

# Children & Youth Team Minutes

**Our Mission:** To partner with parents in the discipleship of their children & youth and to offer a church environment that encourages families to share their faith and serve others.

The CY Team met on **Wednesday, October 2** at 6:30 PM in the Cornerstone Room. In attendance were: Rhonda Linsley, Karen Butner, Pastor Julius Ketsenburg, Annie Faught, Valerie Ray and Stephanie Schneider.

## **Children's Ministry: by Rhonda Linsley**

### **Rhonda's Mission Statement**

To teach the children to love God, love others and share that love with the world. To teach the children to memorize scripture that will affect the way they live their lives.

### **Children's Church**

- Music issues. (split-chorus songs require two leaders)
- Using children to do this is causing animosity among the kids.
- I will probably shy away from songs that require a second adult, until I have a volunteer willing to pull themselves away from the contemporary service long enough to prepare for a special.

After team discussion, it was decided that adults should be used to lead songs and Rhonda will wait until she has an adult leader to assist.

### **Sunday School**

The only response I received from the article in the newsletter to recruit teachers for the school year was from Kristen Burks. I will keep working through personal contact to fill these slots.

- Dec, Jan, Feb
  - Preschool – Matt Kauffman
  - Grades 1-2 – Kristen Burks
  - Grades 3-5 – Jeff & Rhonda Linsley
- Mar, April, May
  - Preschool – Matt Kauffman
  - Grades 1-2 –
  - Grades 3-5 –
- June, July, August
  - Preschool – Matt Kauffman
  - Grades 1-2 –
  - Grades 3-5 –

### **K-5 Alive**

Our Wednesday After-School Program started today, October 2 and will run through April 30. Time will be 3:15-5:00 p.m. each Wednesday that Macon R-1 School is in session. I will be ready to receive children at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

- This is an outreach program, so we encourage your children to invite their friends and get them a Registration Form.
- Registration Forms are now available in the church office and on our website, accompanied with a Policies & Procedures Sheet.
- If there is no school for whatever reason, then we do not have K-5 Alive.
- We have 28 weeks scheduled this year, and our curriculum will continue with Group's LIVE

Curriculum, where we will be focusing on communicating with God.

- The first four weeks, we will focus on serving, where we will be making crafts for the Serving Team's Nov. 2 Bazaar and folding bags for the Food Pantry, which we will continually do one Wed. a month throughout the program.

So far, volunteers are:

- Myself, Karen Butner, Peggy Chalgren, Carla Grant (until they leave for Florida), LilliAnn Crooks, Emilee Butner and Evie Nelson.
- Sandy Luzader will help on occasion. Maybe we can call her if someone is going to be gone.
- The budget for snacks will remain the same as last year at \$20 per week. I will purchase them and set them up as a serving line to help eliminate extra prep work for anyone.

Crafts for Holiday Bazaar are:

- Bead Sun Catcher (have 11)
- Bead Melts Sun Catchers (using muffin tins)
- Bird craft made out of CD's that makes a hanging decoration
- Teddy-Bear stuffing craft from S&S Toys (to make 12 bears that can be purchased for OCC shoe boxes.
- Homemade Hot Cocoa Mix
- Possible Christmas tree decorations made out of metal juice lids, stickers and sealing with clear fingernail polish?)

Today was the first day of K-5, so Rhonda gave a report of how the day went. It was a great day with 27 kids! Many of the children from Macon UMC have invited friends, so a good number of the children involved are children from the community. Rhonda has craft projects planned for the month to donate to the Serving Team's Holiday Bazaar. In an attempt to explain how the money will be used, Seth Butner came to K-5 to share about the mission trip to Nicaragua this summer. The children asked many awesome questions and it lasted for almost an hour! Seth also had pictures to share with the children and explained what they did while they were in Nicaragua.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

- We ordered 100 "Go" boxes and received 20 or 25 from OCC Coordinator. I will come up with some sort of goal tracking poster.

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, the team discussed ideas for local giving at Christmas time. Deidre Ritter made two goal tracking posters, and they are located in the Sanctuary Foyer and Worship Center.

