

Catalyst Clippings



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“Catalyst Youth Ministries exists to train up youth to love, serve, and model Jesus Christ and to send them into the world as lifelong Christ-followers who have a passion to make more disciples of Jesus Christ”.

Catalyst Youth Ministries

Another School Year Comes to a Close

It doesn't seem possible that this school year is almost complete. Just yesterday I was getting everything planned and prepared for another school year. We welcomed a new set of kids into Catalyst. We had Wednesdays and Thursday nights all set for studying through the book of 1 Corinthians. We had a full slate of activities designed to build community, present the Gospel, and draw teens closer to Christ.

And what a great year it has been. We have had 57 different teens attend one of our youth activities (Sunday School, Wednesday nights, and/or Thursday nights), where they were exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have seen kids making connections and growing in their faith in Christ, growing in their love and service to Christ's body, the church, and have seen relationships forged and growing through the presence of the Holy Spirit. I am also seeing a renewed vigor in the teens to share the Gospel with their unsaved friends!

This year was anything but what I expected. And to His glory, teenagers from across the Quad Cities have come to our church, been confronted with the Gospel, and many are growing in Him. All praise, honor, and glory to Him alone! What a joy it is to serve His body here at First United Presbyterian Church!

Introducing the Confirmation Class of 2010

On Sunday, May 22, during the 8:20AM, worship service, we will formally welcome our confirmands as members of First United Presbyterian Church.

After studying the basics of Reformed faith through the Heidelberg Catechism for the past two years, the process for confirmation will be opened to 10th graders to do a further 2-week study in order to formally become members of the church. The dates of these studies are: May 8, 15, at 9:45AM.

During those 2 weeks, the teens will learn about what it means to be a Presbyterian Christian, how the Presbyterian Church works, and how to write a faith statement.

Then at the May 17th Session meeting, the confirmands will meet with the Session to share their faith statements, be interviewed by the elders, who will then vote as to the readiness of each confirmand to be approved as church members.

God continues to grow up faithful servants of Christ through our church. We praise Him for His continued work!



First Service: 8:20am
 Sunday School: 9:45am
 Second Service: 11:00am
June 5 (summer hours begin)
 Sunday School: 9:00am
 Worship: 10:15am



Catalyst: 6:30-8:00pm



Dinner @ the T's: 6:00pm
 The Following: 7:00pm
 Current study: 1 Corinthians

Catalyst Senior Night

We have developed a fine tradition at Catalyst over the past 5 years. On the last Wednesday in May, Catalyst gathers in the high school youth room to send off the graduating seniors. This year's senior night will be held on May 25. The evening includes each senior being interviewed to share highlights of their time in Catalyst, favorite memories, faith highlights, and ways they have seen their relationship with Christ grow as a result of participating in Catalyst.

Each year includes a challenge to remain faithful to Christ, to actively seek out and participate in a church wherever they end up (as well as campus ministries if they attend university), and to serve as a catalyst for Christ wherever they go in life.

From there, the younger teens share how the seniors have impacted their lives, and the seniors get the opportunity to speak truth and encouragement into the younger teens to pick up the mantle they leave and to continue to strive towards Christ, which makes Catalyst great!

To end the evening, each senior will leave their mark on the Catalyst hall of fame by dipping their hand in paint and leaving their hand print on the wall.

What started as a way to send off the seniors has become a great time of exhortation and encouragement! It is neat how God works, amen?

This year's Catalyst seniors include: Derek Ferguson, Anna Noetzel (honorary senior), Alec Peterson, and Jenna Weger.

Helen Venus/Tom Williams Scholarship

Thanks to the Helen Venus and Tom Williams Memorial Funds, each year, First United Presbyterian Church is able to support one of our graduating high school seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship that will be paid directly to the school where they will attend.

The requirements for application are that the individual be an active participant in the youth ministry, and that they turn in a statement of faith and college intentions.

Applications are due to Isaac Terwilleger, by May 18, 2011. The Youth Committee will gather at the June Youth Committee meeting and decide which senior will receive this year's scholarship.

All applicants will receive a letter from a youth committee representative in regards to whether or not they will receive this year's scholarship.

If applicants, or parents, have any questions, feel free to contact Isaac Terwilleger prior to May 18th.