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Special points of interest:

- LOGOS is back in session
- Youth Musical - Flashback - is this Sunday
- Recycle aluminum cans only
- Community Seminar is April 10
- Work Camps are planned

## Aluminum CAN Recycling



We continue to recycle - aluminum cans ONLY. You may drop them off on the back patio of the Youth House and we will take care of the rest! Please NO tin cans, **only aluminum CANS** - no other aluminum, please!

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### RSVP'S & REMINDERS

- ...Start making plans for Work Camp
- ...Talk to Anne about getting volunteer hours credit
- ...What is B1?
- ...Are you ready for the Youth Musical?
- ...Remind your parents about the Community Seminar on April 10

## B1 – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>—11<sup>TH</sup>

*B1 is coming to Blue Ridge! Keep your eyes open for more details to come soon!*

B1 is a 24-hour fasting event for youth which raises money to empower the poor and disempowering unjust systems sustaining poverty in our world.

B1 is about making connections.

- Connections between our actions and their effects.
- Connections between scripture and our lives.

Connections between our gifts and the communities we support.

We are more similar than our minds might allow us to understand. The differences between us are the systems that affect the resources available to each of us and our families.

B1 equips us to see the connections between ourselves and our sisters in Ghana, between our Ghanaian sisters and our brothers in Virginia, between our Virginian brothers and our siblings in Chile, and on and on around the world.

One being, being one is not about thinking we can save someone's life through giving money or going without food for 24 hours; rather, B1 means our lives are connected to our poor sisters and brothers. We make a difference in their lives when we make a difference in our own lives, and by how we choose to make use of our resources and privileges.

Gifts through The Advance affect real people. They are children and elders, they represent every beautiful shade of God's color palate, they love school, they hate school, and they come from many types of families... just like us!

## Sunday School

### Mid High Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Teachers: Ted Hinrichs & Sherri Woodward  
 Meet in the Green Room, lower level of the church  
 10:30-11:30*

The emphasis in the Mid High Sunday School class is an exploration of spiritual maturity. In the class we try and balance Bible Study, Spiritual understanding, respect for each other, and fun. Grapple® - the Sunday school curriculum that plunges them into the Bible to get answers to their biggest questions about God, others, and themselves.

### Senior High Sunday School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

*Teachers: Donna Eaton, Anne Norton  
 Meet in the Youth House 10:30-11:30*

Currently, this class is participating in a study called "Through the Bible in 12 weeks". The 12 week study series gives the youth an overview of the "big story" of the Bible. The goal is to develop an understanding that all the books of the bible are interlinked, purposeful, intentional and part of an ongoing adventure! It will help the youth locate themselves within this big story as they come to understand God's plans and purposes in their lives and respond to God's invitation to be part of his kingdom.



## Community Seminar - Inside the World of Teenagers with Dr. Chap Clark

### Friends...Don't Miss...all parents and grandparents should attend!

Come hear the latest research on adolescent development, family and social systems, and the rapidly-changing environment that every teen faces. This seminar is guaranteed to help parents gain insight into their child's journey and develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy.

With outside pressures from peers, parents, teachers and coaches, an ever changing social environment, and a growing culture of systematic abandonment from adults, this generation of adolescents has it tougher than ever. Inside the World of Teenagers is a seminar for the community by Chap Clark, Ph. D., a professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Clark spent a year as a participant-observer at Crescenta Valley High School where he conducted an ethnographic study on teens.

**Event Info:**

Saturday, April 10, Seminar 9-12pm, Lunch on your own, Q & A Session 1-3pm

Platte Woods UMC 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO 64151

Registration is \$17.50

Visit their website for more information and to register, [www.fliteministries.com](http://www.fliteministries.com)

## WORK CAMP NEWS



### Parent Meeting - May 2

Mark your calendars now. There will be a parent meeting for work camp both senior high and mid high on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 in the youth house. This will be a short informal meeting for anyone who is interested in going this summer. Please plan on attending, especially parents, so I can get you the necessary paperwork and the details.

### Work Camp Dates

Mid High will be having work camp July 6 – July 8, traveling to the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR.

Senior High will be having work camp July 18 – July 24. We will be traveling back to Cedar Rapids, IA to help with the continued rebuilding after the flood of 2008.

## Volunteer Hours

Do you need credit for volunteer hours? Are you in Boy Scouts, NHS, Girl Scouts or any program that requires you to accumulate volunteer hours? Join the Youth Group to earn them! We will be doing two service projects a month.

**Anne's Corner** 353-1325  
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We just returned a few weeks ago from experiencing WOW in Springfield, MO. The theme of the weekend was "Everyone's an Artist" and we heard from a juggler, sand artist, musicians and actors. The summary of it was that every one of us has been given a gift from God and it's up to us to find out what it is and use it to further His kingdom. We so often doubt ourselves and our abilities and when we do that, in a way, we doubt God. He has called on each and every one of us, now we need to answer. We are the hands and feet of Christ and are called into action. Now MOVE! God is counting on You!

Anne

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Well, I must say, you are singing a great "Fight Song" for God as you continue to "Be a Witness" in your "Way Above" efforts to "Fit In" as great ambassadors for God's work. I know "He Is Watching Us" as we are his "True Friends" by "Surrendering All" of our lives to Him and His work. "In God We Trust" that His "Love Will Set Us Free" to be the best, happiest, and wonderful souls as we live in the light of his peace and love!! And you've MEMORIZED YOUR LINES! (almost! - keep going over them EVERY DAY!) Don't forget Friday Feb. 12 rehearsal.

We'll have a couple of weeks off, and then head into Easter season. **Please let me know if you will not be here to ring bells on Easter weekend!**

Linda