### **Calendar Dates**

Wed., Oct 2	3:15-5:00 PM First day of K-5 Alive
Wed., Oct 9	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Oct 13	OCC 2 <sup>nd</sup> video in Announcements ("20 year History")
Wed., Oct 16	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Oct 23	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Oct 27	Both Services, Bell Choir Special ("El Shaddai") with soloists.
Wed., Oct 30	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Wed., Nov 6	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Nov 10	10:45 Operation Christmas Child Dedication of Boxes (Song Choices: "Children of God" by Third Day or "You Are A Child of Mine," WOW Hits 2004)
Wed., Nov 13	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive

Sun., Nov 17	Both Services, Bell Choir Special “We Gather Together”, with 3 loud soloists
Nov. 18-25	Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Collection Week
Wed., Nov 20	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
<del>Wed., Nov 20</del>	<del>Hanging of the Greens Practice with just the children (During K-5 Alive)</del>
<del>Sun., Nov. 24</del>	<del>9:45 Hanging of the Greens Practice with Youth Readers (During SS)</del>
<del>Sun., Dec. 1</del>	<del>8:45 &amp; 10:45 Hanging of the Greens Program/Ornament Procession</del>
Wed., Dec 4	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Dec 8 ?	Both services – Praise Dance Special
Sun., Dec 8	10:45 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter SS Attendance Awards
Wed., Dec 11	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Sun., Dec 15 ?	Possible Sunday for Christmas Program
Wed., Dec 18	3:15-5:00 PM, K-5 Alive
Tues., Dec 24	5:00 PM, Bell Choir Special “What Child is This,” Christmas Eve Service

The Hanging of the Greens was discussed and the team decided that it might be time to look at other options for a children’s program at Christmas time. There were lots of good ideas and it will be discussed further next month. Meanwhile, Rhonda will be looking for a musical program.

**Youth Ministry:** by Karen Butner

**Vision Statement:** Grow.... Share.... Serve.... For the transformation of the world for Jesus!

**Mission Statement:** “Our Youth Ministry exists to **Share** our faith with non-believing students, to connect with other Christians, to help them **Grow** in their faith, and to challenge the growing to discover their **Service** and worship God with their lives.”

**Discipleship (Grow):**

**Sunday School: meets at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings in the Youth Center**

- Jr. High is taught by Scott & Julie Burdin: for all students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- High School is taught by Jon & Karen Butner: for all students 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are studying Radical by David Platte.

**Youth Group: meets from 4:30 to 5:45 PM on Sundays: for students in 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades**

- October 6: Craft project for Serving Team Bizarre
- October 13: Craft project for Serving Team Bizarre
- October 20: All church skating party 3:30 to 5:30 at Macon Skate Center
- October 27: Eternity House in Moberly

**Methodist 101: Sunday morning at 9:45 AM**

Pastor Julius is leading a class that began Sunday Sept. 15. We have 6 youth that are participating: Allyson Bramer, Emilee Butner, Evie Nelson, Rayce Truitt, Kattie Peyton & Trever Peyton.

Pastor Julius gave a report on the Methodist 101 class, adding that in addition to the 6 youth there are also several adults attending.

**Summer Scripture Challenge:** We went to Fun Spot in Quincy on Sunday September 29 after the unity service. A big thank you to Pastor Julius for feeding us pizza before our trip!

**Camp Jo Ota Youth Rally:**

We had a total of 14 youth & adults attend the Youth Rally on September 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Evangelism (Share):**

**Dare 2 Share "Reverse"** Dates for the Dare 2 Share "Reverse" tour in 2014 are March 21 & 22. It will be based on the life of Daniel- a teenager used by God to change the world!

### **High School Life Group**

I have identified a need for fellowship time for the High School students away from the regular youth group time which includes Jr. High students. Throughout the school year, I will have some activities planned for High School students only to meet this need. Students are encouraged to bring friends and this is a time to do "life" together, bringing school friends and church friends together in their lives. Due to the high level of extra-curricular activities our youth are involved in outside of the church, most Life Group activities will be planned on Sunday evenings.

The first High School Life Group (a movie & pizza night) was planned for Sunday September 22 at 6:30 PM. Letters were sent home with students for parents, students were sent messages on Facebook, it was in the bulletin & newsletter as well as on Facebook.

### **Ministry (Serve):**

**Unity Service:** The youth led the song portion of the service on Sunday September 29. Youth also served as ushers and greeters for the service. Alan Spencer and Debbie Baker agreed to run sound and the computer so Jon & I could assist the youth where needed.

