



A Note from your YOUTH PASTOR:

Spring is upon us, summer is around the corner, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the Emerge youth are ready for a new season of ministry! God continues to be very good to us at Oakland, and is moving in a very real way amongst our young people.

We are both excited and sad to share that 12 young people will be graduating from high school this June and leaving the youth group. We are looking forward to honoring them in our upcoming Senior Dinner on May 25th at Surf and Turf in Johnstown.

Emerge would like to: congratulate the youth for their service in the youth group; thank all parents for the guidance and support you give to the kids themselves, and to the youth program; and lastly encourage the seniors to continue their walk with their Risen Savior.

On February 18th, Emerge hosted a showing of "To Save a Life" in the OUMC sanctuary. God showed up in a powerful way and continued to move among our youth as we followed up with the intense 7-week Bible study based on the movie. We had nearly 100 people present for the movie, who then stayed around for the Forum discussion that followed. During the study several "band-aids" were removed as the youth were both challenged and encouraged to address hurts and issues from both past and present. Hearts were stirred, minds were challenged, life styles and habits were called out, and altars were full as God's presence inhabited the Emerge Youth. Praise the Lord ,not only for what He has done in our youth through this study, but in the heart of their leader as the weekly preparation allowed the Holy Spirit to transform my perspective for the needs of our kids!

Emerge continues to have a lot going on. We have been collaborating and networking with other youth groups to build "community" within the Kingdom and the Johnstown area. Recently four youth groups joined together to converge on Richland Cinemas for the showing of Soul Surfer. Nearly 80 youth filled the theater for God's glory! What an Awesome night it was. We continue to minister to our shut ins through letters, our children by volunteering at the recent Easter Egg Hunt, and the lost by inviting new potential "emergers" to youth on a weekly basis.

Please continue to pray for our youth & their leaders, and for God 's direction as we attempt to help our young people navigate life, and seek the Lord's face in their everyday struggles and temptations. To GOD be ALL THE GLORY!!!



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Upcoming Events at emerge!



ACQUIRE THE FIRE 2011, PITTSBURGH, PA! 5/6-7/11



SENIOR DINNER @ SURF AND TURF. MAY 25TH

FAMILY FIGHT NITE @ EMMANUEL CHURCH. PHIL JOEL WILL BE LEADING A CONCERT EVENT TO MOTIVATE AND TEACH U SHOW TO REGAIN OUR FAMILIES FOR THE KINGDOM! INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ARE \$10 AND FAMILY TICKETS ARE \$30. SEE JEREMY FOR TICKETS AND DETAILS.



JOHNSTOWN GENERALS FOOTBALL. MAY 21ST 7PM! SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR LOCK-IN! JUNE 10TH. 9PM- 7AM

GOD, FOOD, GAMES, SCAVENGER HUNT, MADDEN TOURNAMENT, BREAKFAST!

SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!



CREATION'11! MT. HOPE, PA! JUNE 29- JULY 2!

SEE JEREMY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

KENNYWOOD'11! JULY 13TH!

SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS



BURGH BLAST '11... AUGUST 17TH... WE WILL HEAD TO DAVE AND BUSTERS AROUND LUNCH TIME FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GAMES, FOOD AND FUN BEFORE LEAVING TO WATCH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES PLAY THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS AT PNC PARK! SEE JEREMY FOR DETAILS!

