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AMC YOUTH GROUP MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018



### "We have this hope as

an anchor for the soul,

## firm and secure."

Anyone else ever feel like they are just freefalling through your days, just trying to catch up with schoolwork or activities or chores or family activities? I do, a lot! I think I know why.

Ever since I was in 7th Grade, I was in Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Chorus, Band and then I'd repeat it over again the next year. In High School, it looked like Volleyball, Yearbook, Basketball, Student Counsel, Drama Team Season, Track Season, Musical Season, and so on and so on. I mean, how was I suppose to do all of that (to put them on my college applications to get into a good college to get a good job to provide for my family) ON TOP OF doing chores at home, going to church/youth group, and hanging out with my friends?! I mean my schedule was PACKED FULL!

Somehow, I juggled it all. I was able to keep good grades, be involved in school as well as bring an active member of my family and my church. Freshman year brought a new crush, Joey. At first, I just thought he was that cool quad drummer player in the back who also played basketball. But as we became closer friends, I figured out the reason I was drawn to him is because he was ON FIRE for God. I mean he just talked about how good God was to him anytime we took a trip to McDonalds. But then, I got sad. Why?

Because I realized I didn't know God as well as I thought I had. I grew up going to church. If I wasn't puking, I was at church on Sunday mornings. I was in Venture Club (grade school youth group) and JrMYF (Jr High youth group) and MYF (high school youth). I knew the bible stories, I knew all the songs...what was I missing?!

I didn't have a personal relationship with God. I knew he was real, but I didn't know how that connected with my life here on earth. But ya know what, once I did....I'm not even kidding, my life has NEVER been the same. Not even close! Ever since I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, he has been my firm foundation through all the waves that life throws at me. Those waves are what HSYouth is going to look at this year, and how God is firmly and securely with us through it all.

We will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7-8:30pm! Can't wait to get started!!

# **HSYouth**

- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Y.H. 6pm
  Rachel & Leah #6 (Final)
- Sept 12<sup>th</sup> @ Y.H. 7pm Anchored Kick-Off Night! Wear Old Clothes!
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> @ Y.H. 7pm Priorities – Bring Your Favorite Snack!
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup> @ TBD 7pm Fellowship Night! Stay Tuned for Details

Flip Over for JrYouth Info & Our Monthly Funnies!

# Funnies

The Comics section of any newsletter is the best so we've created our own here. Funny memes or one liners that are Christian appropriate! If you have any to share, submit them to Ashley by the 25th of every month!



## **JrYouth Events**

Sunday, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mini-Golfing & Jarlings

Welcome to the Newbies!!! To celebrate a new year, we will load up Gertie (beloved church van) and head to Champaign for mini-golfing & ice cream. Meet Gertie at 3pm and we will contact parents when we are headed back to town. If anyone ever needs rides, text/call Ashley and we can work something out!

#### Sunday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>

We will have our first Bible Study of the Year!!! This year, we are working through a study titled "The Me I Want To Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You. We will start with what is Identity? What does it mean? How do I find it? We will also play a few games and snack together. If any parents want to provide a snack, please let Ashley know.

