



HIGHER BOUND INC



Christ-Centered Outreach to Middle School Students

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Because of YOU! We Can Do These:

We fellowship, serve, study the word, have fun, and learn about the love of the Savior during Tuesday Night Teaching and Thursday Night Study, and devotions after school each day. In all we do our most important task is to honor God, in Christ. Your generosity to this ministry helps us provide opportunity for students to do all these activities. All the activities listed below will have a service project attached.

2012 FALL EVENTS: HIGHER BOUND WILL BE CLOSED ALL OF AUGUST 2012

SEPTEMBER: 4TH OPENING DAY UNDER RENEWED LEADERSHIP; 15th DAY RETREAT CAMP ARTHUR

OCTOBER: 30TH HARVEST CELEBRATION

**NOVEMBER: 1ST ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION; 16TH CHRISTMAS PARADE IN VINCENNES;
20TH THANKSGIVING DINNER; 24TH CHRISTMAS DECORATING DAY AT HIGHER BOUND HOUSE**

DECEMBER: 15TH CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKING DAY; 20TH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On a continuing basis, we plan serving projects within the local area to show our appreciation to the community for its support of this vital ministry. **If you have a project or event in the Vincennes area to suggest please call me. We need your help to make sure the plans that are made can become reality, to find out details and total costs of the above mentioned activities, please give Pastor Danny a call at 812-887-3211. Thank YOU!**



WALL IS FINISHED...Yard is coming soon!

The transformation is complete, the parking lot is no more and we have 30 more feet of yard to play in during Higher Bound hours. Thanks to Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Indiana, Back2Health, Tosha Case, Matt Haaff, Andy Anderson, Randy and Susan Duffey, Jay and Cheryl Wilson, Hoss Foncannon, Ron Thomas, Kyle Wellendorf, Pam VanLue, and Dale Goldman for financially supporting this very important project. Special thanks to students/volunteers who did the physical labor during this project: Noble Boger, JJ R., Matt G., Aaron B., Kevin Hein, Ben Spradlin; James Holt and Justin White—from Another Chance Christ Ministries.

A Tribute to



Maxine Kessler and



Judy DeSanto

From the beginning of my time in ministry two women have supported me through prayer and encouragement. Maxine Kessler and Judy DeSanto went to be with the Lord in February and June respectively. Maxine and Judy both had that motherly touch that one should experience in their lifetime. Maxine and Judy always blessed us during special holidays with dishes for all to enjoy. Maxine's famous "cranberry salad and Judy's delicious "German potato salad" were always hits during those times. Both women were a personal encouragement when times seemed to be tougher than they ought.

Maxine, the wife of Bill Kessler and Judy, the wife of Pastor John DeSanto raised two wonderful families. They taught me a lot through their example for the seven years I knew them. Maxine worked from home as a child care provider, while Judy was a registered nurse. Maxine and Judy lived lives exemplifying the love of Christ.

Since their passing God has shown me the impact they had on their respective families and the lives of those they touched. I pray and hope my legacy is as strong and impacting as theirs. May we all live lives that are worthy of the call of Christ.

Encouragement from God's Word...

God loves You—

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God wants to give You a gift—

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord."

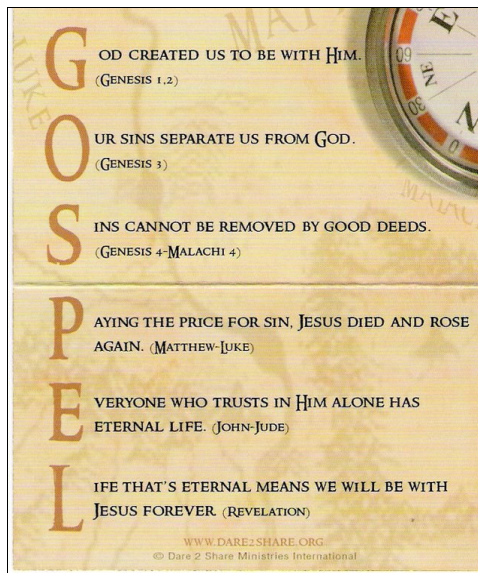
God has a plan for You—

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God is waiting—

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am. I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice

and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.



Tuesday Night Teaching and Thursday Night Study

Each **Tuesday and Thursday** evening from 3-6pm we feed the body and soul of each student who enters the doors of the Higher Bound House.

On **Tuesday and Thursday** evening at 4:30pm we offer a nutritious meal to the students to feed their bodies.

On **Tuesday evening our soul food** consists of teachings from God's Word on four basic tenants of faith. Those tenants are the "Apostles Creed," "Ten Commandments," "Beatitudes," and "Lords Prayer."

Thursday evenings consist of soul food that has a more direct impact on the students lives. We do a topical study which might cover themes like: peer pressure; choices; consequences; bullying; sex; and politics.

Tuesday and Thursday evenings end with prayer and a take home for students. We always present the Gospel—traditionally or otherwise. Thanks for your PRAYERS!

