



Student Connect

Are You Going Through the Motions?

Chances are most of you have never read the book of Amos and if you have it was probably in a through the Bible in one year kind of thing. So even if you have read Amos, you might not have understood or really got it. The Lord has drawn me to the book of Amos at this point in my life and it has really begun to challenge me and I want to share what I've learned with you.

Here's a brief recap of Amos. The nation of Israel has continually sinned against God. Their sin was to reject the covenant that God made with them. They did this in numerous ways. Two specifics were they had begun to worship idols and they abused other people. God then send the prophet Amos to pronounce judgement on the nation of Israel.

When you get to chapters 4 and 5 of Amos you find the prophet talking about their worship and you learn an interesting truth about the nation of Israel. They were going through the motions of worshipping God. In fact they were doing even more than what was required. They were required to bring a tithe every three years and the people were bringing them every three days. They were requiring of each other a voluntary offering. In all the outward forms the nation of Israel was truly worshipping God.

But in chapter 5, God gives the nation a stunning command: "Seek Me that you may live" (Amos 5:4b).

You see, even though Israel was doing all the right stuff, their heart was not in the right place. In fact, God goes even further to say that He hated their worship. That's a pretty strong statement: God not only disliked what they were doing but He actually hated their worship. Why?

Worship should lead us to know and love God. Israel was using worship, not to love God, but to try to use Him to do what they wanted. They were merely going through the motions of worship and it made God sick.

So, let me ask you this question: are you just going through the motions of worship? Do you simply sing the songs? Do you come to worship out of some sense of obligation? Do you come to worship in order to escape hell? Or, do you come to worship because you love God and want to know Him deeper? Let me challenge you to stop going through the motions of worship and **truly worship** the living and incredible God that we serve.

Connect with What's Happenin'



Wet & Wild

Every teenager I know looks forward to one thing: summer break. At the beginning of this summer break we will celebrate summer with a canoe trip down the Elk River. After the canoe trip we will party it up at the church.

June 2, 2010
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
\$10

Girl's Road Trip

What's more like summer than a road trip? This summer we invite all the girls to join us for a short road trip to Tulsa, OK to visit the zoo, shop at the mall and fellowship together with other girls.

June 25, 2010
Noon-Nine
\$10

The Man Event

What's more manly than pain and punishment. Come join us as we go rock-climbing, paintballin', and dodgeballin'. The last man standing wins the title of the Man Event Champion.

June 26, 2010
Times TBA
\$20



August 4	Visitation Night
August 8	Student Discipleship Orientation
August 15	Transitions Event @ SportSwings
August 18	Game Night
August 25	Pizza Party w/ Ed (7th Graders Only)

Transitions Event @ SportSwings

August 15, 2010
12:00-6:00 p.m.

Free for All In-Coming Students
\$5 for Everyone Else



Mission Joplin

Last year we took our first ever youth only mission trip to Mission Arlington. As we returned home the sentiment was pretty unanimous: we need to do something in our community.

So we have set aside the last week of July to reach into our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For the week of July 26-30, each night from 6-8, we will go out into our community to serve and share Christ.



Fellowship After Fellowship

4th Sunday After Evening Worship

June 27	Pool Party @ the Hughes
July 25	See-Run-DO @ the Church
August 22	Scavenger Hunt @ the Church

Connect with Christ

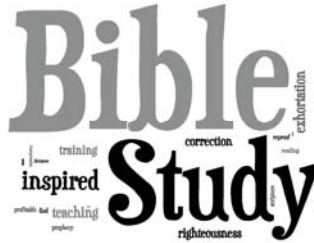


Sr. High Bible Study

March 21-July 25, 2010

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? What does a follower of Christ look like?

In "Follow" we will take a look at what it means to be true follower of Christ as outlined in the Sermon on the Mount. We will look at the Sermon on the Mount from a practical, living it out day-to-day way.



Sunday Mornings

9:15-10:20 a.m.



Jr. High Bible Study

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We'll be studying the New Testament from Jesus' teachings to His death and resurrection then into the Early Church.

Saul's Conversion

Peter & Cornelius

Paul & Barnabas

Jersuailem Council

Paul & Silas

Paul in Ephesus

Paul's Arrest and Defense

Paul's Journey to Rome

Letters from Revelation

John's Visions of the End Times

John's visions of Heaven

TOPICS



life-changing camps and events ...

Union University

July 12-17, 2010

\$315

There's still time to sign up for Camp this Summer but you need to act fast. It is going to be a blast and I promise it will be a life-impacting week.

Contact Ed ASAP to Sign UP



Wednesday Nights

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Gearing Up for the Journey

I'm excited about Wednesday nights this summer, we are continuing on with Journey but in a little different way. First, we won't be doing Journey Groups throughout the summer.

Second, we will be studying what it means to be a church or a youth group. What should we be like as a group? What we should be doing as a group?

We will be doing this in a special way: group games. We will use play and recreation to study our purpose in Journeying together through the Christian life.

I encourage you to join with us on Wednesday nights throughout the summer as we understand what it means to have everything in common.

COMING EVENTS

June 2010						
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June 2 Wet & Wild
 June 25 Girl's Road Trip
 June 26 The Man Event
 June 27 Fellowship After Fellowship

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July 12-17 Centrifuge
 July 25 Fellowship After Fellowship
 July 26-30 MIA: Mission Joplin

August 2010						
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 August 11 End of Summer Celebration
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For More Information on all the Events Go To:
www.fellowshipstudents.org

