

MOMENTUM

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It was a great summer!

From camping out in the middle of a field with nearly 100,000 people at Creationfest to being flipped upside down at Cedar Point to working our fingers to the bone in West Virginia, it has been a great summer.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT!

There were many events that took place this summer within the senior high student ministries. The summer began with our annual Cedar Point/ Kalahari Trip. Shortly after returning from that trip many students volunteered as counselors for a week of Summer Celebration. On the very next week, a group of students and leaders went to Creationfest in which we camped out under the stars, toasted marshmallows, went to countless concerts and ate tasty, tasty food! Later



in the summer, a group of incoming 9th graders took their initiation into high school trip. We travelled to West Ohio, camped, boated, went to King's Island Theme Park, and bonded as a group. The last trip of the summer was our West Virginia Family

mission Trip. This trip was awesome because of the lives we were able to pour into, while at the same time God changed our hearts as we served people in great need. In all it was a community-building summer of fun!



BILLY MCCORMICK

Summers Best Two Weeks (SB2W) has been a fantastic experience throughout my life. This was my 8th summer attending SB2W. The fun times with sports and activities are well balanced with Christian values. There's a motto at camp that sticks out to me called the "I'm third motto". It states that in everything I do, I am to put God first, other people second, and myself third. At SB2W, I see students and counselors put this motto into action. SB2W for me is a fantastic combination of both sports and growth in my relationship with Christ.



VICTORIA CUNNINGHAM

In August, I went on the West Virginia Appalachia mission trip for my 2nd year in a row. It was a lot of fun working with the families, building relationships while improving their homes. It was all hard work, but in the end everything we did was worth it. It was such a joy to see their happy faces smiling when we finished our jobs at the end of the week. It confirmed to me that what we had done will make a difference in their lives. Going on this trip made me realize how much we have and how little others have: even those who live so close by. But the great thing is that they are happy regardless of how little they own.



JARED BILLINGS

This summer I went to Honduras on a medical mission trip with St. Stephen's. Until going to Honduras I had heard of the poverty and horrible living conditions of 3rd World Countries, but I didn't really know the full extent. Shacks with tin roofs and clay walls are very common. Most houses have little or no electricity and no running water. Despite the conditions, most every single one of the kids in Honduras is full of joy and happiness. They can be occupied by a single ball for hours. It really struck me how gracious they were and how joyful they could be with having so little. This trip convinced me that I need to be grateful for everything given to me, and be thankful to God for all the great opportunities he has given to me living here, in the US.

COMING EVENTS



Momentum Kickoff

September 13

Golf Tournament

October 3

Girls' Retreat

October 23-24

Emerge Retreat

November 13-15

Christmas Party

December 13

Weekly Events

The Brotherhood
Time: TBA

Student Worship
Sunday @ 11:15

Momentum
Sunday 7:30-8:30pm

Girls' Small Groups
times vary

Guys' Sports Hour
Sunday 6:30-7:30

Don't miss out on what's going on this Fall!



Girls' Retreat

On October 23-24, all high school girls are invited to join Adelia Matson and Sarah Bray for a one-night girls' retreat. We will go to a cabin about 2 hours away for a time for girls to be girls. Cost is \$20. For more info or to sign up facebook Sarah or Adelia.

Emerge Retreat

Emerge is for high school students who desire to know God, or get to know Him more. The trip will take place on November 13-15, at Camp Wanake in Beach City, Ohio. The cost is \$170 and includes food, stay and the retreat costs. Partial and full scholarships are available.

Momentum at the Matson's KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 13

Every Sunday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. all senior high students are invited to gather at the Matson's house for a time of fun, community, and a short Bible study. In the event of a Steeler game at the same time, we will watch the game together.

Guys' Sports Hour KICKOFF SEPTEMBER 13

All guys are invited to meet in the church parking lot from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for a time of sports activities before meeting at the Matson's house. Again, in the event of a Steeler game at the same time, we will watch the game together.

Girls' Small Groups

Every week 4 girls' small groups get together to study the Bible, support each other and just talk. These groups meet at different times throughout the week. If you are not involved in a small group and would like to be, facebook or talk to Sarah Bray and let her know, she will get you plugged in!