Spiritual and Physical Needs of Higher Bound House

PRAYER NEEDS:

- That we honor God in all we say and do.
- That we show kindness, love, compassion, and direction.
- That we represent Jesus Christ with integrity, courage, patience, and strength.
- That students may be born anew into the living hope of Christ. Amen!

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS: twin, full and king size sheets; food; kitchen towels; bath towels and wash clothes; dishwasher detergent; dish soap; toilet paper; clothes washer

PROGRAM NEEDS: Craft supplies; School supplies; **Volunteers** who will invest time with students; snack food: granola bars, drink mixes, chips, crackers, etc.

MAJOR NEEDS: Kitchen Countertops and backsplash

AUXILIARY GROUP TO HELP WITH MINISTRY

Board member Pat Fankhouser is looking for a few good folks to come help out with the Auxiliary to the Higher Bound ministry. Anyone interested can contact the Higher Bound House for more information. Some duties: involved are fundraising, meeting to discuss needs of home, students, and volunteer team.

Please call 812-886-5503 for more information.



Students play games with Joan C., one way we connect with students.

Maybe we will get more snow like this since our yard is much bigger. **Oh the memories!**

HAIR CUTS...ministry!?

Moms and Dads if your student needs a haircut then Higher Bound can help. Through the ministry of Jennifer Bravo, a licensed beautician, your student can receive a hair cut for only \$4 each. Special permission slips will be available at the Higher Bound House for you to sign. We will travel the third Friday of each month to get haircuts.



Volunteers Matt, Danny, Linda, Kevin, and Rex at Busch Stadium, with 18 kids

HELP FOR PARENTS OF TEENS AND TWEENS: Sex and Puberty



For decades, movies and sitcoms have presented a caricature of the sweaty-palmed, birds-and-bees conversation in which Dad stammers through a convoluted description of sex to a preadolescent child — who, it turns out, knows all of the details already. The humor arises from the tension most parents feel about discussing sex with their kids. ("What if we tell him too much?" "Will this rob him of his innocence?" "What if he starts asking about what *we* do?")

What isn't so funny is the reality that too many children learn about sex from everyone but their parents. Playground slang and obscenity, a distorted description of intercourse from the tough kid up the street, or worst of all, a look at some pornographic material on cable TV or the Internet often provides a child's first jarring glimpse of sex. What should be seen as the most beautiful, meaningful and private communication between a married couple becomes a freak-show curiosity. "Mom and Dad did *that*? More than once?!"

Efforts by public schools to correct misinformation from the street and lack of information from home often leave out a critical ingredient: the moral framework within which the facts about reproduction should be presented. Without an ethical context, sex education becomes little more than basic training in anatomy, physiology, infectious diseases and contraception.

Many churches have made laudable efforts to teach biblical principles of sexuality to their youth groups. But these important concepts are not always accompanied by accurate medical information or refusal skills. Furthermore, youth-group presentations usually begin late in the game (i.e., during the teen years) and rarely involve an on-going dialogue about this subject.

The best place for a teen to learn about sexuality is at home from those who care most about him. Anyone can teach the basic facts about reproduction in an hour or two (or they can be read in any of several reference books), but you are in the best position to put this information in the proper context and give it the right perspective over a period of years. There are no cut-and-dried formulas for carrying out this assignment, but keep the following principles in mind:

Giving a tween facts about reproduction, including details about intercourse, does not rob him of innocence. Innocence is a function of attitude, not information. A school-age child who understands the specifics of sex, while seeing it as an act that, in the proper context, both expresses love and begins new life, retains his innocence. But a child who knows very little about sex can already have a corrupt mind-set if he has been exposed to it in a degrading, mocking or abusive context.

If you feel squeamish or inhibited about broaching this subject with your tween, reflect for a moment about your own attitudes. Do you harbor any feelings that sexual activity, even within the context of marriage, is somehow base or something that God really doesn't approve of? If you realize that this is an issue for you, some conversations with your pastor, a counselor or both may be in order. Hopefully these discussions, and perhaps a reading of the Song of Solomon and other Bible passages, will alleviate any uneasiness you might harbor regarding God's attitude toward sexuality. Books that are reliable, informative and honoring to sex, marriage and the Creator of both can also be very helpful. Two good examples are *The Gift of Sex: A Guide to Sexual Fulfillment* by Dr. Clifford and Joyce Penner and *Intended for Pleasure* by Dr. Ed and Gaye Wheat. But for many people uneasiness about sex may be rooted in life experiences, especially if they involve sexual abuse experienced during childhood, adolescence or even adulthood. It is never too late to address such issues with an individual who has training and experience in this area and can help you work toward healing.

Don't wait to tell your tween everything you know about sex during a single, intense marathon session. Doing so risks either waiting until it's too late or dumping more in the child's lap than he can process. Instead, information should be released gradually during many conversations over a period of several years. (The same principle applies to any other area of life — faith, values, responsibilities, relationships, handling money and so on — in which you intend to offer guidance to your child. These subjects are too important to be confined to a single conversation.)

