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What Everybody Needs...

This first Sunday of August I am beginning a series of sermons on "What Everyone Needs". On August 5th I'll be talking about our need for God. Then on August 12th before school starts I'll be talking about the need to train our youth in the way that they should go and why that is so very important.

I hope you'll use this month to invite a friend or neighbor to Refuge. The

church picnic is the first Sunday of August at Forest Park at 1 p.m. If you can't get that neighbor to church, at least try to get them to the Park for the picnic. Maybe they can discover that we really aren't as scary as they think! Ha.

Finally, I've been officiating at some weddings this summer. Those are always such fun experiences. Pray for our young people as they begin the adventure of mar-

riage. I'm convinced that the marriages that are accompanied by prayer are the ones that will succeed.

Keep your eyes looking forward to the great things that are going on here at Refuge. There will be new small group studies starting in September. And, the always popular Pig Roast is in September. This is your church. Be a volunteer. Help with our challenges and enjoy the successes. *-Pastor Stan*

Youth to Young Adults

By Nathan Wainwright

Children's Ministry:

We are still looking for teachers for Children's Church for the month of August. This is a great way to connect with the kids. Every student needs to feel like they are valued and loved, when you commit time and energy to helping them grow spiritually they will be grateful. I know I can still remember my classes from when I was little. The month of August needs teachers in Pre-School and Kindergarten-1st. If you can please

help us raise up the kids "in the way they should go". This is not a one person job.

August:

Pre-School – AVAILABLE
K-1st – AVAILABLE
2nd-3rd – Sheli Burrow/Sara Carter
4th-6th – Terry Ballenger
Kids Corner/Sunday School Hour – Suellen Fletcher

We are also restarting our Accelerate program this month. We have moved it to the second Sunday of the month at 5pm. This includes

a meal and an event. Our next two will be on August 12 and September 9. This is for the families with kids from K-6th grade.

Teen News:

We are back to meeting weekly at the church on Sunday nights. Every Sunday at 7pm we have a service for Jr. High and Sr. High students. Anyone who is in this age bracket is more than welcome to participate. We would be more than happy (cont'd)

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to see your teens show up to experience God in a passionate and relevant way.

I wanted to say one more thank you for all who helped with the mission trip. We made it out and back with no troubles. While we were there we led a kids club for a couple of days, we put siding and a roof on a house, painted the entire outside of a pre-school, did a lot of other painting, and even did electrical work. I think the relationships that were built will stand even beyond the projects that were accomplished. During the ride there and back I think bridges were built and love was shared. I truly wish that we could do this sort of thing every month.

Young Adult Bible Study:

It's almost fall and we're going to be restarting our Young Adult Bible Studies soon. We're considering trying something a little different—separate girls and guys studies. Each group would meet at its own time and focus on issues that the group is interested in. If you have a desire to participate please feel free to keep your eyes and ears open for the announcements or you can email me at: nawainwright@sbcglobal.net

**Every 2nd Sunday at 5pm at Refuge.
Come and enjoy food and games.**

Accelerate

Families with kids K-6th grade!

AUGUST

ACTIVITIES:

*Youth Bible Studies
at RCC on Sunday
Nights 7:00 pm*

*Small Group Bible
Studies on
Wednesdays.*

*Men's Bible Study
Sat. mornings at
Riverview Hosp.
Cafeteria*

*Church Board
meeting is August
19th after Sunday
School in
Fellowship Hall.*

*August 5th Church
Picnic at Forest
Park at 1:00 p.m.*

*August 12th the
Accelerate Program
for K-6th grade! At
5:00 p.m.*

Church Financial Update

Thank you for the efforts you have been making in regard to our finances. First, thanks for the gifts to meet the LP Gas expense. Thanks to the committees that have been extremely frugal. Thanks to God for providing for us.

I have attached a chart that shows a graph of all cash on hand sources that we have. Those include a Money Market Account, a Passbook Savings Account and a Checking Account. We are down from the first of the year's high, but we have

stabilized the dramatic downward spiral of the first four months of the year. That does not mean we can let up, but it is certainly worth a moment of thanks.

Thanks for caring about Refuge,

Pastor Stan

