

Youth Ministry Newsletter



- *“Freeedooooooooooooooooom.”*
- Braveheart

- *“Kids wear Superman underwear, Superman wears Chuck Norris underwear.”*
- Anonymous

- *“It’s true that we don’t know what we’ve got until we lost it, but it’s also true that we don’t know what we’ve been missing until it arrives.”*
-Unknown

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**DECEMBER:
Vertical Tradition**



Special points of interest:

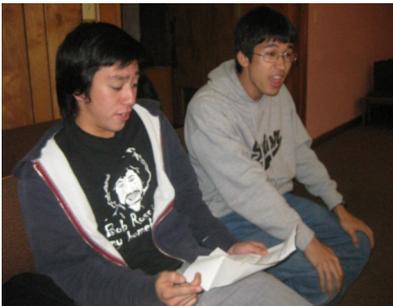
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Note from the Editor

November had so much going on! Working on the newsletter has been a lot of fun, but one major problem! No one is sending anything in! Please send in anything you would like to share with the community so I can post it into the newsletter! This can include artwork, poems, pictures, testimonies, and much more. I would like to extend my appreciation to those who gave testimonies for this month's newsletter, thank you!

Get W.I.S.E.

This month, we had another magnificent month of Get WISE! We weren't able to have one every week due to a few events, but everyone was still able to enjoy wonderful activities thanks to Joshua Angelucci and Trimon Lamson. This month the youth were able to enjoy talks from Trimon Lamson about freedom and reporting; and Uncle Chris Rood about parenting.



"Get WISE is so much fun! This month I learned about seeing through God's viewpoint. Also, that reporting and opening up to a central figure is a good way to keep out of trouble."
- Junna Kanazawa



"I love going to Get WISE every Wednesday night, I look forward to it! The activities are always so much fun to participate in and the snacks keep me focused. The talks each week keep my spiritual life going. This month I actually learned about free will and why God gave it to us, so that we wouldn't be like animals and just acting on instinct. Also, when Uncle Chris Rood spoke, I learned the true heart of a parent and was moved to be more grateful."
- Anonymous



BC Bash



This month's BC Bash was held on Friday, November 6th. The youth enjoyed a marvelous life testimony from Reverend Michael Lamson. Afterwards was a nice walk to the movie theaters, where everyone split into groups with an elder and enjoyed a movie of their choice. For those that came back, there was a surprise birthday cake for Yeri McClain who turned 18 this month. Next BC Bash will be December 5th at the Lamson's house!



More Youth Ministry Fun

MS Girls Group

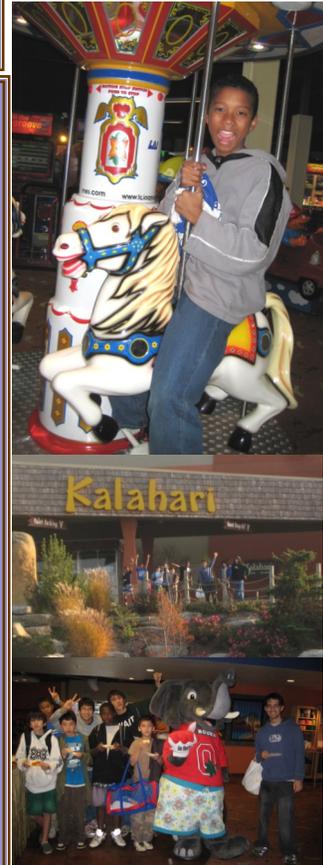
This month, there were two Middle School Girls get togethers, one on the 14th and another one on the 28th. The girls were able to have fun activities such as finding marshmallows hidden in the park and decorating cookies! Testimonies were given by Yoko Bihary and Erika Hayaska about their middle school years; Erika also gave a talk about gratitude. In December, we'll have one get together which will be a Christmas party; the date is set for the 12th, but please wait for more information from Yoko and Aunt Susan Akutsu.



MS Boys Fun

Thanks to the generosity of Trimon Lamson and a random ticket-dispensing stranger, the middle-school boys in this community got to travel to the famous Kalahari Water Park this month. Not about to pass the opportunity to splash around in swimsuits while everyone else huddled to keep warm in the chilly autumn air, all seven middle-schoolers piled into the vehicles along with Mitch Akutsu, Alan Becker and I, to make the two-hour trek to enjoy chlorine-soaked fun. Not only was this a great chance to zip down water slides at blinding speeds, but this was also a great chance to bring together a diverse group of young boys to get to know each other a little better. While deeper and more spiritually-oriented workshops are being planned to help guide these young men before they have to start dealing with the pressures of life, the focus right now is to create brotherly bonds and shared memories that will hopefully last a lifetime. Thank you to all the parents who were nothing but supportive. Also big thanks to the amazing older brothers who are so willing to be involved with the younger ones.

- Hiromitsu Masuda



Open Mic

This month, the Music Ministry had its first open mic! There were many people who came to participate, even some school friends. It was a night filled with lots of entertainment and delight. Everyone sang beautifully and was able to have lots of fun. The next open mic is to be determined.



More Youth Ministry Fun

Girls' Night



On October 13th, there was a High School Girls' Night held at the Morris' house. The girls gathered together to make pizzas, decorate cookies, and join in laughter. The night was fun overall and the girls are all looking forward to the next one.

Guys' Night



Head shot! Killing Spree! Re spawn in 3-2-1! These words rang through the ears of bc men that couple of days. Last guys night was both intense and exhausting. It began as a simple game of split screen Halo and evolved into an intense war of characters beyond any stretch of the imagination. Nothing like a good game of Halo to truly bring people together. One must wonder why world leaders don't settle disputes in this way. About 20 men came to prove their worth that night. The next day began with about 10. The testosterone spilled into the next day with some amazing paint balling. Men's night is truly a one-of-a-kind experience and all men should go. It brings us together as brothers and gives us a good moral: You don't need a real gun to have real fun ." - Joe Yamakawa



Thanksgiving



In observance of Thanksgiving, the youth had a dinner party at the church. The event was organized by Erika Hayasaka. The dinner was potluck with the usual turkey and accommodations. Erika also set up a game of Jeopardy with fun facts about Thanksgiving. After dinner was a chill time where everyone enjoyed coming up with their own activities and playing music. We are all grateful to the amazing job Erika accomplished putting the evening together!





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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 4:00-8:00 PM BC Bash @ Lamson's
6	7	8	9 6:00-8:00 PM Get W.I.S.E. @ Lovin' Life	10	11	12 2:00-5:00 PM MS Girls' Night @ Lamson's
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