

ROSS ROAD STUDENT MINISTRIES

PRESENTS:



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Helping Students Find and Follow Jesus!

MEETING MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 7-9 PM!



GRADES 6-8

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I trust that you enjoyed your Christmas break! I hope that the amazing news of Jesus coming to earth as a baby gave you a fresh wonder and appreciation for who Jesus is. We're going to spend the next number of months talking about this Jesus! Who he is, what he taught, and how we should respond to him. We hope that this will bring us face to face with our Savior who loves us and gave himself up for us. We're excited to get started!



We're also excited for some cool events coming up in the New Year such as Smugglers, a God Squad event, and the All-Nighter! We look forward to seeing you on Monday nights in the next few months! Make sure to bring a friend, we'd love to have them come on out!

You can check out everything that's happening between now and March in this handy little newsletter, so take a look through, laugh at some funny pictures, and check out what's happening!

PARENTS:

We hope you'll find this newsletter helpful in letting you know what's going on! If you'd like even more info, I (Craig) send out an email once a month to update parents on what's going on and how you can supplement what we're teaching at youth in your home! If you aren't getting them, send me an email at craig@rossroadcc.ca and I'll put you on my email list!

Also, check out the back of the newsletter for info on MEI's iParent series. It's a great opportunity for a Mon. night after dropping your kids off at youth!

WEEKLY EVENTS

JAN 9 - JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW

Perhaps one of the most profound truths of Scripture is found in a simple children's song - Jesus Loves Me! We want to reflect on this as we begin the New Year. It's pretty incredible when you ponder it, and we'll take time to do that on this Monday night!

JAN 16 - JESUS: SOMEONE WORTH FOLLOWING

When Jesus set out to ask a group of people to be his closest followers, he often chose the least likely people, and they didn't hesitate in giving up some pretty major things to follow him. Pretty cool stuff, and lots for us to learn from it too. See you there!

JAN 23 - JESUS THE BUILDER

Jesus was a carpenter by trade, and he told a story one time about two kinds of people - people who built their lives upon the sand and people who built their lives upon the Rock. Come find out how we can build our lives upon the firmest foundation of all - Jesus!

JAN 30 - SMUGGLERS

Smugglers has been a Lookout Middle School favorite for many years already. Bring a friend for this game, as we try to Smuggle Bibles into China! Not only is it a lot of fun, but it also reminds us of real people in the real world who risk their lives spreading the good news of Jesus Christ!

FEB 6 - JESUS AND THE RICH DUDE

Did you know that one of the things Jesus talks about most is money? Why is that? I think probably because money is something that we are often tempted to value more than Jesus, which makes it an idol in our lives. How can we properly handle our money? Let's talk about it!

FEB 13 - JESUS' GREATEST COMMANDMENT

On the day before Valentine's Day, it is only fitting that we talk about something Jesus thought was very important - so important he said it was the most important commandment! Loving God and loving others are both extremely important, so we want to talk about how we can do that better!

FEB 20 - GOD SQUAD NIGHT

A God Squad night is where you gather with your small group and do something fun together! You God Squad leader will let you know where and when you're going to meet, what you're going to do, and what you need to bring! Small groups are divided by grade and gender - ask Craig if you don't know who you're leader is!

FEB 27 - JESUS ON RELATIONSHIPS

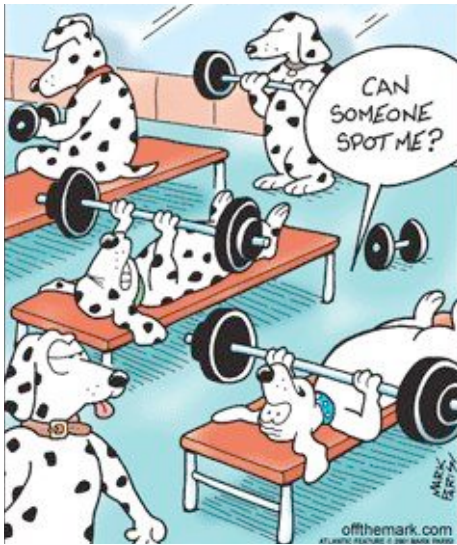
Jesus never married, and never talked specifically about dating, but he gives us lots to talk about when it comes to relationships. Maybe you've started to think about relationships with the opposite gender already, so let's see what Jesus might have to say that could help us as we think about it!

MARCH 5 - IF JESUS OWNED A TELEVISION...

What do you think he would watch? What do you think he would be disgusted by? If he had a computer, what would be his favorite website? If he had facebook, what would his profile picture be? What kind of comments would he make to others? And finally, what can we learn from him about how we use media?

MARCH 12 - NO YOUTH

You still need some sleep after the ALL-NIGHTER!!!



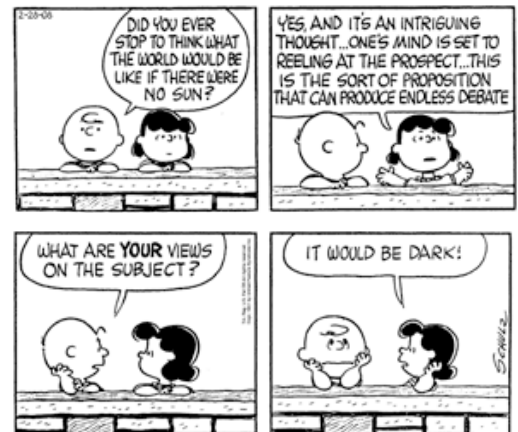
MARCH 9-10

THE 10th ANNUAL LATE GREAT

ALL-NIGHTER!

Fun events, great friends, and best of all, no sleep! Make sure you bring a friend and be on the lookout for registration forms when they come out!!

MARCH 9-10



MARCH 19 - JESUS AND THE STORY OF THE REBELLIOUS BOY

Jesus tells a story in the Bible that we usually call the story of the Prodigal Son. This story teaches us wonderful things about God's unconditional love for us and how excited He really is to see us follow Him! We hope that you'll join us for it!

MARCH 26 - JESUS AND THE 5 AMIGOS

There's a pretty cool story in the Bible where 4 friends bring their 5th friend, who was paralyzed, to Jesus and lower him through the roof so Jesus could heal him. Jesus did that, but that wasn't the only miracle he performed on that day! And the other one is the even more exciting and amazing than the first!

SHINE - APRIL 20-22

Each April, Stillwood Camp and Conference Center puts on youth retreat specifically for middle school students! It's always a lot of fun and challenges them to live fully for Christ - we'd love for you to join us! Look for registration details in the coming months. For now, check out www.stillwood.ca for more details!

THE "i-PARENT" SERIES

MEI Middle is offering this series led by Dr. Dave Currie. Sessions happen once a month on a Monday night (perfect for you to drop your kids off at youth and head over to the school!). These are open to all parents, not just MEI parents. Find a schedule and more info at: <http://www.meisoc.com/middle/documents/iparent.pdf>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are going to continue with Sunday School happening 2 times a month for the time being. I will be asking for parental feedback on how this is going in the coming months.

SS will be in session on:
January 8 & 15
February 5 & 12
March 4 & 11

NEWS AND NOTES