**Festival of Sharing:** The youth assisted Carolyn Ketsenburg assemble health & school kits for the Festival of Sharing on Sunday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Serving Team Bizarre:** We will be working on some craft projects to donate for the November 2 fundraising bizarre hosted by the Serving Team.

### **Family Ministry**

**All Church Fall Family Hayride & Hotdog Roast:** Wayne & Sharon Hackman graciously hosted a fall hayride & hotdog roast at their farm on Saturday September 14. Rayce Truitt led some praise songs and Pastor Julius did devotion. It was a beautiful evening and those that attended had a good time of fellowship.

**All Church Skating Party:** Sunday October 20- 3:30 to 5:30 PM

### **Youth Calendar of Events:**

October 20: All Church Skating Party

December 1: No Youth Group (Thanksgiving weekend)

December Christmas Break: Date to be announced

January 18, 2014: Snow Day

March 22-23, 2014: Dare 2 Share

April 25-26, 2014: Crazy Days

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Butner*

## Sharing Team Minutes

**October 9, 2013**

**Members Present:** Sandy Sunderland, JoVaughn Kelly, Carolyn Ketsenburg, Linda Smith, Tanya Schmidt, Eunice Karr and Tammy Wallace **Special Guest:** Pastor Julius

### **Old Business:**

1. The team discussed the Attendance Sheets for the Contemporary Service. We want to distribute and collect them so that we do not distract from the worship service. We are going to ask Pat Quinley if he would distribute them before the service, and team members will collect them after the ushers have taken up the offering. JoVaughn, Sandy or another team member will look over the sheets and check for first time visitors. After the service, any team members present will meet and greet the visitors and give them the welcome gifts. We will give all adults a coffee mug with a coffee single, hot chocolate, tea bag, pen and a crossinmypocket card with wooden cross. Teens will get a praise music CD, a crossinmypocket card with cross and a pen. Children will get a DVD of the Jesus Story. Linda Smith will give the welcoming gifts in the Traditional Service. These supplies will be kept in a cupboard in the Fellowship Hall and in the supply closet.
2. Eunice reported on her research for travel mugs as well as other options for welcoming gifts. No action was taken at this time; however, the team liked the travel mugs for a change from the ceramic mugs.
3. Eunice volunteered to sign up greeters for November. Tammy suggested that we ask if anyone would be interested in signing up for one Sunday a month for a few months in advance.
4. We discussed several ideas for greeters and decided that we would ask Deidre to print name badges for the greeters at the door as we now have people signed up ahead of time. Tammy will design the badges. Team members will try to arrive early and greet the congregation as Pastor Julius does before the service. We will not wear any badges, ribbons or vests to identify us as greeters. We just want folks to feel welcomed at all of our church activities.
5. We revised our Mission Statement and made it shorter. It now reads:

*The Sharing Team's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ within our congregation and community by welcoming members and visitors and making them feel comfortable at all church activities.*

This revised statement will be given to the Administrative Council for approval.

6. Pastor Julius was given a gift card from the Sharing Team for Pastor Appreciation Month.

### **New Business:**

1. The team selected the menu for the October 30<sup>th</sup> meal. It will be marinated chicken breast, hashbrown casserole, green beans, lettuce salad, roll and drink. Team members are asked to arrive by 4:30 if possible to help make the drinks, set up and decorate. Please bring any Fall table decorations that you might have with you. We will be asking the congregation to provide cookies for dessert. We will also furnish a fruit plate. Team members will sit at the tables during the meal and lead a discussion about what our team does and ask for ideas for other things we could be involved in. We will also seek to recruit members to our team. Sandy will provide a sheet for team members with our mission statement and a list of previous activities.
2. Pastor Julius invited the team to help distribute prayer shawls at Loch Haven. We will do this on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will meet there at 2:00, help with the worship service and communion and then deliver the shawls.
3. JoVaughn told us about the ministry of the Crossroads Christian Church. They cook and deliver meals on Saturdays. This led to a discussion about what type of ministries we might like to get involved with. We have a list of ideas and hope to get more the night of the dinner.

### **Budget 2013: Spent to date: Ordered, but not paid**

Membership Drive \$ 67.72 pens \$291

Advertising \$381.94 pocket crosses \$207

Evangelism (other) \$494.88 (with cards & bags)

**Total \$944.54 Total \$498**

