

Children's Sabbath-October 23

Thank you, CCC Children for leading us in worship!
You really understand what it means to worship God!
Thank you for your energy, passion, and knowledge.



The Pumpkin Patch @ CCC

Thank you, Central, for your support of this year's pumpkin patch! We have exceeded our goals and have reached so many thousands of people with the love of God as we share hospitality in the patch! Check next month's newsletter for many more photos and final updates!

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THE PUMPKIN PATCH CHURCH in WACO!!!

Youth Ministry News

Trent Futral, Youth Minister

CCC Youth Ministries

What's been happening with the CCC youth?

Wednesday, October 12 - Fields of Faith

We joined youth from around Waco at the Robinson High School gym for worship and prayer for our FOCUS one Wednesday night. Over 150 youth were there to sing together and pray together. The Robinson High School FCA put on this event.

October 15 - King's Club

Our youth got together again to bring joy, food, and a bible story to children at The Villages apartments. Whether by playing soccer, or playing tag, we had tons of fun with the kids there. Our youth taught

them the story of Jonah and the Big Fish, and then helped pass out the snacks to the kids. Our young people are just awesome to watch with these kids. They really love reaching out and bringing joy to those around them.

October 22 - CYF Day at TCU

Our youth went to Ft. Worth to join our friends from other churches all over the region to worship, watch football, and have some fun together. We headed out at about 10:00 am to go to UCC in Ft. Worth where about 300 youth and adults gathered to worship. We then watched a really close football game (69-0, TCU), and went back to UCC where there was dodgeball, bounce houses, and pizza. Our youth had a blast.

What have we been studying?

Traders

In this 3 week series, we went into the idea of being a Trader. A trader is a new kind of missionary, but not one that goes overseas. A trader looks around and says that our consumeristic culture isn't one rooted in Christ, and they are willing to trade the "me, me, me" mindset for one that is focused on the Kingdom of God.

We looked at different Bible characters who traded the easy life for where God wanted them to be. We looked at historical figures who made the same

choice. Then we discussed what our lives would look like if we were willing to trade some of the things we like or want, and give our time, money, and prayer to others.

James

In Sunday school, we're just ending our series in the book of James. We've been walking page by page through James, looking at the practical advice that James gives us to live out our faith around us. James's teachings help point us to a life where we live out our faith every day in a world that tells us not to.

Coming up at FOCUS

Youth Gone Wise - October 26 - November 9

Our youth are bombarded with different expectations and stresses. Those expectations may be different for girls and guys. For three weeks, we're going to

be doing separate studies for girls and guys on what they put up with normally and what scripture tells us about how to deal with it. We'll be meeting, eating, and playing together; then we'll break up into our groups to discuss these topics that our youth, men, and women deal with every day.

What's coming up?

King's Club November 5 10AM-Noon
Our monthly project with Mission Waco continues on Saturday, November 5. We join children in The Villages apartments to play, and share a bible story and snack. We meet at The Rock Children's Center (1525 West Avenue) at 10AM. We then go down the street to The Villages have fun with the children there. The youth are ready to be picked back up at Noon.

Pumpkin Chunkin November 6 4:30-7

When the pumpkin patch ends, what do we do with all those pumpkins? Well, we find a way to smash them. Using anything imaginable, from water balloon launchers to baseball bats, our youth gather at the Conover's farm to smash some pumpkins. It's a great time of throwing pumpkins, food, and laughter.

A special thanks to Gerret and Eileen Conover for offering their land and feeding our youth. They've been gracious enough to do this many years in a row (it's amazing they don't have pumpkins growing from all the seeds we leave in their field.)

Retreats

November is the time for Fall Retreats at Disciples Crossing. These retreats are a great time for youth to get away, meet new friends or see old ones, and find God over a weekend. This

November, we have two different retreats for our youth to attend.

Chi Rho (Middle School) Retreat - November 4 - 6

CYF (High School) Retreat - November 18 - 20

(Forms due Sunday, October 30)

Upcoming Calendar

November 4-6: Chi-Rho Retreat

November 5: King's Club

November 6: Pumpkin Chunkin

November 18-20: CYF Retreat