

# Youth Council Meeting - October 22, 2009

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## **People in Attendance:**

- Chris
- Chelsey
- Rick
- Mike
- Diane
- Lee
- Suzanne
- Ann
- Jason
- Niki Honeycutt
- Steve Vick

## **Chris's Job Description Highlights:** (copies will be available in Chris's office)

- Develop a youth and children's council
- New Wednesday night Bible study
- Chair the Youth and Children's council
- Directly affects the spiritual lives of our children – this is the one that is near and dear to Christopher's heart

## **Qualifications for Youth Council Members:**

- Incorporate these into the Youth Council Meetings
1. Be Doers and Heaters of God's Word [James 1:22-25]
    - Paul is writing to James and telling him to not only read God's word, but live it
      - a. Be in God's Word daily
      - b. Stay spiritually healthy
      - c. Faithful attendance to church
        - Can you stand before God and feel like you honored Him with your attendance?
        - Understand there will be family vacations, and such, but concerned about very long absences
  2. Do not show favoritism [James 2: 1-10]
    - a. Pour into all students equally and do not cater to one specific student more than others
      - Pour into all the students equally
      - Students shouldn't know who our favorites are
  3. Live out your faith daily [James 2: 14-26]
    - a. Be the same person Monday through Saturday as you are on Sunday
      - Let there be consistency in your testimony
      - Chris holds himself to these standards as well
    - b. Be willing to serve Christ, through the avenue of this youth group.
      - Serve Christ with everything you have. This is not a sprint; it is a marathon.

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- Chris wants you here for the long haul; wants to prevent the Council from being burned out.
4. Be rich in Godly wisdom rather than bitterness [James 3: 13-18]
    - We can agree to disagree, even if we disagree please don't become bitter.
    - Bitterness creates division (We don't want division, but unity)
    - Please come to Chris with concerns first; he can take criticism.
    - Don't become bitter, just communicate.
    - Rely on Christ and his patience and his provision
  5. Live a life differently from that of the world and culture about you [James 4: 1-10]
    - a. Be a positive example to the students in this youth ministry.
      - This is the hinge of the youth council.
      - Be a positive influence to the youth.
      - Be a person of integrity; consistently.
  6. Do not gossip or criticize, but rather control your tongue [James 3: 3-12; 4: 11-12; 5:9]
    - Unity in the council
    - We can take criticism; we're all adults.
    - Communicate with each other one-on-one rather than becoming bitter
    - If we can create unity; it is contagious.
    - Try to communicate with students in an effective way
      - DO NOT YELL AT A STUDENT
      - Sit them down and talk to them, walk away, talk to Chris
  7. Be Patient and Continue Laboring until the Return of Christ [James 5: 7-11; 19-20]
    - Care about other's walk with Christ so they don't turn back
    - Godliness isn't directly related to numbers. (Joel Osteen)
    - Don't be caught up in numbers
    - Ask God for patience and strength – "Do not grow weary in doing good" 2 Thessalonians 3:13
    - Only God can give the increase – Don't give up on students – we may never see the results, but we should still be faithful
  8. Be Fervent and Faithful in Prayer [James 5:13-18]
    - Encourage you the read the story of Elijah
    - Always be in prayer
    - Be faithful to pray for each other
    - Pray for the students, Chris and Chelsey, Tommy and his family, our church and staff, future of the youth ministry (Chris wants you to be pray warriors), lost students in this community and area
    - Be in this for the gospel; be faithful in small things
    - Have lost students on your heart
  9. Be an example to the students in this Youth Group [Titus 2:1-8]
    - This is what we stand on in ministry

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- This is what Chelsey stands on in teaching the young women what God has taught her
  - Chris has been poured into my so many Godly men, and that's why he's here today
  - We hope that one day the youth say these things about everyone on this youth council
  - Be conscious of how you speak and conduct yourself
  - We're teaching the students how to be adults
  - We want our students to be polite to everyone; this says a lot about Christ
  - Treat the students/youth like adults; they will rise to the occasion
  - The students can be pushed a lot more than they are being pushed right now
10. Support the direction God is leading this youth group [James 1:26-27]
- Youth ministry unstained by the world and culture
  - New name – new launch (Unstained Youth Ministry 2010) [Be in prayer about this]
  - Support Chris as your leader
    - He didn't just get called into ministry yesterday
    - He is well prepared and is not just fumbling through this
    - Ready for the challenges and ready to lead this council
  - Chris stands before God in how he lead this youth group and youth council
  - Chris wants to serve with everyone on this youth council.
  - Plan events at each monthly meeting
  - Don't want to do events just to do them
  - Chris won't ever plan everything last minute – if this is necessary he'll call a meeting and talk to the council about
  - He plans to run all of his proposed events by the council and expects the members of the council to do the same

### **Current Items of Business:**

Meeting Days and Times: [Sunday v. Saturday or Friday]

- What is going well about having Bible study on Sundays?
    - A time the youth are used to
    - The counselors care a lot about students, and have a heart for students
  - What is good about Saturdays?
    - We have a church van to provide transportation! 😊
    - If students want to be at a Bible study they'll find a way
  - We don't want to breed more students that just go through the motions
    - We don't want the students to just get lazy
    - 2 Saturdays each month supplemented by Wednesday night Bible studies each week
    - Times are flexible, 7-9, 5-7 approximately two hours
    - The earlier the better; especially for the older students who may have plans with friends
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## **Changes in Calendar (new calendar attached)**

Fear Farm – canceled

October 30 moved to October 31

- Take the money they would have used for the Fear Farm – meet at one and use the money to purchase shoe boxes for donations to Operation Christmas Child
- Lunch at CiCi's hopefully provided the church

Youth Council members in attendance of Bible studies

- There are nearly as many counselors as students
- Why are there so many adults?
  - When you come on the youth council you feel like you're supposed to be there.
  - No leadership, and you didn't want to leave it all on one person.
- 1 counselor per 8 students
  - For now, Chris and Chelsey can handle it until the youth group grows
  - The youth council can rest
  - 5:00 Spaghetti Supper – Youth Council needs to be in attendance

## **Prayer Requests:**

Rick – Sister kidney's and heart; Dad is doing well

Steve – parents Mom's is not doing so well and dad is working really hard

Carter Ford – getting married Saturday

Rick – former youth are having some problems

Niki – Tyler salvation, prayer for her as well; strength

Pray for the students and their struggles and spiritual lives – we want the students to come because of Christ