

Youth Ministry & Christian Education



God's Summer Blast

This summer during the Sunday School Hour the youth of St. John are celebrating God's Summer Blast. Pre-School up to Fifth Grade are invited to Room 29 across from Diehl Hall every Sunday morning throughout the summer days. The kids will be learning about God's love through music, games, artwork, puzzles, videos, and Bible study. Come join us!

Teachers for Sunday School and Chaperones for Youth Events

Teachers and chaperones are needed for many of the youth events that go on at St. John. Teachers are essential during Sunday School.

Sunday School will be beginning on September 12th. The goal this year is to have at least two teachers for every class. We are looking for teachers for 2 - 3 year olds, pre-school, kindergarten - 1st, 2nd - 3rd, and 4th - 5th grade.

If you would be interested in teaching or taking part with the Christian Education Committee please get in touch with Eddie Hunsinger or myself.

Blue River Canoe

The youth group woke early on the day following July 4th. It was another of the many sunny and steamy mornings of July. We were off to do the best thing that can be done on a summer day like this - we were heading for the water. Three carloads we traveled west into southern Indiana, to Milltown where we loaded into canoes for a 7 mile half-day (lasted a full day) canoe trip. Eight kids, three adults, and two dogs we paddled down the Blue River enjoying and sunbathing in God's most beautiful creation. It was a great trip as some of us paddled down the river while others paddled from bank to bank or just in circles. We saw turtles, fish, herons, snakes, woodchucks, and even a mink.

Appalachian Mission Trip

The St. John Youth Group teamed up to head into the eastern Kentucky mountains and hollers to do humanitarian work and assist the Hand in Hand Mission. Our team was composed of youth whom had made the trip before and a few who had



never seen the other side of our state. Located in Auxier, KY, just outside Prestonsburg and Jenny Wiley State Park, we found our short term home within a retired school house. During our stay we put down flooring in a home that, not long before, had gaping holes in its old floor. We also painted the inside of a trailer for a husband and wife whom were very

grateful. Time spent away from our typical day to day activities, in exchange for the time that we all gave to listen and to help the people of Appalachia, is treasured. The mission trip was a fantastic time for many of the youth to get to know one another a little bit better. After work we got away and went swimming, had a campfire, ate Hillbilly Pizza, and discussed our experiences. Thanks to all those who help make these trips possible. This is truly one of the best trips St. John Youth attend all year long.

Youth Calendar



August

1st - Vacation Bible School Carnival

4th - Holiday World

29th - Pool Party