



# YOUTH *beat*

AMC YOUTH GROUP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2018

## Bold Faith

*“So let us come BOLDLY to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.”*

Hebrews 4:16 NLT

Grab a pen and notepad or pull one up on your phone. I want you to list the top 10 people who inspire you.

I'll share mine with you:

- 1) Catherine of Aragon
- 2) Ruth the Moabite
- 3) Esther/Hadassah, the Jew
- 4) Catherine Middleton
- 5) Mary, mother of Jesus
- 6) Mother Theresa
- 7) Joanna Gaines
- 8) Cassie De Pecol
- 9) Kelly Minter
- 10) My Grandma, Bernice Johnson

This list is constantly changing for me throughout my life, but one thing I've noticed hasn't changed. All of the people on my list, from where I'm sitting, went boldly after their life's work. They knew who they were, they knew their talents, and they followed after a dream. For some, that dream was a calling, sent by God. That is our calling as Christians.

It's tough being a Christian today. Why do I get up every Sunday morning to sit in a pew for 1+ hour *every* week? Why do I *not* watch certain tv shows or movies? Why do I not follow what the other people my age do on weekend nights?

Because I daily choose to be a Christian, I am choosing to be kept accountable to

living a higher standard than the rest of the world. Is it tough? Of course! Are there times it's so difficult that I'm tempted to give in? Sure. But I do my best not to because I know that BOLDLY living a Christian life will be worth more in the end, when I die.

In 2018, my challenge for each of us is that we will BOLDLY come before our King, DAILY. That we will accept that we are each sinners; but more importantly, that we accept the amazing grace Jesus gives us. My challenge to each of us is to **choose 1 area of our life that isn't lining up with biblical teaching and boldly work on it.** Enlist family members or friends who are following the Christian lifestyle themselves to help you & keep you accountable. By the end of 2018, we each can stand boldly as a Daughter/Son of God, ready and willing to His work better than we were in 2017.

Is this challenge a little scary? I hope so. Because the definition of Bold is: showing an ability to take risks; confident and courageous. It's going to take some mental & physical work to complete this challenge, but I KNOW that with God's help, each of us CAN. I have faith in us. Let's go!

## HS Events

- Jan 7 - Bible Study  
Solomon & Rehoboam  
Youth House @ 6pm
- Jan 12-14  
Menno Haven  
Winter Retreat
- Jan 21 – Bible Study  
Jehoshaphat, Jehoram,  
Uzziah, & Jotham  
Youth House @ 6pm
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Bible Study  
Ahaz & Hezekiah  
Youth House @ 6pm

## Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser - Feb 4

This year, High School & Junior High Youth will be selling & assembling subs! Get your order sheets from Pastor Ashley and start selling! **Due Date is January 24th!**



Bored: Nobody responds to their phone. Starts reading the Bible: Everybody texts at once.



\*Pastor preaching

Me: keep your mind on the preaching

Me to Me: Think about cats

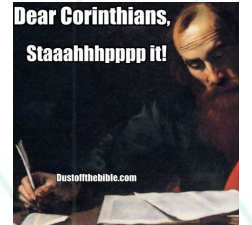
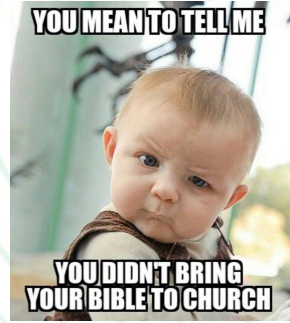


When I read a scripture that's always been there, but I'm just now understanding the deepness of it

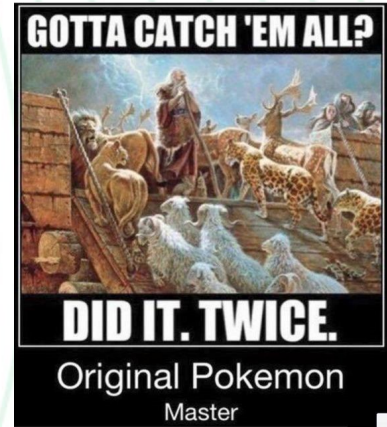
#MemeHistory

"Aren't you one of Jesus's disciples?"

Peter:



NOW WATCH ME WORSHIP



# JrYouth Events

## Sunday Jan 7th - Bible Study: Stress

For this Bible Study, we will meet at 3pm at the Youth House. While we hope that stress has not been a struggle for you yet, we want to share biblical and practical tools as to how to deal with stress when it comes along.

## January 19-21 - Menno Haven Winter Retreat

We will plan on meeting in the Church Parking Lot at 3pm. If getting out of school early is an issue with anyone attending, please talk to Pastor Ashley so we can fix it to work for everyone.



When you're trying to be slow to anger

