



*The Shenandoah District
Church of the Brethren
Youth Ministry Newsletter
Winter 2009 – 2010*

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This Year's Theme

The theme for the coming year will be. . . **Seek the Treasure.**
Each of the events sponsored by the district will have to do with seeking a treasure, maybe figuratively but also literally.
Make sure to plan to attend all the events because you never know when you might find a treasure waiting for you!

The Trouble Tree

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there isn't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Author Unknown

Let us do the same as this man does, except, instead of placing our troubles on a tree, take them to the Lord. He will be able to handle our troubles in much better ways than are possible if you and I attempt to handle them ourselves. Once we hand over our worries, fears and troubles, our lives will be much easier as the Lord is in control and will guide us on the paths that he has planned for us.

Winter EVENTS



Jr. and Sr. High

Movie Night – Court Square Theatre

Come join us in watching a movie on the big screen. Nathan Hollenberg, youth pastor at Mill Creek CoB, will lead us in a discussion about how we can apply the lessons from the movie to our own life. Popcorn and drinks will be included.

Youth Worship – January 24th – Staunton CoB

Seek the Treasure

Join with youth from across the district as we worship, fellowship and seek the treasure!
See the following pages for more information.

Road Rally Photo Scavenger Hunt

Get your youth group together and participate in this interactive Road Rally Photo Scavenger Hunt. Get a camera and a youth leader to drive you around your area in order to find everything on the list of needed items, places and people. Once you find them, take a picture. At the Youth Worship on January 24th youth groups will be invited to share their pictures and the funny stories that surround them.

Sr. High

Roundtable – March 19-21 – Bridgewater College

Join other senior high youth from the entire east coast in a weekend full of worship, workshops and fellowship. The theme this year will be “Come to the Mountain” and with Joel and Linetta Ballew, both natives of the Shenandoah District, as the main speakers. Joel is pastor at Lebanon CoB and Linetta is the Program Director at Camp Brethren Woods. This weekend will let you participate in inspiring worship, interactive workshops and let you meet new friends and reunite with old friends from all around. Mark your calendars now because this is a weekend you won’t want to miss!

Jr. High

Winter Retreat – Camp Brethren Woods

Come out to camp for a weekend to remember. Junior High youth from all over the District will gather together to worship together and, of course, have fun together. A guest speaker will lead all the events for the weekend, based on the theme of Seek the Treasure. A highlight of the weekend will be going tubing at Massanutten Resort. Don’t miss out on this awesome opportunity!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars with these upcoming events.
Be sure to look for more information as time gets closer!

Pool Party – Senior High – April 11

Water Park – Junior High – May 16

Youth Worship – Senior and Junior High – May 2

NYC Mandatory Transportation Meeting – May 23

Note: If you know someone that would like to be a regular receiver of the newsletter, you can now sign up on the District Youth Website... <http://www.shencob.org/youth>

See What You Might Have Missed...

Harvest Party

- Sixty youth in attendance
- Two hay rides
- Caramel apples
- Pie eating contest
- Devotions
- Introduction to NYC
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Four-Square Tournament
- Good times had by all!

30 Hour Famine

- New awareness about world hunger
- Cosmic Bowling
- GuitarHero
- Service Projects
- Mailings
- Cleaning the District Van
- Equipping the Saints
- Grocery Shopping with different wages
- Breakfast

Youth Worship

- Mount Pleasant CoB
- Get to know you games
- Joel Ballew, our guest speaker
- Mediation on dealing with hardships in our lives
- Anointing
- Singing
- Refreshments

**MAKE SURE to Attend All
THE EVENTS to Enjoy Good
TIMES Like THESE!**

It's Time for Another ...

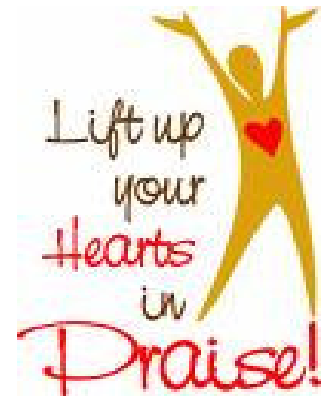
Youth Worship!

Staunton Church of the Brethren

January 24, 2010

6 – 8 pm

Come out and join the Youth Ministries in a fun-filled evening. The evening will include get to know you games, where you will be able to meet youth from all around the district, a moving worship service based on the theme of Seek the Treasure, lead by the Youth Cabinet and a guest speaker and to finish off the evening, tasty snacks.



STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
1615 N. Coalter Street, Staunton, VA 24401
540-886-8655

Directions from North and South

From North:

Take 1-81 South to Exit 225, Staunton/Route 275. At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto West Route 275 (see below for further directions).

From South:

Take 1-81 North to Exit 225, Staunton/Route 275. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto West Route 275 (see below for further directions).

FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS:

After approx. 1.5 miles on Route 275, turn left onto South Route 11. Route 11 then splits two ways. Follow BUSINESS Route 11/North Augusta St., to the right. After approx. 1/2 mile, turn left onto N. Coalter St. Church will be on left.

Directions from West

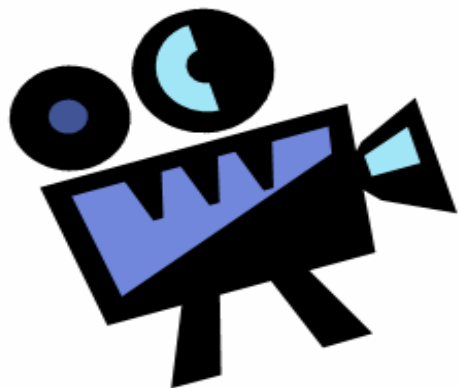
Take Route 33 East to Harrisonburg. Follow Route 33 around Court Square in town and get on 1-81 South. Follow directions *FROM NORTH* (see above).

Youth Group Leaders and Members,

Throughout the month of January, leading up to the Youth Worship on January 24, the Youth Cabinet is challenging each youth group to participate in a Road Rally Photo Scavenger Hunt. The goal of the activity is to take a picture with each of the items or participating in each of the activities on the following list. However, not all the things or activities on this list are completely random. Many stem from the Shenandoah Youth Ministries theme of Seek the Treasure. Also, some come from the scripture verse for National Youth Conference 2010, II Corinthians 4: 6-10, 16-18, mainly from The Message's interpretation. While participating in this activity, take some time to read and reflect on these themes and scriptures. The Youth Cabinet encourages you to make this one of your youth activities for the month. Spend time together as a youth group participating in this event. All you will need is some people, an adult advisor to drive you around (please be careful) and a disposable camera. Make sure to take pictures at each place, of each item and of your youth group doing each activity. Some of the things on the lists may be challenging to take a picture with, therefore, do not get discouraged if you do not complete the list. Have those pictures developed and bring them to the Youth Worship on January 24. There, youth groups can compare pictures and share the stories surrounding them. Good Luck and Have Fun!

1. With a NYC Publicity Poster
2. Somewhere where light comes out of the darkness
3. With the largest clay pot you can find
4. With the Brethren magazine, *The Messenger*
5. With smallest potatoes you can find
6. During a lavish celebration
7. Of your youth group's eyes
8. With a calendar
9. With a treasure chest
10. With your own personal treasures
11. With gold and silver
12. With something rusty
13. With a box of mothballs
14. With thing that stops thieves
15. In a storeroom
16. With a clock sign reading 2:46
17. With as many hearts as possible
18. With either an airplane or a charter bus
19. With a member of the Youth Cabinet
20. In front of your home congregation





Spider Man 2

Come join the District Youth Ministries for a

Night at the Movies

With Host Nathan Hollenberg
Associate Pastor at Mill Creek Church of the Brethren

Come watch Spiderman 2 and afterwards Nathan will show us how this movie shows the many trials and hardships of Job. This is one movie night you won't want to miss!

Open to Junior and Senior High Youth

February 27, 2010

6:30 – 9:00 pm

The Boitnott Room at Bridgewater College

\$5 a person guarantees you admission to the movie, popcorn and a soda, and, of course, a good time!

Please note that Spiderman 2 has a rating of PG-13 due to some scenes of violence.

Please return the form below to the District Office by Monday, February 22nd.

Jr. & Sr. High Movie Night Registration Form

February 27, 2010

Bridgewater College's Boitnott Room

Congregation _____ Advisor: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Youth Attending: _____ # of Advisors Attending _____

Amount of money enclosed: (\$5 per person) _____

Guess what time it is ???

Time for a

WINTER RETREAT



March 13-14 2pm – 2pm

ALL Junior High Youth

Camp Brethren Woods

\$50 per person



Come on down to Camp Brethren Woods for an awesome **Winter Retreat**. This event will be filled with fun, excitement and inspiration! The weekend will include **guest speakers** who will lead us in specialized **sessions** and a **worship service** based on the year's theme of Seek the Treasure. For fun, we will have plenty of **time for games** and, to top that, we will spend the evening at Massanutten Resort, going **tubing**. Make sure to mark this down on your calendars now because this will be a weekend you won't want to miss!

Seek the Treasure Jr. High Retreat

Please return this form to the District Office (P.O. Box 67, Weyers Cave, VA 24486) by March 3, 2010 with your check for \$50 made out to the Shenandoah District.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ Congregation: _____ Email: _____

Advisor's Name (if you are an advisor, please note here): _____

Churches must send at least one advisor for their group, every group must have an advisor!

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