



# IGNITE AND IMPACT

middle school and high school

**Hi Ignite and Impact parents,**

To provide you with better communication from the youth group, we will be providing you with a monthly newsletter looking forward to the upcoming month. We will e-mail it out and have it available in hard copy on the first Wednesday of the month. Hopefully, this will decrease the e-mails your receive and help you with your planning.

The newsletter will include:

- About the Team: getting to know your teen's small group leaders
- Youth Group Dates/Activities
- Teaching Overview:
  - o Teaching topics for the next 2 months
  - o Digging Deeper: This section is a tool for you to be able to follow up with your kids about Sunday and Wednesday teachings and offer you ways to engage your teen at home.
- Equipping at Home: This section is created to equip you as a parent at home and provides tips on dealing with various topics or challenges that you may be facing.

MS Fall retreat was a success. The students were able to connect and build relationships. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed ourselves. Because we did not allow phones and digital media with us on the retreat, you may not have any memories to share, right? WRONG. Thanks to several leaders who took pictures, we created a DVD with video and pictures that we are sending.

## Youth Group Dates and Activities

### "Districts Youth Conference" for high school students

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm**

The Districts Youth Conference is a chance to connect with other Christian students from around the Great Lakes Region, grow in your knowledge of Biblical truth and spiritual maturity, and equip yourself with the tools to serve Christ effectively. The weekend will feature large-group learning and sermons, focused breakout sessions, and focused small group times. We will also have the chance to enjoy time as a group. We will meet at High Point Church on Jan 6 at 4:30PM sharp and return on Jan 8 at 2PM.

Cost: \$150 per student

Green Bay, WI

**Final registration day December 1st**

### Breaking through the ICE: for middle school

**Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm**

During the winter retreat at **Camp Fairwood**, we will be **breaking the ICE** and focusing on the following questions:

Is the Bible God's Word, and how does it relate to me? Why should I study the Bible? How do I study the Bible?

We will have winter activities and warming our hearts with a lot of hot chocolate and community.

Winter Retreat registration and fees:  
December 1st to 18th: \$100  
December 19th to January 1st: \$105  
January 2nd to January 9th: \$120

Sibling discount: \$40 off total  
Friend discount: \$20 off for your friend



**Final registration day January 9th**

## Teaching outline for December:

### Wednesday teaching:

- 11/30 Everyday Mission
- 12/07 Everyday Mission
- 12/14 Christmas party
- 12/21 Hang out at HPC
- 12/28 Hang out at HPC

### Sunday teaching:

- 12/04 Philippians
- 12/11 Philippians
- 12/18 Philippians
- 12/25 No Sunday Youth

## Thoughts for at home: (digging deeper/challenging your teen)

### What is Everyday Mission?

During "Onward" Lloyd explained everyday missionaries to the church. Use the following topics to dig deeper into the messages at home:

#### Discuss with your teens some of the following ways they can be an everyday missionary:

- *Witnessing where we are:* in school, at a friend's house, on our sports team, at Starbucks (my favorite place to do mission work), going out to the movies, or just simply hanging out with friends. The key is being creative. **Matthew 9:35-38**
- *Serving in community:* Helping the next-door neighbor when there is snow on the sidewalk, helping the teen in school that no one likes to help, being on the team with the teen no one picks or no one wants to do a project with. **Philippians 2:5-7**
- *Talk about helping out:* in church, assisting with kids ministry on Sunday, helping with clean-up after youth group, helping at home without being asked when friends are over. **Matthew 25:40**
- *Go:* on mission trips, asking a friend to come to the winter retreat. **Matthew 28:16-20**
- *Obeying parents and authorities:* Listen to volunteers at church, teachers at school, parents at home. **Ephesian 6:1-8** (just make sure you read the passage first, as there is a commandment for parents in this as well.)

Ask your teen how that would make them an everyday missionary?

Remind them that even though they may not see themselves as an everyday missionary, they never know who might be watching them and how they could impact someone else's life for Christ.

