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YOUTH IN ACTION



Salvation Highlight: *Miyuki Muraguchi* prayed to accept Christ in her life! She came to Edmonton to study English. Pray for her continual growth in the Lord back in Osaka, Japan!

Wednesday night Bible study Highlight: With the 40 days of Purpose Campaign which our church did together, we saw the group double in size from an average of 8 to 16 people! Praise the Lord!

Activity Highlight: Tobogganing at Connors Hill. We had a thrilling time having fun together and getting our exercise climbing back up the hill!

Prayer requests: Pray for the many students who have been coming out to our bible studies and that they would continue to grow in their walk with God even after returning to their home countries.

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“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.” Colossians 1:16 (Message) 40 days prepared Jesus for His ministry, and the 40 days we spent on the Purpose Driven Life campaign changed the lives of the youth! We had 3 groups going during the campaign: one for praise and worship, one for drama, and one for snaps (see Legally Blonde 2). The highlights include all the great

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food, snowball fights, violent piñata explosions, cotton candy and popcorn, but also the great fellowship. I’ve heard so many people comment about how they got to know each other in a more meaningful way through meet-

ing in our small groups every week. Together, we explored God’s purpose for our lives, how we are here to bring pleasure to God through worship, to be a part of God’s family through fellowship, to become like Christ through discipleship, to use our spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality and experiences to serve God in ministry, and to take his message to the world through Evangelism! Each one of these purposes touched each of us in a different way. I think the whole thing would be summed up best with some quotes from the youth:

“I’ve learned a lot about my purpose in life and have spiritually grown. I have been motivated to serve God by using my spiritual gifts!” “God truly blessed me with the chance to give meaning to things like devotion, fellowship and ministry... things that used to be only words to me.” “I learned that life is preparation for eternity and that we shouldn’t be so concerned about materialistic things.” “Not only did I get to know people in my small group better, but God also reached out to help me find what was really important in life.” Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! We set aside 40 Days and He met us here, and we’re not the same at all!



It's a bird...no, it's a plane...no, it's a JGCT Blanketeer! Surrounded by balls of yarn and others crocheting at break-neck speed, blanketeers knit or crochet 8" inch squares that will later be connected to make a large blanket. These blankets later get donated to hospitals and elderly homes.

Blanketeers!

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The initiative started out with a youth kick-off event in combination with our stone soup dinner. Everyone was asked to bring one ingredient and we threw them all together to make a home-style curry with red cabbage and lots of garlic. Oh, and don't forget the batch of super-spicy curry with many, many jalapeños tossed in, seeds and all. Throw in a little basketball and positive sidewalk chalk message-scrawling, and you have a fun youth event. The night concluded with a crochet-fest of sorts, where all the youth hunkered down to crochet their own squares. Thanks goes to the Chai brothers who did an amazing job cleaning and setting everything up, all without any parental supervision! And thanks to Sharon and Glenna who organized and taught so many of us to crochet! The patience of all the crochet teachers was amazing, as we double-stitched away the night. It's funny to think that the guys volunteered to crochet pretty readily, and even funnier is that they're so good at it!! The next proposed ministry for these talented guys? Crocheting scarves for their sisters! Thanks in advance, brothers!



Spice up your life?

Want to add a little spice to others' lives? The



to your life? Want to add some annual JGCT retreat is coming

up Victoria Day weekend, and this spring our theme is "Spice Up your Life", and being salt and light to the world. We'll be looking at how

Jesus interacted with people and showed love to the world. And we can't forget the great food! Menu-planning has already started, with rumours of a berry-cream dessert concoction for Sunday night. Let's pray for a fun and safe weekend, with no goose attacks and no kites getting stuck in the trees

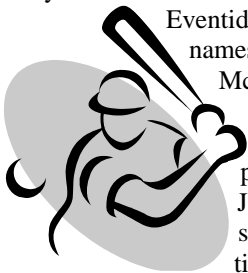


Judges...and McElements??

The annual softball season is about to start up, and this year, the JGCT has TWO teams! Those old pros, the Judges, will be joined by a brand-new senior team. The name is still under debate, as

Eventide was deemed too detergent-y. The two final names under consideration are the Elements, or the McElements. You can guess which crazy fast-food company we got that second name from! We're excited for another fun season, as we have lots of people participating who aren't regulars at the JGCT. The softball league serves as a ministry of sorts, as we invite our non-Christian friends to participate and get to hear devotions after every game.

Let God be glorified in all we do, including softball!



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Summer Youth Ministries

SYM 2005

A challenge to the Youth of our churches!
An exchange program between the eastern and the western churches for a 2 week period primarily for camp ministry in the summer of 2005.

Calling Youth 16 years of age and older!
Further info to come - Please see your pastor or youth leaders

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