



## Emerge Youth Ministries

*"Going Deeper" with our God, in our relationships,  
within our schools, and throughout our community!*

*It's winter again and that means that we are already at the half way point of the school year. God continues to do his work amongst us at Oakland UMC as a church body, and that has certainly included the Youth Ministry. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness and mercies in our lives. He is Mighty to Save, and we are thankful that he continues to have his hand on the youth and shine his face upon our leadership and staff.*

*It has been a busy year. We have accomplished a lot and grown closer as a group together, as well as closer to our Lord and King. The Emerge Youth Band is back together and shared their talents with the congregation for the Children's Sabbath Services in November. The Band will be back in action as we celebrate together for the Easter Sun Rise Service which will be lead by the Youth Ministry. We completed a series in the Fall named "The Way I'm Wired", where we saw tremendous results at the altar with both new commitments for Christ and some rededications. Praise the Lord! We enjoyed some special guest speakers, times of fun bowling, roller skating, playing kickball, at the Chris Tomlin concert, running through Corn Mazes, and most recently with our Christmas Party and Spark '12 in Pittsburgh. God Is Good! All the Time! Spark '12 was a great time of unity for our youth, growth in the word, and accountability in their relationships. I am so proud of our young people and the things and actions I witnessed this year at Spark. May the Lord use this anointed event to "Spark" a fire that will contribute to a transformation amongst these extraordinary young people in every area of their lives. May we as the church lift them up in prayer and guide them down the roads they walk. May God get all the Glory for the Great things he has done and is doing!*

*Recently the Youth remodeled the Loft Emerge Youth Room. It looks great! The "Share Your Love" painting that the Youth won at Spark last year has finally been placed in its home. We are starting two new series in the coming weeks. "Surrender" by Francis Chan on Wednesday nights, and "Habits" from Doug Fields on Sunday mornings. Here are a couple of dates to look for and mark on your calendars for the Emerge Youth Ministry in the coming months.*

- Winter Jam '12 @ State College (\$10) 1/27
- Glow Golf & Chinese Food (\$10) 2/15
- Snow Tubing @ Seven Springs (\$15) 2/19
- Planet Wisdom Retreat in Washington DC (\$50) 3/16-17
  - Splash Lagoon Blast (\$40) 5/ 5-6

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OUR VISION = Luke 5 - Going in the Deep with Jesus Christ! Becoming Fishers of Men.

OUR PURPOSE = Matthew 13 - Sowing seeds in the lives of young people, in the "Good Soil"

OUR CHARACTER = Matthew 5:37 - We are committed to being who we say we are in Jesus Christ, doing what we say we will do!

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