

NEWS FROM THE EDGE

EXPERIENCING AND DELIVERING GOD EVERYDAY

January, 2012

It's over. A solid month of anticipation and preparation...oh, the excitement of the greatest holiday ever invented, and now it's over. Wait, did I say invented? Yes, yes I did. The "Holiday" of Christmas is over, most people are going back to work and some folks will even have their Christmas decorations taken down and put away before the end of this week. However, "Christmas" is never over! Celebrating our Savior's birth is something we should do every day. We can honor him with our actions and words...and our lives. In Romans 12:1-2 we are told to offer our bodies as living sacrifices...this is our spiritual act of worship. Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but rather be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then, we will be able to know what God's will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will.

The "feel good" "Christian" holidays such as Christmas and Easter have taken on a new meaning for the world, yet we are not supposed to conform to the world. But...it's soooooo much fun you say!! Yes, I agree. Holidays are fun and the bigger the holiday the better! But the difference is, for Christians (true believers and followers of Jesus Christ), we can celebrate Jesus' birth (and resurrection) year round with joy and gladness.

So while the decorations come down, and the presents go in their regular place (instead of the middle of the floor), we can rest comfortably knowing that Christmas is here to stay! So, I say Merry Christmas!! And that can go for January, February, March, April, Ma.....

Steve

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan.	
1 st (Sun)	New Years Day No Sunday School - Regular Worship Service starts at 10:30am
3 rd (Tues)	Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church
4 th (Wed)	The EDGE - 7:00 at the church
8 th (Sun)	Teen Dessert Auction - 6:00 at the church
10 th (Tues)	Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church
11 th (Wed)	The EDGE - 7:00 at the church
17 th (Tues)	Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church
18 th (Wed)	NO EDGE
24 th (Tues)	Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church
25 th (Wed)	The EDGE - 7:00 at the church
29 th (Sun)	Teen Donation Dinner Teen Movie Night -5:30 at the church 1st payment due for Memphis Mission Trip
31 st (Tues)	Pathfinders - 5:30 at the church
February	
5 th (Sun)	Super Bowl Party - 5:00 at the Dooley's

DESSERT AUCTION

Sunday, January 8th 6:00pm

We will be having our 4th annual Dessert Auction on Sunday evening, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. We have made quite a bit of money through this event in the past couple of years and hope to do the same this time. All of the proceeds go towards the 2012 mission trips to New Orleans and Guatemala. All mission trip participants will be required to supply at least one homemade dessert (or baked goods, etc..). Please come and have some fun and support the teens on January 8th!

21 DAYS OF STUDY AND PRAYER

It's Back! 21 Days of Prayer and Study. Last year this program was a huge success and I am looking for similar and long lasting results again this year.

Imagine what could happen if we committed our lives to prayer and study?...If we truly committed ourselves to discovering what God really wants from us?...How about we take a test run at it?!?!?!?!?

I have several teens already signed up for this study, now we need some adults who want to spend some time in prayer and study and mentor some teens along the way. This year's study guide will be a little different than last year. It will be in more of a "devotional" style and maybe a little easier to follow. We will start around the middle of January. See Steve immediately if you are interested in joining in on the fun!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

EDGE MISSION TRIP - SUMMER 2012

MEMPHIS, TN

June 17th - 23rd

All Jr. High and High School students and parents should mark these dates down on their calendars now! We will be heading down to Memphis to do some construction, work in a soup kitchen, hang out with some kids in a rec center, and possibly work with some other community service agencies.

COST: \$250 for students and \$300 for adults.

½ of fee is due by January 29th!!!

You do not want to miss this trip! I have heard several kids say how they wished they would have gone on the trip, but I have never heard anyone say I wish I would have stayed home!!

COLLEGE AGE MISSION TRIP - SUMMER 2012

Guatemala

June 2nd - 9th

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS & COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Due to some complications with the ministry group we were going to be serving with in Haiti, we had to cancel that trip. I searched several different organizations that served in Haiti as well as in other countries and for one reason or another; they were not going to work out for us. I was literally down to the last day before I just cancelled the trip completely when it dawned on me that we should serve in Guatemala at the Eagle's Nest Orphanage! Well, it wasn't just me that came to that conclusion...Carol Mettrick suggested Eagle's Nest and I told her that sounded familiar and thought I already checked it out...it suddenly dawned on me why it sounded familiar! We all know Jenny Bland and some of us are familiar with the orphanage where her sister, Amy Block and her husband serve as missionaries. Eagle's Nest is that place! I called Jenny, Jenny called her sister, we emailed back and forth a couple of times and it was a done deal! I truly believe God had a plan for this trip and I believe that this is it!!! We will have the opportunity to serve in some construction type projects as well as hang out with the kids and even run a sports camp for them!

The cost for this trip will depend on our numbers as well as the fundraising money, but it appears as though each participant will be responsible for approx. \$500. You will also need a passport and I need your firm commitment NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Once I secure airfare, you will be responsible for that cost, even if you have to back out!

The EDGE

Wednesday's at 7:00 - 8:30pm

BE THERE!

The EDGE Movie Night

Sunday, January 29th at 5:30

Movie TBD

The EDGE FACEBOOK PAGE

The EDGE is now on Facebook! Search for The EDGE LeRoy UMC and join the group. I will be posting information and announcements about The EDGE activities. Please log on and join in if you are not already a member!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had a great turnout and a great time at the Christmas party! Approx. 40 teens came and enjoyed the Christmas classic movie "Home Alone" and ate pizza and wings and lots of other goodies. As always the gift exchange and the games provide for some great entertainment! Special thanks go out to Brian and Kelli Morgan (and Elise and Michael) for allowing us to invade their shed once again! It was a perfect spot! Also, thanks to Luke and Abby Aupperle for supplying all of the Buffalo Wild Wings!

TEEN DONATION DINNER

Sunday, January 29th

Make plans on attending our next Donation Dinner on January 29th. All proceeds will go towards our summer mission trips.

BE A PARTNER CAMPAIGN

We will be offering everyone a chance to "partner" with the teens on their mission trips this summer! One of our best fundraisers is the Be A Partner Campaign. We are so blessed by everyone who chooses to partner with us and we hope that you will continue to do so this year. Be on the look-out for the Partner flyers! Remember, if you are unable to "partner" with us financially, we would still encourage you to "partner" with us through your prayer support!



12th - Emilee Wiggs

26th - Hannah Bogle