## Teaching preview:

### From ROOT TO FRUIT:

In the passage in Galatians 5:22-23 Paul talks about the nine fruits of the Spirit. In January and February, we will be digging into the fruits of the Spirit. We will talk about what they are and how they are displayed in our life. Like with a fruit tree, if the roots are well established and nourished we can expect good fruit at harvest.

#### Wednesday:

During the Wednesday teaching, we will be looking at the fruit of the Spirit with a big picture view.

Jan 4th	Love
Jan 11th	Joy
Jan 18th	Peace
Jan 25th	Patience
Feb 1st	Kindness
Feb 8th	Goodness
Feb 15th	Faithfulness
Feb 22nd	Gentleness
Mar 1st	Self-Control

#### Sunday:

On Sunday we will pick up the Word and dig deeper and get our hands dirty as we dig deep into the ground, fertilize, prune, and water to give the tree a strong foundation to be fruitful with lots of good fruit.

Jan 8th	Love (Districts Youth Conference HS students)
Jan 15th	Joy
Jan 22nd	Peace (Winter retreat for MS students)
Jan 29th	Patience
Feb 5th	Kindness
Feb 12th	Goodness
Feb 19th	Faithfulness
Feb 29th	Gentleness
Mar 5th	Self-Control



**Walter Bredl**  
Role: MS Coordinator

I grew up in a small town in Austria. I have been a believer since age 6, but made a conscious decision to follow Christ at age 12, when I got baptized in a lake in the Alps. I met my wonderful wife on a mission trip in England with Youth With A Mission. We've been married for 12 years and have 3 kids.

I graduated from Moody Bible Institute with a degree in Youth Ministry (BA) and then went on to get a BSN in Nursing. I have worked as a nurse for 6 years. I love students and being part of their journey by helping them grow and develop into Christ-centered teens.

**FAVORITE PLACE ON EARTH:** The beach with my family, no matter where, but the ocean is always great.



**Kristen Klingbiel**  
Role: High School small group leader

Born and raised in Madison, I fell in love with Jesus in and around High Point Church. I enjoy mornings with coffee, afternoons on the water, and evenings under the stars. Outside of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, I know of no other hope for mankind.

**FAVORITE PLACE ON EARTH:** Lake Wisconsin

### *Equipping at Home:*

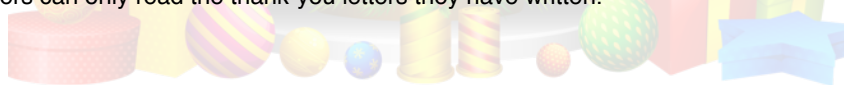
#### *Memorable Family Christmas Traditions:*

Jim Burns – President of HomeWord and Executive Director of the HomeWord Center for Youth at Azusa Pacific University

From the silly to the sentimental, traditions create meaningful memories for your family. They provide opportunities to build your family legacy as your children grow up. But sometimes, families get in a rut with traditions, never experimenting to see if new traditions might add some new spice to your family life.

**Christmas is a great time to try some new ideas. You just may create a new traditions that will continue for generations! Consider the following:**

1. Start traditions with Christmas Eve/Christmas Day meals. For example, at the Burns' home, it's always Chinese food on Christmas Eve.
2. Try a family version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. First, decide on a friend, relative, or neighbor who will receive all of the "gifts." Then, create a unique gift for each day of the carol, (example: five golden rings could be five glazed donuts) and place the gifts each day on the recipient's front porch.
3. Visit a Nursing Home. There are typically a lot of lonely people living in nursing homes. These people can be especially lonely during the Christmas season. Prepare some Christmas cookies and take your family to visit nursing home residents -- spreading the love of Jesus to sick or elderly people. (Be sure to check with the nursing home in advance to make sure it is okay to drop by and deliver Christmas cookies.)
4. Celebrate your family's ethnic heritage(s). During the Christmas season, prepare a family meal(s) that celebrate your family's ethnic heritage. This is a great way to expose your kids to your family roots — especially if you don't regularly focus on this throughout the year.
5. Letters to Jesus. Before opening your Christmas presents, write thank-you letters to Jesus. Collect them and make them available every Christmas. Keep adding new letters annually. Here's one rule to make this tradition work well: family members can only read the thank-you letters they have written.



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