

# THE EPISTLE

The Newsletter of the Youth Groups at  
Creekwood Christian Church

Knock, Knock. Who's There? Byline. Byline Who? Byline of the Epistle.

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## From Your Friendly Neighborhood Youth Minister

A most Happy New Year, and New Decade, and New Month, certainly! It is now 2010, and this is everything you need to know.

First, Mid-Winter Retreats are coming up for CYF and Chi Rho (XP). Mid-Winters are an awesome chance to experience a week's worth of camp at Disciples' Crossing in lovely Athens, Texas over just a weekend. It is also a chance to reconnect with friends from across the area, or, if you've never been to camp, connect with friends from across the area. Whatever, we don't judge here.

We will need drivers for both the CYF and XP Mid-Winters, to and from Athens, Texas. So keep us in mind, please. Registrations are due super-quick for CYF and pretty soon for Chi Rho, so if you have not registered yet, get hopping. Forms are available outside my office in the wonderful, newly-installed trays.

Second, the Super Bowl and Souper Bowl are coming. This year, we're approaching the national food drive differently, and we're going to collect on the two Sundays leading up to it and on the seventh of February. The goal is to fill the shopping cart that lives in the Chi Rho room. (Don't worry, it'll be back after Super Bowl Sunday!) Super Bowl Parties will be happening at residences that night, and please see inside this issue for details.

Third, as it is the start of a new year, we have three major events coming up, the first of which is January 17, **When Darkness Reigns**, a night of Underground Church for the JYF of our church and the area. Grown-up support is a definite want, and if you're interested in helping out, please let me know.

Finally, Youth Sunday is coming up quick. The last Sunday of February, and the Second Sunday of Lent, the youth will be handling every aspect of the service, which we're working on getting prepared as we speak. So there's a lot going on, as always, but there's no better place to be than right here in the thick of it.

In Christ's service,

Arthur.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*\*\*subject to addition, subtraction or multiplication\*\**

### JANUARY

- 03** Chili Cook-Off and Trivia Night!  
Prep @ 4 p.m., Chili @ 5, Trivia @ 6.
- 10** JYF, XP and CYF Meet, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- 17** XP and CYF Meet Off-Site  
JYF Event: **When Darkness Reigns**
- 22-24** CYF Mid-Winter Retreat  
Registrations Due By Sunday 1/10.
- 24** XP and JYF Meet, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- 31** Fifth Sunday: EAT!  
Twelfth Night Dinner, 5 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 07** Souper Bowl Sunday—  
Bring canned goods to church services.  
JYF, XP and CYF Meet Off-Site for  
Super Bowl Parties @ Member Homes.
- 12-14** XP Mid-Winter Retreat  
Early Bird Registration: 1/20  
Late Bird Registration: 2/7
- 14** **No Groups Meet**  
Happy Valentine's Day.
- 27** Saturday Rehearsal for Youth Sunday  
1 p.m. until 3 p.m.
- 28** Youth Sunday 2010.

### OTHER UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- 3/6** CYF NTA YMC Interviews
- 3/7** XP and JYF Meet Off-Site  
**CYF Event:** The Word Was Good
- 3/15-16** CYF Mystery Trip to Somewhere.

### SERVICE SATURDAY OPPORTUNITIES

- 01/16** CCA Food Pantry, 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 01/30** Friends of the Family, 1 - 4 p.m.
- 02/06** Friends of the Family, 1 - 4 p.m.
- 02/20** CCA Food Pantry, 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Sign-up Sheets are Outside the Youth Minister's Office.**  
More opportunities will be added as they are arranged.

Errors? Questions? [Contact](#) Youth Minister Arthur Stewart.

# UPCOMING EVENTS INFO

## MID-WINTER RETREAT INFORMATION



### CYF / High School

When: January 22-24, 2010.  
 Early Bird Deadline: December 30, 2009.  
 Early Bird Cost: \$75/person  
 Absolute Deadline: January 10, 2010.  
 Absolute Cost: \$80/person

### XP / Middle School

When: February 12 - 14, 2010.  
 Early Bird Deadline: January 20, 2010.  
 Early Bird Cost: \$83/person (includes shirt!)  
 Absolute Deadline: January 30, 2010.  
 Absolute Cost: \$87/person (includes shirt!)

The Deadlines on the Form are for the Area Office.  
 The Deadlines here are for Creekwood; we have to register as one.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 @ 9 and 11 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Creekwood Christian Church and across the US.  
**WHAT:** A massive canned foods and non-perishables drive that benefits food banks and charities all over the world.



**WHY:** Because our contribution by itself will look like a lot (because we're filling the shopping cart), and then we'll add it to everyone else's for a huge grand total!

See you February 07, 2010!

## Super Bowl Parties

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 07, 2010 @ 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:**  
 CYF - The Andrews' house, 2105 Beechwood Lane, 75028  
 XP - The Woodruffs' house, 6100 Valleywood Drive, 75028  
 JYF - We do not have a host home at this time.  
 Please contact the Youth Minister if your home is available.

**Boys Bring:** 2-liter and salty snack to share  
**Girls Bring:** 2-liter and a sweet snack to share



See you February 07, 2010!

## WHEN DARKNESS REIGNS



It's happening—JYFs from churches across the North Texas Area are headed out to Flower Mound so that we can play Underground Church (cops and robbers + tag + sardines *in the dark*) together. And eat pizza.

Please plan to attend, JYF!  
 We are asking \$3 a person to help cover the cost of pizza.  
 RSVP with Arthur or Laurie.  
 THANKS! SEE YOU THEN!

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 JYF  
 AREA  
 EVENT  
 @ CREEKWOOD  
 01/17/10

## MONTHLY CONTEST

for all youth and youth-like persons

Congratulations to our December prize winner, Rev. Brian Christen of FCC Pampa, whose winning Christmas lyric re-do is as follows:

Away in the manger,  
 No time for to sleep,  
 The little Lord Jesus lost in the box heap.  
 The stars on TV,  
 Tell me what to buy.  
 Don't bug me while shopping,  
 No time to say "Hi!"

Congratulations, Brian, your grand prize of a dollar is in the mail today.

The January Contest is as follows:

What is the best knock-knock joke you've ever heard? What's the best one you can make up?

Points for originality and laughter-causing will determine the winner!  
 Enter soon and enter often!

## THE SUMMER OF I-10: MISSIONS IN BRIEF

CYF	XP	JYF
When: July 10-17, 2010 Where: New Orleans, LA With Who: You, Hopefully.	When: June 13-19, 2010 Where: San Antonio, TX With Who: You, Hopefully.	When: July 21-22, 2010 Where: Gainesville, TX With Who: You, Hopefully.
We will be working once again with YouthWorks! in an urban setting, helping city-based ministries and doing repair work on a city that is still recovering from 2005's Hurricane Katrina.	We will be headed to the Inman Center, one of the five Disciples' Home Missions in the country. We will be serving at their daycare and outreach centers, providing help to those who need it!	We will head up north to Gainesville and assist community services in their day to day routines. We'll also be exploring the town, having fun at night, and doing mission for the first time!