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Upcoming Events to Note...

Mother's Day Breakfast

This Mother's Day is May 11th. We certainly encourage you to be in worship with your Mother to honor her on this special day.

Stan will be preaching a sermon in his series on "family" about the influence and role of Mothers.

Also, as a special treat to honor our mothers we will be having a Breakfast here at the church. It is open to all, but is especially designed to help make this a very special day for Mom.

Honoring our Graduates



We will be honoring our graduates during the month of May from both college and high school.

The Stevenson family is the first to have graduates during the month and they have every reason to be proud.

Daughter, Angela (Angela Kay Poisel) will be graduating from the University of Indianapolis

with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing on Saturday, May 3rd.

Son in Law, Matt (Matthew Kevin Poisel) will be graduating from Franklin College with a Bachelor of Arts in Math Secondary Education and Pure Math on Saturday, May 17th.

Congratulations to our Scholars!

Also, Logan Stafford will be graduating from Noblesville High School on May 30th. Congratulations!

Family Groups

I've been really pleased to see how the teens have stepped up over the last 2 months during the initial launch period of our family groups. We have more teens attending per week than we had when we were doing one night. It has given the teens an ownership that is truly astonishing. It has also been growing some of our young adults and preparing them for roles as leaders in the church. I can't thank those who have opened their homes and been so supportive as we try something new. Often times when you change up a ministry you have a drop in attendance before you begin to grow. We did not have that, we began to grow from day one. I know that new things can be intimidating and there are a number of teens in our congregation who have not been able to attend yet, but we would invite you to try it out. Our schedule is up on REFUGETEEN.COM as always, and we look forward to seeing you.

Teens & Education

by Nathan Wainwright

VBS: SonWorld Adventure Park
June 9-13

Narnia: Prince Caspian

May 17th we will be going to see the next movie in the Chronicles of Narnia series. Plan for the late afternoon (so we can get cheaper tickets). Everyone is invited to come! We would be happy to see families, singles, old, young, anyone. This is going to be a spectacular movie and we would like you to share it with us. POPCORN TIME!

We are in the midst of planning our Vacation Bible School program for this year. Our program is going to be based around Jesus and his miracles. Heather Sutton and Shelley Felger are looking for teachers and helpers to swing the program into action. Please feel free to volunteer and support our children's ministry at Refuge. Sometimes VBS is the only chance we get to bring the gospel to children. Lend us your strength and love. All kids are invited to attend, this is that chance you've been waiting for to ask a neighbor kid or a friend's child to participate.

O.F.F. begins again....but with a twist!

With the month of May comes our weekly excursions to Forest Park. We like to call it O.F.F. (Outdoor Family Fun). Every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm we will meet at the Volleyball pits behind the skate park. This is open to anyone and everyone to participate.

Beginning at 7pm we will have a children's program that will last about 30 minutes, a sort of Elementary Youth Group event that we're calling "Elemental". It will have a short lesson and a game, we invite all kids to participate. Since it is outdoors we will cancel if there is rain, so please be aware of that.

Church Data Update

Worship Attendance

April 2008

April 6	117
April 13	137
April 20	144
April 27	128

Statement of Finances:

These figures reflect information provided by Treasurer, Pam Sweitzer on the Profit and Loss and Cash Flow Statements for January through April 2008.

Total Income: \$81,374.17

Total Expenses: \$82,467.18

Net Income \$-1,093.01

Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:

Accounts Payable: -6220.00

Mortgage: - \$3225.98

Net cash provided by Operating Activities \$-10,538.99

Cash at beginning of period: \$62,532.34

Cash at end of period: \$51,993.35

Thanks for giving and caring about Refuge Christian Church. Stan

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