The Brotherhood

Once a week for about an hour, a group of senior high guys get together to study, pray and grow closer to Jesus. Time is still to be determined. If you are interested in joining this group, facebook or talk to Steve Matson.

My Journey to California With Jesus

by **Maddie Paule**

Senior

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My journey began when Adelia asked me if I was interested in a high school student leadership camp similar to our Emerge Retreat. I didn't hesitate to say "yes!". It was a leap of faith for me, to fly out to California to go to Camp H2O all by myself not knowing anyone else who would be attending the camp. I knew God wanted me to go, and I wanted to take the next step in my relationship with Christ.

At Camp H2O I was submerged in a group of about 60 other students, who were all in the same boat as me—Christian students thirsting for more of Jesus. However, Camp H2O is not your typical summer camp. Sure you sleep in a cabin, eat large meals in a big dining hall, sit around the campfire, go banana boating, climb rock walls, sing at open mic night, swim through swamps to get a candle wick, and step on carpet tiles to avoid the acid river just like you would at any standard summer camp. But on the other hand, you spend hours in the most intense worship, discuss important topics in



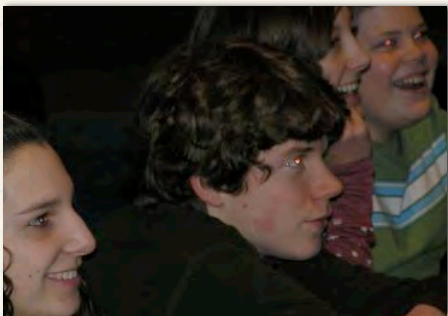
Maddie Paule and a fellow camper at Camp H2O this summer in July.

bible studies, hear amazing testimonies, learn from Christian mentors and leaders, and truly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Personally, I love worship, and at Camp H2O I experienced the most amazing and intense time of worship! The worship band was there to worship, not to perform. My week in the mountains

just outside of Fresno, California changed my life in such an amazing way. I don't think I would be at this point in my relationship with Jesus without this experience. I would recommend this camp to anyone who is ready to take the next step in their relationship with the Lord and to anyone who has a true passion for worship.

STUDENT WORSHIP: CHANGES AND SCHEDULE



After numerous group discussions with students and meetings with leaders, we are excited to announce that student worship for high school students is sticking around for 2009.

There will be many changes that will occur in the student worship format and schedule. Starting this fall, it will be only for high school students. On the first Sunday of each month, there will be no student worship so that the student worship band can play for kids' church. All high school students are also encouraged to come and volunteer with kids' church as well. More information to come about volunteering. On the third Sunday of each month we will have a communion service.

Come check out the new changes!

1st Sunday
volunteer @ Kids' Church

2nd Sunday
regular SW

3rd Sunday
Communion SW

4th Sunday
regular SW

5th Sunday
regular SW

Coming trips and programs to look for



Here's what coming!

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Along with the various weekly event and trips listed inside, keep a lookout for some of these other events that are on the horizon.

SMALL, FUN TRIPS COMING

To escape the monotony of winter, we will go on a overnight trip to **Kalahari Waterpark**. Date and cost: TBA.

Last spring we did a service project called **Gravity Project**. Sarah Bray and a group of students went to a local community to fix a roof for a family who needed help. Sometime this fall we will do another Gravity Project, bringing the Kingdom of God to this earth by serving those who are less fortunate than us. Date: TBA.

We are bringing back the **Progressive Dinner**. Last January, a group of high school students and leaders came together and ate dinner by eating each course of the meal at different homes in our church community. Look for this event on a Sunday evening coming this fall!

1. **Kalahari Waterpark Trip**
2. **Gravity Service Project**
3. **Progressive Dinner**
4. **The Brotherhood**
5. **Guys' Sports Hour**
6. **Momentum PM**
7. **Golf Tournament**
8. **Girls' Retreat**
9. **Emerge Retreat**
10. **Christmas Party**

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Student Ministries



2009

High school Student Ministries at St. Stephen's Church is a place where students (9th-12th) learn, search and unwind. We are committed to molding students into those who demonstrate a life-long commitment to Christ on a daily basis. We want to see students become passionate about the things of God.