In many instances, you will be giving information on a need-to-know basis. Your five-year-old is probably going to want to know how the baby inside Aunt Susie is going to get out. But your child may not think to ask how the baby got there, and you don't need to broach the subject at that time. On the other hand, if you haven't yet had any discussions about reproduction with your ten-year-old, you will need to take the initiative to start some conversations. She has already heard all sorts of things on the playground and needs to hear from more reputable and mature sources.

What if your tween asks you questions you can't answer? Be honest, and then do some research. You gain far more stature in your tweens eyes by showing candor than by bluffing. You may not have a detailed knowledge of the intricacies of the menstrual cycle or the developmental stages of puberty, but you're never too old to learn.

Be open and willing to discuss any topics with your tween, no matter what they might be. If you need help, please feel free to contact Higher Bound for more resources.

Help Us Help Others—

Have you ever wondered how much impact you can have on the lives of middle school students?

You can meet one of the following needs of the Higher Bound House:

- A) \$30= can supply 1 student a bible they can call their own
- B) \$50= Tuesday Night Teaching Dinner for 1 week
- C) \$50= Thursday Night Study Dinner for 1 week
- D) \$60= After school Snacks for 1 week
- E) \$140= 1 Tank of gas for Higher Bound Van.
We use about three tanks a month
- F) \$560= To keep the safe House open (per month)

Please pray for what God would have you do to meet the needs of our students. **Remember**, you can't out give God! **YOUR** financial contributions are important and appreciated. **YOUR** prayers for our students, volunteers, middle school, and executive director make a difference.



A time of worship with friends and visitors alike.

~Valuable Student Coupon~

Bring this in and redeem for a soda and burger, or ice cream from DQ.

Hey you holding this coupon:



1. cut the coupon out,
2. call two friends,
3. and then call Danny at 887-3211 to redeem.



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Hours of Ministry at Higher Bound House

During the school months, we use the following schedule for students to visit the Higher Bound House for:

1. Tutoring for educational success
2. Mentoring for life success
3. Learning about God’s Love
4. Growing in Christ
5. Hanging out in a safe place

We will honor Christ!

The schedule for the 2012-13 School Year is as follows:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday	1:00-6:00pm	Devotions Snack Homework
(TNT) Tuesday Night Teaching	1:00-6:00 pm	Bible teaching and dinner
(TNS) Thursday Night Study	1:00-6:00 pm	Bible study and dinner

Students are always invited to stop by any day to share life & help with chores around the Higher Bound House. We will always be able to find something to do.

A Personal Word from Danny Pierson



Have you ever had a period in your life where things just pile up on you and you suddenly feel overwhelmed? I am in one of those times right now, and it’s not a familiar or comfortable feeling. It’s not a personal faith struggle or a doubting of faith, but more like the weight of the world on your shoulders. For me it all started in August of 2011 with the car accident and ended with the recent death of, Judy DeSanto, someone I loved dearly—who has been a mom to me for 7 years. In the weeks since her death, I have sought comfort from God’s word and His people. In 2 Corinthians 1 when it talks about God being the “God of all comfort.” “For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. (2 Cor. 5)”

What kind of losses have you experienced that changed the course of your life? Better yet, what gifts have you received as a result of the relationships you know or knew? The gifts may not be measured by what but how, how did your life change because someone entered it and loved you without condition or string attached. Jesus enters our lives without strings attached or conditions, He knocks gently on our hearts door and gives us the opportunity to invite Him in to take up residence and do remodeling.

People come and go in our lives, but Jesus Christ remains the same, yesterday, today, and forever. His love will never fail us, and He will never forsake us. How will you live your life? Will people be able to say, “so and so lived a life that exemplified Christ!” I want to, will you pray that for me, I will for you!

*Love
Danny*

Volunteers are of great importance to the success of any ministry. Consider joining our team of volunteers to work with **young people**. The students who come to Higher Bound House after school need people like you for love, nurturing, honesty, and friendship. Being here to build up a young person into Christ is the most important investment you can make. **Call Danny at 812-887-3211 to volunteer and to become a friend of Higher Bound Inc, come by the house.**

Higher Bound House Volunteers



Your picture could be here, volunteer today!

Pastor Danny Pierson Joan Chambon Linda Carrico Kevin Hein Kelly Gerrard Kyle Wellendorf Matt Haaff Grant Harden Cj ?

Goals and Aims of HIGHER BOUND Inc.

To encourage each student to find love and salvation in and from the Person of Jesus Christ the Lord and Savior of the world. To nurture students in love, faith, hope, and kindness that each might respect themselves and build their character, and thereby rightly relate to others in Christian love, ethics, and values.

To guide students to become productive, cooperative, and contributing citizens, and to serve God and others in the vocation to which each one is called by God.

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