

# Blake's Chapel

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*Thank You*

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF BLAKE'S CHAPEL WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT, LOVE AND PRAYERS THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS PAST YEAR. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH A CARING CHURCH BODY, THAT IS TRULY INVESTED IN OUR LIVES.

## **GUIDELINES...**

There are certain things we feel need to be done or not done, in order for our group to be all it can be. They are:

\*Be careful with what you say - no cussing, name calling or other words that are substitutes for cursing.

## **WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT...**

\*Beginning or growing in a relationship with God.

\*Service - First to God and the up-building of His kingdom. Then to your church and your community.

\*Having a second "family." Being able to feel comfortable being yourself and knowing that no matter what is going on in your life, there are people there for you.

\*Having fun!!!

\*It is important to do your share when there is a job to do. We need to pull together as a team to get things accomplished.

\*When we're on an outing, middle school students must stay with a high school student or a youth sponsor.

\*No alcohol, drugs or tobacco products.

\*Use manners.

\*Treat other people the way you want to be treated - nicely.

\*Respect yourself and others.

Have you ever wondered what exactly goes on in Youth Fellowship?

Read on to see what we're up to!

## SERVICE PROJECTS...

During the year we participate in several service projects. These include, but are not limited to:



**Relay for Life** - This event raises money for the American Cancer Society. Our youth forms a team for this event and participates in various events and fundraisers during the year to support Relay for Life - (Haunted House/Hay-ride, Womanless Beauty Pageant, Survivor Dinner, etc.) The actual Relay for Life event is held in May. We also sell luminaries and other items to help raise money for this event.



**Operation Christmas Child** - This program provides boxes filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for under-privileged children all over the world. Our youth raises money and purchases the items for the shoeboxes. The boxes are then packed and prepared to be sent all over the world!

**Penny Crusade** - This program raises money for world missions that our denomination supports. During the year we collect and sell aluminum cans to benefit this program.

**Camp Dixie** - Camp Dixie means a lot to many of our

youth. They are also aware how important the camp is to other young people. This is why they raise money during the year for the Camp. Some youth also help the camp by checking campers in, helping with crafts and being counselors-in-training.

\*\*A lot of our fundraising for these projects involve serving meals to the church for donations.



## WEEKLY MEETINGS...

We meet each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. Our meetings usually consist of announcements, a devotion/lesson and prayer. We study the Bible and its application in today's life. At times we will play games. Sometimes these games are just for fun and sometimes they are to make a point or to build trust within the group.



## ATTENDANCE...

Attendance is taken for: Sunday School, Morning Worship, Mid-Week Service, fundraising events, service projects, fun events and other church-body activities. In order to be eligible to attend Big Ski & Big Splash, each youth's attendance must be at least 50% of these events. Attendance is also used in calculating how much these trips will cost each youth.

## WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH...



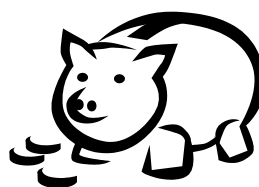
- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
- MID-WEEK SERVICE
- REVIVAL
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- FAMILY WEEKEND RETREAT
- HARVEST DAY
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- FALL FESTIVAL
- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- CLEANING THE CHURCH
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH
- WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

## BIG SKI & BIG SPLASH...

Big Ski occurs the first weekend in February each year. Advent Christian youth groups from all over meet in West Virginia for a weekend of worship, fellowship and fun in the snow. There is a special speaker and Camp Dixie's worship band provides our worship in music.

Big Splash occurs the weekend after Labor Day in September. Advent Christian youth group

from all over meet in Florida. We have a guest speaker and Camp Suwanee's worship band performs. We participate in Night of Joy (Disney World) or Rock the Universe (Universal Studios) where Christian bands perform throughout the park. It is amazing to see so many people gather in one place to worship God.



## CHRISTMAS JAR...

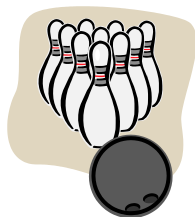
In 2008 we started something new. Based on the book "Christmas Jars" by Jason F. Wright, we began collecting money, mostly change. In 2008 we collected \$120 and this year we collected \$140. This money is given anonymously along with a jar and a copy of the book to someone in need. We found people that knew someone who needed this gift and they delivered it for us. We only know the receiver's circumstances, not their names.



## OTHER WAYS WE STAY BUSY...

- MIDNIGHT BOWLING

A couple times a year we will leave the church at 9:30 pm and go bowling from 10:00 pm to midnight.



