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SHOWING LOVE**

**It isn't really about
coming to church...
it's about coming
to life.**



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Children's Ministries

**Church Family
& Small Groups**

Community Involvement

Membership

Worship

Youth Ministries

WORSHIP GATHERING:

Sundays 10 am

Supervised nursery & Sunday School available

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Most weekdays from 9 am to 3 pm



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Youth



YOUTH MINISTRY AT BETHEL

What is Youth Group?

Youth Group is the High School Student ministry of Bethel. (If your child is younger than High School Age, see our Children's Ministry Brochure for information)

We meet weekly on **Wednesday nights from 7–9 pm**. We strive to make Youth Group a place where teens can be honest and open. A place where they can come to learn about, and meet with Jesus.

Our weekly meetings can take a variety of forms. The typical Wednesday night will include games, a lesson and discussion. Approximately twice a month we try to do "D Group Nights" (Explained Further in the "What are D Groups?" Section) . We also will have nights where we serve different groups in the community and beyond. Occasionally we shake the routine and just have fun together!

Aside from the weekly meetings we try to do at least one event a month. These may include tubing, paintball, sports games, sleep-overs, fundraisers, retreats or conventions.

Dinner & Drop In

The first Wednesday of each month we start Youth with a meal together. Students are invited to come and hang out in the youth room any time after 4:30 for games, chatting and there is even a room for homework. Dinner is at 5:30 and is prepared by members of the congregation. We ask \$3 to cover costs.

This is a great way to connect together over a great meal.

What are D Groups?

The D in D Groups stands for discussion and discipleship. We try to accomplish both of these "D's" on a regular basis.

At the beginning of the year all students are prayerfully divided into groups and matched with a Youth Leader. From then, each "D Group Night" the same group will meet with the same leader for a time of deeper discussion on the topic or Scripture of the day.

We keep the groups consistent so each group can foster a sense of unity, trust and honesty in the discussion times.

A few times each year we have D Group hang out nights where, instead of a regular youth night, each leader takes their group on an outing. The hang out time together can really bring groups together.

These groups are an incredible tool for our young people to be connected with a caring, Godly adult, learn with and from other teens and know Jesus more deeply.

Mentoring at Bethel

Why mentoring?

It is our hope that each child in our church would feel loved and connected to our church family. With this in mind we have unfolded a mentorship program that seeks to have every high school aged student mentored by a caring Godly adult.

The goal of mentorship is to provide support for the Christian Journey, accountability, challenge and community.

How it works

Every September each student entering grade 9 is asked to list the names of 3 adults whom they would like to mentor them. The names are submitted to the mentorship co-ordinator and adults are approached to be mentors. Each new mentorship relationship has a three month "trial period" so there is no need to feel trapped; and each year (September-August) both parties have a choice to renew their mentorship commitment for the following year, or two move on.

These mentorship relationships can be as unique as the individuals in them. Some will meet one-on-one, Some adults may be asked to mentor more than one student and choose to meet in small cluster groups with all of their students.

How to get involved

For any further information on joining the mentorship program either as a student or a mentor, contact Andrew Nunn: youth@actoncrc.com

For Parents

We understand that youth ministry is a family ministry, so we want parents to be connected in with what happens in youth.

Occasionally we will ask parents to come in when we are tackling a sensitive topic, so we can ensure you know what we are teaching your children.

Also, we have an ongoing parents blog that will have posts on weekly discussions, events and resources that keep you in the loop. Please check out www.joinusonthejourney.blogspot.com regularly.

Please contact Andrew Nunn if you have any questions or concerns. Phone 519-853-2121 or email: youth@actoncrc.com

