



The Crossroads title is an example of how our youth ministries intersect with each other and with Christ. As disciples of Jesus we have the opportunity to point people to the cross in all we say and do.

February 2012 Youth News

Our Purpose: to provide a safe environment to learn about God's Word, serve others, and connect with fellow believers.

Our Goal is to develop Christians that know God's grace and will produce fruit in keeping with their faith in Jesus.

If you have questions or comments about upcoming events call John Durkin at 352-9196 ext 15 or e-mail at jdurkin@stjohnindy.org for permission forms, connect on our web page at www.stjohnindy.org.

If you would not like your child's photo used on our website or in publications, please let me know.

ROAD TRIP: THE NEWS YOUTH CAN USE

Victorious in Faith – by Case Calvert and John Durkin

As a young kid Case Calvert seemed just like all the other kids at St. John. He had an older brother and a loving Christian family. Though he considered himself "one of the kids" there was a noticeable difference in Case's life. As a student of St. John he walked the halls until age eleven. However, he found it challenging to run fast, walk long distances, or even go up stairs. When Case was eight he had a visit to his pediatrician where he received a muscle biopsy. Case was diagnosed with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). At age eleven Case broke his ankle while at a church advent dinner and after that he was limited to the use of his wheelchair.

Later on in high school Case found out about the sport of power soccer, which is a sport, created for individuals, male or female, confined to the use of a power wheelchair. In November 2009 Case was selected as a member of the US National Power Soccer Team. Case and the other members of the team trained for two years in order to prepare for the 2011 World Cup in Paris, France. He trained in the same gym he grew up watching basketball games as manager for the varsity boys' basketball team, and the same gym where his name hangs on two banners.

Any highlights for Case? As a matter of fact, Case scored the game-sealing goal against England in the World Cup final, securing a 3-0 victory. "It was such an awesome feeling to win the World Cup, it's the highest level of competition possible in our sport. To say that I scored the final goal in the final is something I will be able to tell people for the rest of my life." "I am so thrilled to be apart of a team that helped win the USA's first back-to-back World Cup Championships!"

I asked Case how he was able to overcome such obstacles and he said, "I couldn't possibly say I did this on my own. My faith in Jesus Christ helped make all these things possible. My faith has helped me realize that I can do anything that I put my mind to. Faith has given me the strength to be content in my circumstances." As a matter of fact his confirmation verse is, "***I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.***" ***Philippians 4:11*** Case went on, "Having a disability is not a punishment from God, but a blessing in disguise. It has given me strength and happiness in life, allowing me to see all my blessings. I have a huge amount of support from St. John, a loving family, loving friends, the gift of life, faith in God, and an opportunity to use my gifts and disability to make a difference in the lives of others. I am not a perfect person, just an average guy with tons of blessings in my life. Taking the opportunity to do something with the blessings God gives us is what truly matters." When you look at your life do you see only obstacles, or do you see opportunities?



Case Calvert first row, far right, his dad stands behind him

SR. HIGH NEWS

2/4 Volunteer at Lutherwood – We will meet at the youth room door C7 at 1:00 p.m. then serve until 5:00 p.m. Lutherwood is a residential treatment center for students age 6 – 21. We need about 10, can you do it? Please contact John if you are interested in helping out.

2/12 Bible Study Breakfast - Join us in the Youth Room Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. to digest some pancakes and God's Word. It's a great day to bring a friend to church.

2/12 Sr. High Youth Night in the Youth Room from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come together to eat, hang out and spend time in the Word. It's always interactive and fun, and a great place to bring a friend.

2/19 Rock Climbing 7th – 12th Graders from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

will meet here in the youth room and leave promptly to go to Climb Time Indy on the north side. The cost is only \$12 to use the facility, rent the gear and shoes, chalk and snacks. Please have your release forms in the office c/o John Durkin by Sunday, Feb. 12th. Permission slips are on the website.

2/26 Sr. Youth Worship Night from 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room - NEW FORMAT –

Once a month we will meet in the Dwelling Place to join with the 7th and 8th graders in a short youth worship service. Then the Jr. High students and parents will go home and you can stay for an hour and hang out and play games. I will be looking for worship helpers, singers, players and leaders in the future. Let me know if you are interested.

2/29 Sr. High Small Group Bible Study from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Our 5 week Lenten small group will meet in the youth room. Each night will begin with food and fellowship and continues with discussion about God's word. Lent worship follows each night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH NEWS

2/12 Bible Study Breakfast – Have a friend sleep over Saturday night and bring them to class for breakfast!

2/19 Rock Climbing 7th – 12th Graders from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

will meet here in the youth room and leave promptly to go to Climb Time Indy on the north side. The cost is only \$12 to use the facility, rent the gear and shoes, chalk and snacks. Please have your release forms in the office c/o John Durkin by Sunday, Feb. 12th. Permission slips are on the website.

2/26 Jr. High Youth Night from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

This is a New Format for a new year. We will meet down in the youth room (door c7), hang out, have some snacks and play some games; then at 6:30 go upstairs to have a youth worship service with the Sr. High students.

2/29 Jr. High Small Group Bible Study from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Our 5 week Lenten small group will meet in the youth room. We will have dinner ready around 5:30 if you want to come down a little early. Lent worship follows each night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

YM456

2/26 Bowling at Expo Bowl 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Bring your children in through the West entrance at 5261 Elmwood Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203. Parents are welcome to join us for bowling or just to hang out. Bring \$7 per bowler and that will cover 2 games and shoes. Send a few dollars more for snacks if you like. Sign up on the youth bulletin board or notify Mr. D.