

TRINITY YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



WHAT IS WRONG WITH FAVORITISM?

James would say, a lot. When we play favorites - judging some more harshly than others because they are a friend, or not letting someone who is new sit next to us because we are saving a seat for a friend, or not talking to the visitor at church or youth group - James would say we have become judges with evil thoughts. Ouch. That is harsh. Yet true. James reminds us that God chooses the poor, the shabby, the unpopular - to give them the riches of the kingdom. And since we follow Jesus we need to follow his example, and love and care for our neighbor, no matter who they are.

It has been awesome to sit back and observe our youth group over this first month. We have a lot of middle school students, some with an insane amount of energy. All learning to be together in youth group. A pleasant surprise this year up to this point, is we have had 9 students coming to us from the Chinese church that worships in Hershey. It has been great getting to know these students new to our youth group. And I have received other phone calls from parents not part of Trinity that want their teens to find a fellowship with other students. We are growing.

Now with that growth comes a great opportunity for students and leaders to love and welcome the new people. This can be hard. We want to be with our friends. We want to be with those we are comfortable with. Meeting new people is not comfortable. And yet, as we study James, as we think of our slogan - "Look Up; Look In; Look Out" we need to be willing to welcome and also to love the visitor, the sojourner. Pray for our youth ministry as we are growing, that we would grow in ministering to each other, in pushing each other to go deeper in our walk with Jesus. Pray that our students who have yet to start walking with Jesus will come to faith in Him. Thank you!



OCTOBER CALENDAR

YOUTH GROUP

- Sundays - 6pm to 7:30; Snacks and fellowship 7:30 to 8
- 12th - Worship With Adults/Games
- 19th - Bonfire/outside games
- 26th - Harvest Party Night
- November 2nd - No Youth Group

FALL RETREAT

October 31st to November 2nd

\$100 by October 12th

\$125 by October 19th

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING

October 28th - 7:00-8:00

Questions: E-mail Mike at mwolcott@trinityhbg.com or text at 717-379-7490



LEADER NEEDS

We have a few leader needs that maybe you can help us with.

Need #1 – Woman to go on the fall retreat to be in the room at night with our middle school girls.

Need #2 – Felicity Decker will miss a little bit of youth group at least in December and January. We are looking for a woman to lead her group of 8th to 10th grade girls on Sunday nights.

Reach out to Mike if you are interested.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 – Jemimah Lonie

12 – Teddy Coleman

18 – Zach Sun

26 – Ben Creason

10 – Isabelle Estright

15 – Anna Wolcott

19 – Nicki High

30 – Eden Wolcott



PLEASE PRAY FOR



1. OUR FALL RETREAT - FOR TIM HABECKER AS HE SHARES GOD'S WORD WITH US; FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND FOR UNITY IN OUR GROUP.
2. THAT OUR STUDENTS WOULD DESIRE TO REACH BEYOND THEIR COMFORT ZONES TO GET TO KNOW NEW PEOPLE AND WELCOME VISITORS.
3. OUR STUDENTS WOULD LOOK UP AND SEE THE GLORY OF GOD; LOOK IN AND SEE THEIR SIN, THEIR STRUGGLES AND THEIR NEED FOR JESUS; AND LOOK OUT AND SEE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THE WORK OF MINISTRY RIGHT WHERE GOD HAS PLACED THEM.
4. PRAY FOR ANOTHER WOMAN TO SERVE OUR TEEN GIRLS FOR FELICITY IN THE WINTER.
5. PRAY FOR OUR STUDY IN JAMES, THAT ALL OF US WOULD BE ENGAGED WITH GOD'S WORD.
6. FOR NEW PEOPLE TO COME TO YOUTH GROUP

"Favoritism: Funny how so many people say it isn't fair, but yet most of them are the first to display it, and the first to deny it."