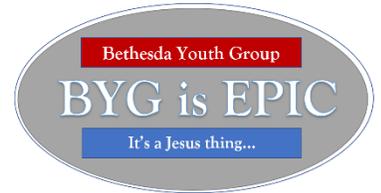


Bethesda's EPIC YOUTH Group!



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April and May 2020

April and May Birthdays



Marshall Batten	April 9
Eliza Reames	April 10
Alexi Burdin	April 16
Caitlin Whitehouse	April 18
Connor Mcleod	April 28
Hope Obradovich	May 1
Blake Obradovich	May 1
Addison Melton	May 8
Liza Watkins	May 14
Caroline Reames	May 14
James Reames	May 14

Montreat 2020: June 7-13

I spoke to the Montreat Youth Director today and so far, the Montreat Youth Conference has not been cancelled. They will make that call by the end of April. Balances are due April 15th. Pray for a great week! You will get a refund if cancelled by the committee.



Calendar at a Glance:



Who knows?! We are taking the calendar as if we are going to begin implementing our programs again in April. But of course, watch the church news to know what if anything has to be cancelled.

- April 5 – Palm Sunday / Spring Break: NO BYG
- April 12 – Easter Sunday: NO BYG
- April 19 - BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30
- April 26 – BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30
- May 3 - BYG Meeting 5:30-7:30
- May 10 – Mother’s Day: NO BYG
- May 17 – End of the Year Parties
- May 24 – (Rain Date for EOY Parties)



Please be in prayer during this pandemic and especially pray for those who have tested positive and are fighting this virus.

Fuge Camps

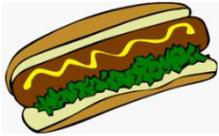


life-changing camps and events ...

July 13-17 in Black Mountain North Carolina! It's not too late to go! See John Gardner for details. This is the most fun and spiritual week ever! If you do anything to enhance your walk with Christ, this is it! Last year was excellent. Cost is \$344 but we have some 1/2 scholarships available.



Meal Roster for April and May:

Apr 19 – Bishops	
April 26 – Redfearns	
May 3 - Open	
May 17 – Gardner	

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL! Join us for Sunday School as we delve into Kyle Idleman's study of Galatians. We meet in the youth room at 9:30 on Sunday Morning. We will begin meeting again once this isolation is cancelled.

High School Senior Recognition:



We are excited to celebrate our High School seniors on Sunday, May 17 during worship service and with a special breakfast at 9:30 in Westminster Hall. Our 2020 Bethesda Seniors are: Neal

Blank, Emily Guy, Banks Mosier, and Jeffry Moody. Our guest seniors also include Sailor McKoy and Kenny Smith.



Join us for Senior Breakfast at 9:30, May 17th. Please let us know how many of your family will attend. (Parents,

Grandparents, and Siblings are welcomed!) Please RSVP by May 10th.

End of the Year Parties/Cook Outs:



Middle School Party will be announced soon.

High School Pool Party will be on Sunday, May 17th from 5:30-8:30

John Gardner's House – 1815 Brevard Place, Camden. (Off of Lower Mill Street). Drop off and pick up will be at John's house!

Rain Date: May 24



From a 15-year-old youth: "You know, God has allowed us to be at a point in this country where so many of our gods (lower case 'g') are being taken away: sports, the arts/entertainment, education, money, travel, church and traditions. I am thinking He wants us to get our eyes on Him and be like the early church, in small groups learning and growing in Him. We are blaming "big government" for this chaos and confusion. Have we ever stopped to think that God in His wonderful loving kindness is giving us this opportunity to experience Him, fresh and new? He is sovereign!! He is good!!"

What do you think? I personally don't feel that God is using this virus to "get us" but I do see him using it for his good. Take time from your gods (lower cases g) during this social isolation and focus on God's powerful messages we can find in Him everyday if we seek. "Ask and it shall be giving unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

Last month's newsletter had an upside down graphic to see if any youth would notice. When asked at a meeting, no one could tell me what the graphic mistake in the newsletter was. READ your newsletters!!! You never know when you might win \$5.00 or a candy bar!! It might be a graphic, a random quote