

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS—WINTER 2010/2011

Dear Youth and Those Interested in Youth,

We served, we ate, we studied, we laughed, we prayed, we worshiped, we played, we had an absolute blast this fall. Now get ready for the yuletide traditions and a wonderful winter. Here we go!

Sunday, January 2nd: No Youth Activities

Wednesday, January 5th: Senior High and PULSE “Digging Deeper” Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm. What a great mid-week break from life’s chaos! Be there. Senior High, we’ll continue our study of the book of Acts, and PULSE will uncover some WILD TRUTHS about God. Be there!

Sunday, January 9th: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship. “Babel 1—Technology.” 6-8 pm. PULSE and Senior High, most of us are in a serious relationship—with technology. We need it. We love it. But can we misuse it? Join us for one awesome discussion. We’ll also eat the best \$3 meal ever and play and worship together!

Youth Ministry Meeting: 5-6 pm.

Wednesday, January 12th: Senior High and PULSE “Digging Deeper” Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Friday, January 14th-Saturday, January 15th: PULSE Winter Lock-In at Westminster. 7 pm through 7 am. Only \$10. It will be the mother of all lock-ins here at the church, PULSE, 12 unforgettable hours, as we hang out, play games, eat pizza, sing songs, watch movies, and have worship and Bible Study. Not only that, but we’ll also have a late night excursion to go midnite cosmic bowling. Again, it’s only ten buckeroos, for all this great fun. So bring your money and a sleeping bag, as well as a few friends. Complete existential bliss guaranteed! And then there’s more to complete the weekend...

Sunday, January 16th: Senior High and PULSE Attend Winter Jam 2011 at Philips Arena. Only \$10 at the Door. 4-10:30 pm. It’s an annual concert featuring the best in live Contemporary Christian music for, yes, only \$10! This year’s lineup is smashing, including the headliner Newsboys (Scott’s band!), David Crowder, Kutless, Red, KJ-52, speaker Tony Nolan, and more. Who says you can’t get a deal anymore? Don’t miss this one! Note early start time, and don’t be late. Also bring food court money as we grab a quick bite in the CNN Center before we walk in.

Wednesday, January 19th: Senior High and PULSE “Digging Deeper” Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm./PULSE Sanctuary Care: 7:45-8 pm.

Saturday, January 22nd: Senior High and PULSE Trip to Serve at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. 8 am-1:30 pm. We’ll pack thousands of pounds of food for distribution to hungry people throughout Georgia. No experience necessary. What a great way to follow Jesus! Bring fast food bucks for a lunch stop at the Varsity.

Sunday, January 23rd: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship: “Babel 2—My Profile.” 6-8 pm. The discussion, eating, playing, worshiping continues. Through the world of technology, we’ll discuss who you are. This could change your day, your week, your life!

Senior High and PULSE Serve Homeless Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. 6-9:30 am. It’s about showing kindness and doing justice in the world, so don’t miss it. Plus we’ll eat breakfast together at the Majestic Café, so bring some bucks for that.

Wednesday, January 27th: Senior High Movie Night at Allie and Barbara Myers's Home. 7-9:15 pm. Don't miss another movie that inspires the soul, "It's a Wonderful Life," as we gather at the Myers (2535 Lynshire Lane in Snellville, 770-972-0067). Food and drink and movie and good friends and a great discussion are provided.

PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Sunday, January 30th: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship. A Special Evening with the Entire Church as Brad Sherrill Presents "The Prophets." 6-8 pm. Tonight Senior High and PULSE, we'll join our church for this special night as we welcome in the flesh renowned inspirational actor Brad Sherrill as he presents a dramatic monologue of some of the Old Testament prophets in a contemporary context. This multi-media presentation will make the Scriptures come alive as never before. Performance is free, but a love offering will be taken. A reception follows the performance. Don't miss it.

SENIOR HIGH, GET YOUR SKI TRIP MONEY IN BY TODAY PLEASE TO BE GUARANTEED A SPOT!

Wednesday, February 2nd: Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm. Perhaps you've never come before and are a little nervous, but give it a try, a great mid-week boost to your faith. You won't regret it. Bring a friend.

Sunday, February 6th: "Souper Bowl Sunday" at Worship. All Three Worship Services. For the 16th year in a row, the youth will raise money for a local charity by taking up a special offering in soup cauldrons as people leave the sanctuary. As we gorge ourselves with food watching football, let's remember and do something for those who don't have enough food to eat. This year's offering will benefit the Southeast Gwinnett Co-Operative Ministries, which serves the down and out in our community.

