

Explosion Youth Newsletter



The Fuse



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Quote for the Month

“You can live in the past or flourish in the present.”

Coach Jeff Fisher
Tennessee Titans

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Missy Madjerich	14
Robert Nelson	14
<u>Happy Dec. Birthday</u>	
Doug Hughes	6
Zach Paterlini	25

We are sorry if we missed your birthday. To make sure we don't miss it again, please give Doug your birthday info.

Youth Meeting Times

All meetings in Youth Wing

Sunday's 11am- 12
Brunch Bunch @ Caf e
Explosion

Sunday's 6pm-8
Sr. High (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday's 7pm-8:30
Jr. High (Grades 6-8)

SHINE in 2009!

As I was preparing my sermon to fill in for Pastor Rich on January 4, there was a word that kept coming to my mind. I know this wasn't coming from my futile mind, God was putting it in my mind. The word on my mind was "SHINE." As Christians, as children of God, we are called to let the light of Christ shine in and through us.

I don't know too much, but one thing I do know is that light and dark cannot exist together. One of my favorite quotes is, "All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of a single candle." If you walk into a completely dark room and turn the light on, or a flashlight or even bring in a small candle, that room has light in it and the darkness is gone.

The world that we live in has been darkened by sin. It seems to only get darker. If we don't allow our lights to shine, then my question to you is, "Who will?"

The sad fact is that many people that we associate with in school, at work, and in our communities do not have the light of Christ and are walking around in the dark. When we are with these people we bring a light into their darkness. That light is Christ. How we bring that light is through our attitude, our actions, our words, our help, our friendship, everything about who you are in Christ should SHINE before them. We don't do this to praise ourselves and to say, "Look how good I am." We do this to praise our Father in Heaven.

For some people around you, the only Jesus they may see is you. This is why we are to SHINE before all men. To quote the NEWSBOYS who say it so well, "SHINE, make them wonder what you got."

Here are a few scripture verses about letting your light SHINE.

Proverbs 13:9 "The light of the righteous shines brightly"

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:16 "let your light shine before men,

Luke 11:35 "See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness."

Ephesians 5:8 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

1John 1:5 "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all."

1John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

Start putting theses into practice and SHINE in 2009!

KALAHARI WATER PARK

We are taking a trip to Sandusky Ohio to Kalahari Water Park. The date is **Saturday February 14**. Yes, I do know it's Valentines Day, but we are still going. Kalahari is America's Largest indoor water park featuring 173,000 square feet of waterpark excitement!

We will be meeting at the church and leaving around **7:00am** and returning around **midnight**. Rick's bus is available for this trip. The cost is **\$35** per person, this includes admission and transportation. You will need extra money for your food. Space is limited, sign up early.

Friends are welcome ONLY if there is space available. We want to make sure that those who have been coming to our youth programs regularly have first priority in signing up. There will be a parents meeting concerning this trip. Need more info see Doug or Rick.

Leader & Student of the Month

This is a new section of the newsletter where different students and leaders will be asked questions about themselves and shared so we can get to know them better. So look out for your time, and get ready to answer your questions.

Shirley Jakub (Youth Leader)



Birthday: August 20

In what City were you born: Oakland, PA

Spouse's name: Bob (Big Bob) *Children:* Jason , age 24

Do you have any brothers and sister, and what are their names: 2 Brothers - Pete & Donald, 1 Sister - Bonnie

What is your job: Scholastic Bookfairs

Favorite Bible verse: Corinthians 13

Favorite Food: Spaghetti and Meatballs

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: American Tail

Favorite Sport: Tennis, I like to beat Big Bob

Who is an influential person in your life, and why: My sister, She has always been there for me and has given me good advice. She has been influential of my decisions.

What was your best/favorite vacation: I love vacation, all my vacations are the best, seeing all of God's beauty is awesome, Hawaii, Florida, California

What did you want to be when you were growing up: I'm still working on it. I wanted to be a photographer

Do you have any hobbies: Floral arranging, baking, I love to be creative

What do you like to do during free time: I like warm weather, being outside, being with friends and family

What is your favorite thing about coming to youth group: Seeing smiles on kids faces as they are having fun with friends and learning about Jesus and His love.

McKenna Phipps (Student: Grade 6, Walnut Grove Christian School)



Birthday: March 27

In what City were you born: Dublin, GA

Do you have any brothers and sister, and what are their names: Sister: Abby, and a brother or sister who is not here yet and has no name.

Favorite Bible verse: Romans 8:28

Favorite Food: PB & J

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Subject: History

Favorite Movie: National Treasure 1 & 2, Narnia: Lion, Witch and Wardrobe and Prince Caspian

Favorite Sport: Beach Volleyball

Who is an influential person in your life, and why: My 4th grade teacher, Ms. Ried. Because she has gone through many trials which has made her faith strong.

What was your best/favorite vacation: When we went to Disney World in 2004

What do you want to be when you grow up: I don't know yet.

Do you have any hobbies: Yes, reading. I'm just about to start scrapbooking.

What do you like to do during free time: I like to read in my free time.

What is your favorite thing about coming to youth group: Seeing everybody, having a great time, and learning about Jesus.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who came out and helped with the Fall Harvest Party. It was great to see all of you serving our God and our community. You led games, did face painting, helped with set up and clean up, and helped made it as successful as it was.

I want to give a special shout out to DJ Lewis for eating 4 War Heads at one time.

All of You did a Great Job

Donations Needed



As you know and when you come to either our Brunch Bunch Sunday mornings, Sr. High Sunday nights, or Jr. High Wednesday nights there always seems to be food, snacks and drinks. Whether it's candy, chips and dip, pretzels, cereal, milk, or even waffles, they were bought and brought in by someone or some family. Here is where we need your help. We cannot always depend on the same people to bring the food, drinks or snacks. The youth leadership team is asking for donations. Donate your favorite food, snack, breakfast item, juice or drink.



What you bring in and donate will go specifically to the youth and nowhere else. It will be to supply the snacks for Sunday and Wednesday nights and we also need breakfast items for our Sunday morning Brunch Bunch.

For those of you who have made donations of food, snacks or drinks, we GREATLY appreciate your kindness!



JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Ice Skating @ South Park 6:30pm	3
4 Sr. High 6-8pm	5	6	7 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	8	9	10
11 Sr. High 6-8pm	12	13	14 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	15	16	17
18 Sr. High Steelers Party 6pm	19 Martin Luther King Day (No School)	20	21 Jr. High 7-8:30pm	22	23	24
25 Sr. High 6-8pm	26	27	28 Parents Mtg. 6:15pm Jr. High 7-8:30pm	29	30	31