- CAMP DIXIE

Camp Dixie is located near Fayetteville, NC. During the summer the youth has the opportunity to attend camp for a week. Some youth also serve as Counselors-in-Training for the camp.



- MOVIES

A couple times a year we will either go out to a movie or have a movie night at the church. When we have movie nights at the church sometimes it's just the youth and sometimes we invite the whole church.



## 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW...

### JANUARY

- WE WATCHED "THE NATIVITY STORY" (7)
- ATTENDED SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE WITH PASTOR SPEARING SPEAKING (8)
- FELLOWSHIP DINNER ON THE 12TH FOR PASTOR SPEARING (8)
- THE YOUTH GAVE A PRESENTATION AT PASTOR BUDDY'S RETIREMENT PARTY
- SERVED FUNDRAISER LUNCH AT CHURCH FOR CAMP DIXIE (14)
- MIDNIGHT BOWLING (19)
- AVERAGE JANUARY ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY (15)

### FEBRUARY

- YOUTH CLEANED CHURCH (15)
- BIG SKI IN WEST VIRGINIA
- FUNDRAISER DINNER (16)
- AVERAGE FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY (15)

### MARCH

- HELPED WITH RELAY FOR LIFE'S WOMANLESS BEAUTY PAGEANT
- ATTENDED CAMOFLAUGE CONCERT (7)
- AVERAGE MARCH ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY (15)

# 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)...

## APRIL

- HELPED HIDE EASTER EGGS
- HELPED WITH THE SURVIVOR DINNER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE
- AVERAGE APRIL ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (12)

## MAY

- PARTICIPATED IN RELAY FOR LIFE
- "BREAKOUT" CONCERT BY CAMP DIXIE'S WORSHIP TEAM (10)
- MAY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (14)

## JUNE

- AVERAGE REVIVAL ATTENDANCE (3)
- 3 ATTENDED CAMP DIXIE
- FUNDRAISER DINNER (9)
- FUNDRAISER DINNER (11)
- AVERAGE JUNE ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (15)

## JULY

- 8 ATTENDED CAMP DIXIE
- SEVERAL YOUTH ALSO VOLUNTEERED AT CAMP BY HELPING WITH CRAFTS, BEING COUNSELORS IN TRAINING OR HELPED CHECK CAMPERS IN
- AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF YOUTH THAT HELPED WITH BIBLE SCHOOL (13)
- MOVIE (8)
- AVERAGE JULY ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (9)

## AUGUST

- FUNDRAISER DINNER (10)
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- 9 YOUTH ATTENDED THE FAMILY WEEK-END RETREAT AT CAMP DIXIE - SERVED FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK
- AVERAGE AUGUST ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (15)

## SEPTEMBER

- BIG SPLASH IN FLORIDA (14)
- FUNDRAISER DINNER (13)
- AVERAGE SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (15)



## OCTOBER

- RELAY ON THE SQUARE (9)
- 13 ATTENDED SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE WITH RUSSELL CARLE
- HELPED SET UP FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE HAUNTED HOUSE (5)
- AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE HAUNTED HOUSE FOR 5 NIGHTS (10)
- CORN MAZE + MCDONALD'S (5)
- CAMOUFLAGE CONCERT (6)
- FUNDRAISER LUNCH (6)
- 2 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN THE CHURCH'S FALL FESTIVAL
- OCTOBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (15)

## NOVEMBER

- SHOPPED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD + LUNCH AT CI-CI'S (9)
- FUNDRAISER SUPPER (13)
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- THANKSGIVING DINNER + AUCTION (8)
- AVERAGE NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (12)

## DECEMBER

- SERVED FUNDRAISER SUPPER (17)
- MOVIE + LUNCH AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS (+ SINGING CHRISTMAS CARDS 13)
- PROVIDED + SERVED REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- WATCHED MIRACLE ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET + PIZZA
- TOOK GOODY BAGS + SANG CAROLS AT WOODBURY
- DELIVERED SINGING CHRISTMAS CARDS (10)
- ATTENDED NIGHT WATCH SERVICE
- AVERAGE DECEMBER ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY (15)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- SEVERAL YOUTH HELPED CLEAN THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- SEVERAL YOUTH HELPED WITH JUNIOR CHURCH

## RAISED \$6,700 FOR:

- PENNY CRUSADE - \$250
- CAMP DIXIE - \$500
- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - \$483
- RELAY FOR LIFE - \$5,147
- CHRISTMAS JAR - \$140