get scared by lead singers, and much more. It was a very fun-filled day, and by the end we were all so tired! We got back to the camper around midnight, and made our steak and chicken kabobs, ate our ice cream cones, and played a few more rounds of jungle speed. Then around one or two in the morning we all fell into bed and had an amazing, solid night of sleep. In the morning we all packed up, ate breakfast, and headed home with many more memories. Thank you Wendy and Kara for an awesome weekend!

Dear Junior Youth,

Have you been looking forwards to the day you finally get to go to Youth Group? Well today is your lucky day! On October 2nd you are all invited to join the Youth Group in a game night at the Church from 7-9! If you want to know more details or want to know exactly what we are doing, talk to Matthew Maust for more details. We can't wait to see you there!



Youth Leaders Update

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Last week I was reading a novel with my students at school. In the story there was a tree, where an older lady had bottles hanging from strings. Each of the bottles represented a mistake she had made. The character goes on to say that those mistakes don't matter to her anymore because she knows what she is supposed to do with her life. The bottles were a representation of what brought her to where she is now. In our lives, we all have those bottles that we could have hanging in our tree. Those mistakes can be a constant reminder of how much and how many times we have messed up, but we can continually be thankful for God's forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Our God does not want us to hang those bottles with our past mistakes; He wants to purify us and make us His new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Those mistakes don't define who we are. Christ defines who we are. As the school year is well underway and you begin to get used to the monotony, remember you don't have to fall into the lifestyle of the person you were last year. Throw away those bottles that remind you of how you have failed. Those mistakes you may have made are not who you are. You are a child of the living God and He is the one who has chosen to make you righteous. -Carrie Frantz

Youth Profile: Sierra Brooke Maust

Parents: Sheldon and Diane Maust.

Birthday: June 27, 2000.

YC: Describe your average week.

SM: Basically just school, babysitting, and then Youth Group.

YC: What is something on your bucket list?

SM: To go sky diving.

YC: Would you rather, travel to the future to see your descendants or to the past to see your ancestors?

SM: That's a hard one, but I think I would choose travel to the past to see my ancestors.

YC: What is your favorite verse or quote?

SM: One of my favorite ones is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

YC: If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

SM: Either to play every instrument or know every language.

YC: What is one of your favorite

Youth Group memories?

SM: At Camp Penial when we all sat outside and sang hymns for two hours.



YC: Would you rather be four feet tall or seven feet tall?

SM: Probably seven.

YC: If you knew you only had eight hours left to live, what would you do?

SM: Spend time with family and friends.

YC: Have any nicknames?

SM: Well there is CC, Sis, Sierra Mist, and Freeman Jr.

YC: What are some hobbies?

SM: Um, I enjoy playing piano and guitar.

YC: Tell us about your family.

SM: Well, first we have my parents, Sheldon and Diane, and they are just amazing. Then there is Bri-



anna, she is an assistant elementary teacher in Baltimore. Morgan, she cleans Pillar Innovations and Beitzel Corporation. Then Tyrell who is twelve, and obsessed with baseball. Bryan who is eleven and does Tae Kwon Do. And last but not least, Annika who is almost four, and is a little ball of energy!

YC: If you were a vegetable, what would you be and why?

SM: I would be a tomato because they are delicious.

YC: What was your first Youth Group event?

SM: My first "official" event was Youth Camp 2014."

YC: Any last words of wisdom?

SM: Umm... Nope! :)



A quick thanks to Chuckie, Lydia, Sierra, Sam, and Carrie for all that you guys did in this Issue! You are greatly appreciated!

Until next Issue,
Morgan.