

Winter

BOSS NEWS

News and Notes

Once a quarter I like to update parents, youth and anyone who wants to know about what's going on at Rez. So here we go...



FIRST THINGS FIRST

SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.
MATTHEW 6:33

GROWING IN COMMUNICATION

Noah is an interesting character. We've been teaching him sign language, which has been amazing. It's SO much fun to teach him a new sign, teach him how to communicate. He knows over 80 of them now. 80 signs that he uses regularly. I love how well he communicates.

But one day I was thinking about it and realized that Noah's communication is almost entirely selfish. He really only uses a sign when he wants/needs something. This is good. This is helpful. This is appropriate. It's suitable, for now. This is one of the reasons that we are teaching him sign language: so that he doesn't have to get all riled up when we don't understand his pointing and grunting. We want to understand

his needs. But this is not all that communication is.

I am SO excited for when more (and in my opinion, better) communication comes. I am SO excited when we can talk about how he feels. When he can talk with me about the Chicago White Sox season. When he can ask questions regarding how I might handle a particular situation.

So, that brings us to your communication with God. How's it been?? Are you growing in the ways that you communicate with him? Are you merely communicating what you want/need or are you seeking him for advice? Are you interested in God's opinion and thoughts?

God certainly wants to understand our wants and needs. But, in Scripture, I see a God who wants SO much more.

Try this

Recently, I realized that I hadn't been praying. I had probably gone 3-4 months (at least) without ever praying, on my own, to God. I wasn't satisfied with this, so I tried a bunch of different things. I tried "prayer apps" for my iphone. I tried writing out prayer journals. I tried praying in the car. What finally stuck for me was scheduling a prayer every hour. It seems silly, but I have built into my schedule 5-10 minute prayers every hour for something specific in my life. If you haven't prayed for a while, try one of these items and see if it sticks. Or try something totally different. The point isn't so much what or how you pray, but just that you are praying. Commit to it for a week.

FYI (ETC.)

Quarterly Newsletter This newsletter is made for anyone interested in BOSS ministries. It's brimming with fun facts, cool photos and helpful information.

Schedules Winter sports are starting up. Send me activity schedules so I can come and watch you do your thing.

Start planning ahead

(Stuff you won't find on the calendar on page 4, but planning them is in the works.)

Beach Camping

Tentatively scheduled for June 11-14. This is the first week of no school and we figured we'd kick the summer off right. Three days and nights of beach-camping, ocean-enjoying, mountain-hiking, s'more-eating, corporate-worshipping goodness (say that all in one excited breath and you'll get a feel for how excellent this event will be). We will be inviting the graduating 8th graders to join us from this point on, so we'll be doing some focused assimilation (look it up) activities as well.

VBS

We will be flying high at VBS this summer. Mark it on your calendar as we always need LOTS of help! June 18-22.

District Youth Gathering

Last year we took 9 junior high youth to this great event. This year I'm helping to plan it and I hope that we can take 18 junior high youth. The theme (which hasn't officially been announced) is: "Worthy? Worthy." If

you are currently in 6th - 8th grade put this event on your calendar: June 24-28.

Summer Service

Besides a busy June, we aren't taking any 'major' trip this summer. There will be lots of opportunities to serve and be God's hand right here in the greater East Bay area. Stay tuned for more details.

Community Connection Events

Some people call these fundraisers. I prefer to think of them as community connection events. Things like spaghetti dinners or the Newlywed game provide opportunities for people to connect with each other, with BOSS ministries and (more importantly) with Jesus. Keep an eye out in coming months for these events. There are a few being contemplated right now. Funds are raised at these type of events and that's an awesome added bonus. Said funds will go towards supporting youth to get to the DYG and NYG 2013.



Pastor Dave (youth pastor)

Top item on your Christmas List?

Coffee Maker.

Usually winner or loser of "King of the Snow Hill"? Loser, but I get to shove a few people off.

Fav family game? Ticket to Ride

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Because Our Savior Sacrificed

We are:

A place where all youth feel accepted and loved

A group committed to sharing the Gospel of Christ.

A proactive and organized community.

Pastor Mike (senior pastor)

Top item on your Christmas List?

Amazon Fire

Usually winner or loser of "King of the Snow Hill"? Winner (age & treachery)

Fav family game? Now? Mad Gap, but anything together is fine.

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WHAT HAPPENED?



BOSS Hike - Diablo

This was the final of three adventure trips that BOSS went on throughout the summer. There weren't many of us (5 youth, 3 adults) but we had a great time. We set out on a beautiful day to climb Diablo. And climb we did. On the way up we had a "who can carry the biggest log" competition. We also enjoyed the beauty of God's creation. When we got to the top we set up camp, relaxed, enjoyed a great meal and spent time: time with God, time with each other. The next morning we got up, finished the climb to the very top, and then drove down the mountain and home. We all felt very accomplished and thankful for all that God has given.

BOSS Lasertag: Q-Zar

First time event. We decided not to do boomers this year, and went with Laser Tag instead. It was great fun. It ended up that some youngsters were celebrating a birthday party that day. So, it was 8-9 high school youth against 15-20 middle school youth. We will just say that the high school youth walked away smiling. There was also time for playing video games and air hockey. Pretty great day over all.

