

## Catalyst Student Ministry

Trish and I have been in Student Ministry for over 32 years, and in those 32 years we have seen God do many things. Some were drastic and some were things that some considered drastic but on a scale of 1-10 they didn't even make the scale. That is not to say that those experiencing the changes or events didn't think it was drastic.

There is one thing that I have realized over the years when it comes to God—God is a change agent, whether it is in the heart and life of one that comes to know Him as Savior or one that already knows Him and needs to be more like Him. We have to change. Change is never without pain and turmoil in the lives of His people. No one likes it when it happens but the end result is a God-thing. There is one thing that is always true in my life - I want to be in the center of the will of God as a believer and as part of a body of believers.

The Student Ministry, like the rest of the ministries in our fellowship, is going through some changes. We are moving from having 180 at 9:00 a.m. and student Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. to having 180 at 9:30 and 11:00. Both 180's will be identical. We will start with a fellowship time for the first 15 minutes and then move to games, testimonies and missionary moments. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade ministry, Bridge 57, will go to class and the rest of the students will be taught God's word followed by a time of Connect Groups. These are age-graded groups that meet with adults and go over attendance, announcements, and sign-up sheets.

On Sunday night, students will meet at 6:00 p.m. and have a snack supper. From 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. students will break into gender and graded Life Groups. For the first six weeks they will be studying *One Month to Live* with the rest of the church. We realize that some adults will be traveling to and from people's homes for their own Life Groups and *One Month to Live* groups so we will have an adult present from 5:15 - 8:15 p.m. to supervise students. This will allow parents adequate time to get to and from their destination and still have a time of fellowship with the other adults in their group.

Change is never easy or comfortable for the ones involved. But our God is faithful to complete what He started in us at salvation. None of us has arrived at that destination yet. We are looking forward to seeing how God will work in the lives of His people as we continue to follow Him.

In His Grip,

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