

FIRST PLYMOUTH

YOUTH NEWS

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As I write this, I'm sitting in the front room of Yucca, a cabin at La Foret, our conference retreat center. It's the second to last day of Community Camp, and it's 11:45 p.m., and the newsletter deadline has long since passed. It's been such a busy summer that I haven't had time, literally, to sit down and make up the August youth newsletter. Here's a recap:

- In June, we had a great lock-in, complete with a pool party at the Thompson home. We played Grog until the wee hours of the morning, and then we played Mafia for a few hours after that. I'm not sure whether some people ever went to sleep.
- In July, 30 people from First Plymouth (and five more from Cameron Church in Denver) flew to New Orleans for 12 days of hard work rebuilding homes damaged and destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We stayed with Brother Vance at Westside, visited the French Quarter and Café du Monde, took a ferry to Ship Island off the coast of Mississippi for a day at the beach, worshipped with Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church in the Lower 9th Ward, and helped a whole lot of people get back on their feet.
- In July, a lot of us went to Community Camp at La Foret, and we focused on the Magic of the Moment. We played lots of games together, planned the Youth Vespers, and spent lots of time just hanging out.
- All through the summer, many of us attended Conference-sponsored camps at La Foret, including Voyager and MADD camps.

This has been a busy summer to say the least, and it's hard to believe that school starts back this month. (All together now: BOOOOOOOOOOOOO). But with school starting back, it's time to get back in the habit of going to Youth Group as well. We'll kick off on August 16th. In case you've forgotten, Youth Group starts at 6:15 on Sunday evenings and finishes at 8:30. We'll have a meal together, play some games, spend some time worshipping together in Chapel, and get to know one another.

Fall is the perfect time to invite a friend to Youth Group, or to start a habit of attending if you haven't done so in the past. We have lots of fun, so why not come join us one Sunday?

You can expect a more full schedule of the fall's activities when you come on August 16th. Parents, we'll have a brief meeting on August 16th at 6:15 (during the youth dinner) to talk about logistics, permission forms, schedules, etc. Please try to have at least one parent present!

Enjoy what's left of your summer, and I'll see you at church!

Eric

YOUTH GROUP

KICKOFF:

AUGUST 16,

6:15 P.M.!

PARENT

MEETING:

AUGUST 16,

6:15 P.M.!

BE THERE!