

YOUTH PASTOR NEWS

September 2011

Purpose

To encourage and continue to build our relationship with you, our Youth Pastors! My hope is that this newsletter will be a blessing to you and a helpful tool for your ministry!



Word of Encouragement:

Souled Out is the theme for our fall and winter retreats, and the natural question is, "What does it mean to live *souled out* for God?" I think we often try to live within our comfort zones because no one truly enjoys the challenges and struggles of life. But living *souled out* for God means living outside our comfort zones and stepping confidently into the challenges and struggles, expecting God to be glorified in the midst of it all. A priest once prayed:

"May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deeper within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you can work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection and starvation so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world so that you can do what others claim cannot be done."



What's Next:

Now is the time to start telling your students about the Senior High Fall Retreat, coming up on October 14th -16th! We are excited to have Jon Dierenfeld as our speaker that weekend. Jon is an alumni of camp and is super passionate about working with youth and helping them learn more about how to be *souled out* for God! And YOU are invited to come too – this retreat could be a great opportunity for you to just hang out with your students and have some great one-on-one conversations with them! All you need to do is show up...we'll take care of the rest!

Let's Review:

The month of August saw our summer come to a close with our Senior High camp. God moved in some really powerful ways, and I hope that by now you have all had a chance to talk to your youth about their stories from camp. If I had to give the week one word, it would be "Overcome." It says in Revelation 12:11 that through Christ we will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Many campers — because Jesus first overcame sin — have now been able to overcome addictions, struggles, and fears in their lives and have found freedom! All in all, it has been an amazing summer, and we look forward to the retreats and guest groups ahead!



Extra:

- I'm excited to welcome two new program interns for 2011-2012! Brenda Hall and Zach Klein are thrilled to be here at camp and to get an inside look at what it means to live and work in this ministry. Hopefully you will get to know them in the year ahead because I know they super excited to get to know all of you!
- We still have dates available this fall if you are interested in bringing your youth group up for paintball, ropes, a retreat, and/or a service project. If you're interested, give us a call at 1-800-732-1990 or email me at christa@lbbc.com.

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