Senior High and PULSE Super Bowl Parties: 6-10 pm. Senior High will gather at the home of Priscilla Poisal (1564 Overlook Pass Road/Monroe, 770-652-3358), and PULSE will gather at the home of Kelsey Egan (Carrie and Rex Foster/2357 Tree Haven Drive/Snellville, 678-353-6582) for a great football game (surely to feature our Atlanta Falcons!), food galore, comical commercials, games, and mind-blowing fellowship. If your last name begins with A-H, bring salty/hot snack, I-P bring two liter drink, Q-Z, bring sweet snack. Friends are welcomed.

Youth Ministry Meeting: 5-6 pm

Wednesday, February 9th: Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Friday, February 11th-Sunday, February 13th: Senior High Snow Ski Trip to Beech Mountain, NC. \$170. Leave WPC at 6 pm Friday and Return by 5 pm Sunday. The Westminster Senior High are heading out for another rip-roaring good-time mogul-smashing ski trip to Beech Mountain, NC. Once again, we have deluxe accommodations at the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center in Banner Elk for two glorious nights. We'll ski Beech all day Saturday, INCLUDING NIGHT TIME SKIING, before heading back to the flatlands of Snellville on Sunday. All our meals (eat dinner before coming to church Friday) will be taken care of by the concierges at Holston. All this can be yours for the low, low price of \$170. And that includes your food, lodging, transportation, ski rentals (slight surcharge for snowboarders), and lessons if you want them. Whoa! What a deal! We'll also have worship, fellowship, late-nite talks, and snow fights! Friends are welcomed. Please get your money in by January 30th to be guaranteed a spot. Updated annual health and medical release forms must be on file in the Youth Office as well. Space is limited, so sign-ups are by first come-first serve. Whether you're a ski rookie or veteran, join us for this wild winter experience.

Sunday, February 13th: PULSE Fellowship. "Love, Love, Love." 6-8 pm. After eating and playing and worshipping, PULSE only will talk about what this holiday is all about, besides a windfall for Hallmark! This has all the makings for one great evening together!

Wednesday, February 16th: Senior High and PULSE “Digging Deeper” Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Senior High Sanctuary Care: 7:45-8 pm.

Sunday, February 20th: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship. “Babel 3—Social Network.” 6-8 pm. We’ll bring to a close our series of discussions on technology and how we can use it as a tool to deepen our Christian faith. What do Facebook, Youtube, and Ipods have to do with Jesus? Come find out, and feel the sensation of youth group!

Wednesday, February 23rd: Senior High Movie Night at Allie Myers’ Home. 7-9:15 pm. We will gather at the home of Allie Myers at 2535 Lynshire Lane in Snellville (770-972-0067) for a continuation of a great tradition: watching meaningful movies together. Tonight’s movie: “To Kill a Mockingbird.” Be there.

PULSE “Digging Deeper” Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Saturday, February 26th-Sunday, February 27th: Senior High 30 Hour Famine for World Vision. Noon Sat-6pm Sun. It’s an international movement by thousands to fight world hunger. Prior to this event, we will raise money by soliciting donations for the fast. Envelopes will be distributed in early February. We’ll go without food for 30 hours, and it begins with....

Senior High (and PULSE) Serve at Atlanta Community Food Bank. Noon-5 pm. We’ll go downtown to sort and pack donations of non-perishable food for distribution in the community. Upon arrival back at WPC, we will then take a two-hour break before returning to the church to lock in.

Senior High Lock-In Begins at 7 pm at WPC. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow. Through the night, we will have times of worship, fellowship, but NO FOOD. We will also take a late night field trip to a nearby bowling alley to see if we all got game. So bring \$10 for that. Then we’ll sleep.

Sunday, February 27th: Senior High (and PULSE) Serve Homeless at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. 6-9 am. Join us, one and all, for this outreach outing that truly makes a difference in the lives of nearly 400 homeless men. We’ll be back in time for Contemporary Worship and/or Sunday School.

Senior High 30-Hour Famine Wrap-Up. 5:30-6 pm. We’ll close out our time of fasting with some discussion and Bible Study before breaking the fast by going to...

Church-Wide Chili Show/Talent Supper. 6-9 pm. It’s a great tradition sponsored by our church choir. We’ll eat chili together with our church family and then participate in our annual unveiling on WPC talent. Sign up if you would like to take the stage!

If February was fabulous, then March will surely be marvelous. Highlighting the month will be the Hunger Walk in downtown ATL, Parent/Youth Night with a special guest speaker, another great Spaghetti Supper, Wednesday night confirmation classes for our 8th graders and older, and so much more. Stay tuned for details.

Sign up in January (when the brochures are mailed) with a \$50 deposit for our summer 2011 retreats: Montreat (North Carolina) Youth Conference (June 5-11) and our Daytona Beach Missions Trip (July 10-15) for our Senior High, and the Great Escape to Cleveland, Tennessee (June 19-24) for PULSE, our rising middle schoolers.

Together, let us work to make a difference at our church and in our community.

With Laughter and Love,

Scott