



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.

January 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.

PARENT TRIP: THE NEWS YOUR FAMILY CAN USE

Family Time Unplugged

According to a new report co-released by Barna Group, most Americans have welcomed digital technologies like computers and smart phones into their lives with open arms. In fact, most parents believe that, technology has been a positive influence in their lives by making communication more convenient. Yet, there is no question that technology has also increased conflict within families. Parents complain that technology wastes time, creates diversions from homework, allows students to maintain a private, exclusive relational life, and distracts from family conversations.

Interestingly, the research pointed out that most parents are just as dependent on digital tools; they use the Internet and mobile phones nearly as much as their own children.

Teenagers also complain about a double standard with regard to technology, noting that their parents bring home too much work and that it makes it hard to have conversations.

We sometimes feel like it's an accomplishment that we are all sitting in the same room. Has technology become America's new addiction? It's time to open the topic up for discussion. Sit down together and talk about how to take meaningful breaks from technology. Make a resolution to protect things like family meal times, car rides, or vacations. It could be your "family time unplugged". It's worked for the music industry, why not families? It all starts with a discussion (you may even want to use this article), and it ends with compromise. Just remember in a compromise, both sides may need to give a little, but you'll all end up winning.



Peace in Christ,
John

SR. HIGH NEWS

1/8 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.

1/8 Sr. High Small Group - We meet Sunday nights in the Youth Room (door C7) from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. We have about ten students coming each week to talk about faith, find support, and build friendships. It's a good place to let your guard down and ask some tough questions.

1/8 Sr. Youth Night 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

What is there to be thankful for? Come, bring a friend and find out! Everyone that brings a new friend gets a thanksgiving gift from me. Is it bribery? You'll have to wait until you see the gift to find out.

1/14 Volunteer at The Lord's Pantry from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will meet in the youth room (door C7) to go downtown to serve by handing out food to those in need. The 7th – 12th grade students should come with a heart willing to serve. We only take about 10 – 15 kids each time so, let me know by Friday, January 13th if you are going so I can get rides together.

1/15-1/16 Sr. High Lock-in "Who's Coming with Me?" from 9:00 p.m. – 7:30 a.m. (correct time)

As the theme suggests we really hope you bring friends from all over. Calvary is hosting the lock in again this year. Last year we had over 65 students, let's see if we can get 100. Registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board or on the church website.

1/22 Sr. Youth Worship Night from 6:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room - NEW FORMAT -

We are trying something new for 2012. 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, like singers, players and leaders in the future. Let me know if you are interested.

1/28 Ski and Snow Tubing at Perfect North 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. -

You can pick up information on the youth bulletin board or stjohndy.org. They make their own snow so we should be good to go no matter what the weather looks like. This trip includes family and friends.

JR. HIGH NEWS

1/8 Bible Study Breakfast – Have a friend sleep over Saturday night and bring them to class for breakfast!

1/14 Volunteer at The Lord's Pantry from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

We will meet in the youth room (door C7) to go downtown to serve by handing out food to those in need. The 7th – 12th grade students should come with a heart willing to serve. We only take about 10 – 15 kids each time so, let me know by Friday, January 6th if you are going so I can get rides together.

1/22 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.

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Our Next Event will be in February.

**This concert is another family ministry opportunity if you decide to pass on the ski trip.
Just bring \$10 per person to Conseco on the day of the concert!**

