

faith youth news

for youth grades 6-12 and
their families



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ShadowLand Laser Adventures
Laser Tag Night @ UMYF
Sunday, March 7th @ 6pm Cost per person: \$7

I am happy to announce Laser Tag Night @ UMYF. This is our chance to put on high-tech suits and hand sets and enter the 6,000 square foot, 2-level arena, and test your sharp shooting skills on each other.

Like last year, Nancy Skinner has offered to host dinner at her home, since she lives a few minutes from Shadowland Adventures in Gaithersburg. Her address is 739 Tiffany Drive in Gaithersburg.

We will meet at the usual time for dinner (6pm) at her house. Our group reservation for Shadowland Adventures (at Quince Orchard Shopping Center) is for 7pm. We will play two games and should be finished soon after 8pm. Please pick up your teenager at Shadowland.

The cost is \$7 per person and you must bring the enclosed signed waiver form. It can also be downloaded at http://www.shadowlandadventures.com/hours_prices.php.



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Do the B1 24 Hour Youth Fasting Event!

Event Weekend: March 20-21

We encourage all middle and senior high to participate in the Global Board of Global Ministries' **B1 Youth Fasting Event**. This is very similar to World Vision's 30 Hour Famine that we have done in past years. Through the Fast, you will play an active role in empowering the poor and disempowering unjust systems. B1 connects you to issues facing your sisters and brothers in your neighborhood, country, and around the world and helps you see relationships between yourself and others at home and abroad.

To help your family get the most out of the B1 Fasting Event, we will provide you with a Student Guide that's filled with information about the event, our denomination's work with the poor, and more. During our kick-off event on February 21st, we chose several mission projects in Nicaragua to send the funds we raise during this powerful event.

Sign up with Pastor Corey today to be a part of the B1 fasting event.

Coordinators & Volunteers Needed for B-1

Break-Fast Coordinator:

After fasting for 24 hours, our group will go hungry.

We need someone to organize this meal. We will break the fast after the 11:00am Service on March 21st.



Juice Coordinator: We will go without food, but can drink all the juice and water we want. We need someone to make sure a cooler is packed for our service project and adequate drinks are available at the church for the rest of the fast.

Service Project Coordinator: On the first day, we will all perform a local service project together. We need someone to coordinate this effort.

Chaperones: We need adults (1 adult to 5 students) to join us on the service project, stay with us at the church, play games with us, watch a movie with us, and yes...spend the night with us.

Games Coordinator: Killing time helps distract us from hunger. We need someone to plan some games for us to play on Saturday afternoon after we return from the service project.

Please contact Pastor Corey to help out in any way.

Family Camping Trip

May 1st-2nd

On May 1-2, we will join together for some outdoor fun and fellowship at Little Bennett Campground in Clarksburg. We have 10 campsites reserved (each can accommodate two tents) for the evening of Saturday, May 1, and hope you and your family can join for a hike, s'mores around the campfire, and a service on Sunday morning.



This is a perfect trip for a family new to the camping experience: Little Bennett is just 25 minutes north of Rockville, and there are hot showers! Dinner is potluck (come just for the dinner if you prefer) and we can help supply camping gear.

The cost is \$21 per campsite, or less if we have more than 10 families sign up. Please let Tim Evans or Sara Romeyn (301-309-0854, advisors@starpower.net) know if you are interested and feel free to invite other families to join us!

Is Fasting Harmful?

During their 24 hours, students go without food (but drink plenty of water and juices) to experience true hunger and learn powerful lessons of compassion for those who live with hunger daily. The average, healthy person is able to go without food for 30 hours without any ill effects. Exceptions include youth under the age of 12, or people with specific medical conditions including diabetes, hypoglycemia, or eating disorders. Exceptions are also for those who are taking medications that require taking them with food. If you have health-related questions about fasting, we strongly advise you to consult your family doctor prior to participation.

It is not required that students fast in order to participate in the B-1 Fasting Event, and there are alternatives to a full fast. Some suggested ways to modify a fast include skipping a meal (or two) or eating a smaller meal than usual. **Please contact Pastor Corey to discuss fasting alternatives.**

Summer Camps @ Faith



June 28 to July 2: **MSC** (aka Middle School Camp) for youth currently in 5th to 7th grade. See enclosed brochure.

July 12 to 16: **Vacation Bible Camp, Galactic Blast**, for kids who are ages 5 to 10. We're teaming up with Geneva Presbyterian Church and will hold it at Faith. **We need teen helpers!** If you're not going on the work trip, come and help us. You'll get SSL hours too.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Month:

- Mar 1 Matthew Henley
- Mar 22 Ashley Tomlinson
- Mar 30 Emma Landgren
- Mar 31 Cooper Breen