BOSSling Pumpking Patch

We switched this event up a little bit this year. We went at night. It definitely feels like a different maze in the dark. It was, to say the least, a little scary. Maybe a little too scary. But most had fun trying to weave their way through the maze before any zombies attacked. At church we had a great time carving pumpkins. We owe a HUGE thank you to David Ramey. He helped many of us carve and cut our pumpkins. This year included some truly amazing pumpkins including one that was throwing up his inside guts (sorry if that was TMI), a couple that had the black marks under the eyes that athletes use on the field and one that opened up from a cross to an empty tomb. Pretty awesome stuff. I wish I had such skills.

Halloween Hoopla

This wasn't a youth event per say, but a lot of the youth showed up, brought a great energy and helped make this event a huge success! They helped run games, trick or treat doors or crafts. We were able to form communications and share the gospel with a lot of people thanks to their willingness to help.

BOSS BASH - Race, Vigil, 4 square

We've had 3 BOSS Bashes since the last newsletter. First? The Amazing Race. It was a night full of fast driving, being leg cuffed to a huge tire, digging for frisbees, throwing plastic balls into cups, and piecing puzzles together. Pretty fun night overall and probably the best bash of the year so far. Next? 4 square. The great Patti Ryland brought out an old school game which continued to live on for the next couple of weeks. There was some debate over how "nasty" an individual could or couldn't be. Whatever the case, it's a fun game that brought laughter, joy and some surprisingly stellar play. Next? Just a couple of days ago, BOSS showed up to 10 interactive prayer stations. It was a little more serious than some of our previous bashes, but provided an incredible opportunity for connection with God. It was different, it was prayer, it was refreshing.



Top Row (left to right): 1) Shelby was hoping to make her pumpkin smile like she does; 2) Aaron showing off his carving skills; 3) Yes! That pumpkin is throwing up. Gross! 4) This is Tyler's best face.
Bottom left: The crew is trekking up the mountain. So far everyone is smiling. Bottom above: Mitchell's Amazing Race group shows their support.

CALENDAR



BOSSling Friday Night Party

What: Games, Food and Fun

Quote that describes this event:

"How could anyone ever be bored at one of these things?" -A tired adult.

When: 2/13 from 7-10PM.

Where: Resurrection

Who: 6th-8th Grade

Why: 'Cuz we all like junk food and running around

Cost: \$5

Who can you bring???

BOSS Nights

When: Every Sunday from 7-9 PM

Where: Resurrection

Who: 9th-12th Grade

Why: To strengthen our connections to God and each other

What: At BOSS Nights, we play games to help build community and then we dive into God's Word to help us learn how to really live.

Who can you bring???

BOSS Bash: Broom Ball

When: January 29.

Where: Rez

What: Part hockey, part running around on a gym floor with socks, part sweeping, part broom damaging. All these things combined equal a great night.

Why: Because Our Savior Sacrificed. AND because it was so much fun last year.

Cost: Just the cost of a broom. It may never be the same.

BOSS Overnighter

What: Bonding and business.

When: January 20 - 21 (7PM-Noon).

Why: Because we need to continuously examine who we are, where we are going and why are group exists.

Cost: To Be Determined

BOSSling Night

What: Space and time for our youth to "dig" into God's Word.

When: EVERY Sunday night from 5:00-6:45

Where: Resurrection

Who: 6th-8th Grade

Why: Because we want to GAIN and GROW IN our faith foundation.

Who can you bring???



Snow Trips

What: A time to: get away; worship; snow sled; snow ski; snow board; play games. It's an annual event, unlike any other.

When: February 3-5 (BOSSling), February 24-26 (BOSS).

Why: Because it's SO much FUN to do all the stuff listed after "what"

Cost: \$50-\$130.

Who: Everyone. BRING A FRIEND!

BOSSling Event: Christmas Party

What: Christmas Games, Christmas Cookies and Christmas Gifts

When: 12/9 from 6-10PM.

Where: Reidel house

Who: Anyone in 6th-8th grade

Why: It's fun to be together.

Cost: \$5 (and a gift, \$10 or less, to give away).

Who can you bring???



BOSS Event: Elf Caroling

What: Dressing up like Elves. Singing to people. Exchanging silly gifts.

When: December 18, 6-9PM.

Who: High School youth.

Why: Because it's silly and fun.

Where: Travland house

Cost: A gift, \$10 or less. And maybe a little bit of self pride.

Who can you bring???

BOSSling Event: Boomers

What: Go-Karts, Minigolf, Laser Tag, Bumper Boats, Pizza, etc.

Why: Because it's fun and you are on break.

When: 3/28

Cost: \$20 per person.

Note: We need 10 people to go on this trip in order to get group rates. You may NOT wear sandals to this event.

Website

Have you been to Rez's website yet? It is: resurrection-brentwood.org
The youth page is updated weekly and you can find links to flickr, this newsletter, and lots more. The rest of the site includes blogs, sermon downloads and more special event info. Check it out!