



Student Ministries Update

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From CBC's Youth Leadership Team

Leading students to follow hard after Jesus

Community Bible Church Student Ministries

KICKS & TREK

Grades 9-12

Grades 7-8

Introducing the Student Ministry Update

Greetings from the Youth Leadership Team (YLT)! Since its start in 2005, YLT has provided regular *Parent Updates* to parents of students in KICKS and TREK. With this new *Student Ministries Update* we are expanding to include all CBC — this way everyone can have a glimpse into the life and times of junior and senior high youth ministries at CBC!

Included in this issue are a review of the KICKS and TREK just-completed spring semester and several events coming up this summer and beyond. Sum-

mer is a great time for youth and families — relax some, enjoy the warm weather, and take time to connect and grow in the Lord as you serve *Him!*

YLT The Youth Leadership Team provides oversight and direction to CBC's student ministries: **KICKS** (7th and 8th graders) and **TREK** (9th through 12th graders). If questions, please contact any of the YLT members: Amy Cartney (782-2999), Pam Frase (764-5957), Russ Friesen (522-2896), Donovan Funk (764-9294), Raimund Guensche (894-9411), Kyle Zoellner (371-7001).

Spring Semester Review...

Both KICKS and TREK had active spring semesters full of activities and regular meetings. KICKS averaged 15-20 students each Wednesday night, and TREK Thursdays typically involved ~25. Lots of great energy and excitement!

The highlight of the KICKS semester was the "He'in & She'in Retreat" April 25-26. This every-other-year event was held at nearby Tall Oaks Conference Center,



KICKS students at "He'in & She'in Retreat"

and it combined fun activities and serious learning. Pastor Tom led three sessions on God's purpose for sex and understanding the value of purity and high cost of failure. Small group times followed the sessions.

KICKS wrapped up regular Wednesday meetings May 21. Bible study topics during the school year centered around thirty core truths of Christianity (www.dare2share.org/soulfuel/archives).

TREK's overall theme this year has been *Doors* — this semester the studies have included: doorway to service; to church; to compassion; to purity; to the future; and, to hope. TREK will continue this summer with other "doorways".

Highlights of the TREK semester included the *30-Hour Famine* February 22-23 (fundraiser for World Vision). It raised awareness of hunger and need across the globe — TREK raised over \$3500! Another highlight was Youth Sunday March 30.



A few TREKers during the 30-Hour Famine

TREK sponsors honored seven graduates with a special "Senior Celebration" meal and sharing time in April.

KICKS Calendar

This summer KICKS will be meeting once a month for a group activity. Other gatherings will be communicated to students and parents. Below are events on the calendar so far:

- June 20-21: KICKS Campout at Hardy's Perry Lake House (3pm Friday to 5pm Saturday)
- July 2-6: Junior High Camp at New Life Ranch, Oklahoma
- July 20: Ropes Challenge Course at Tall Oaks (starts after church with sack lunch — \$15 cost)
- August 6: Swim party at the Guensche neighborhood pool (*upcoming 7th graders invited*)
- August 20: KICKS fall semester kick-off
- September 27-28: ParenTeen Seminar (for parents — see below)



Sunday School Notes

Students have been using Student Life Bible Study curriculum on the life of Christ. *Promotion Sunday at CBC is August 17* (students begin attend-



TREK Calendar

TREK will continue to meet each Thursday through the summer *except* the first two Thursdays of June. Take note of the following additional events during the summer:

- June 2-6: Senior High Camp at Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado
- July 13-18: Service project trip to Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch ("LUC Ranch") — sign-up in the TREK room
- July 24: Giant Slip-n-Slide (*upcoming 9th graders invited*)
- August 21: TREK fall semester kick-off
- September 27-28: ParenTeen Seminar (for parents — see below)

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ParenTeen Seminar coming in September!

We are excited to announce a special event for parents, grandparents, and youth workers on September 27-28. *Mark your calendars now and plan to attend a special "ParenTeen Seminar":*

- September 27 (Saturday evening): Sessions by Wendell Loewen from 6-9pm
- September 28 (Sunday morning): Wendell Loewen will preach the morning message at CBC

Wendell Loewen is an associate professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Tabor College where he's been since 1997. He's been involved with youth ministry at various levels for more than 20 years.



Wendell and his wife Shelly and three children live in Hillsboro, Kansas.

ParenTeen Seminars are designed to equip parents and others to both understand and nurture their children in a constantly changing culture. YLT & CBC Student Ministries are please to sponsor this important event. *Please make plans to attend* - look for more information later in summer. In the meantime, go to www.parenteen.com to learn more.

Final Word...

It is a privilege to serve CBC in the student and worship ministries. This month is the start of my 8th year of serving full-time at CBC – God has blessed us richly and we look forward to continuing in ministry at CBC.

This summer I will be on sabbatical from June 7 through August 14. It's designed to be time away from direct ministry involvement to refresh, read, rest, and study. Part of the time I'll meet with youth and worship pastors (ministry focus — local churches and also in California); I will also spend extended time with my family.

If youth needs arise in my absence, the key YLT contacts are Donovan Funk (KICKS), Kyle Zoellner (TREK), and Pam Frase (Sunday School).

Thank you for your encouragement and prayers!

In Christ's service,

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