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The Between Girls Ministry

Life as a Teen

Life as a teen - it's hard! There are moments where all you want is for someone to listen, other times you don't know what to think about the day's events. Usually I keep things tucked away inside where no one could find it. Then one day at school Emma Hathorne gave me this little purple business card with the words "Between Girls". I went that night to Between Girls and I didn't expect this new club to impact me the way it did. I opened up and thought through my jumbled feelings. I also got to know things about people I didn't know, like how many girls already have crafts! So indeed I want to thank Amy Hathorne for finding the time and creating this magnificent club for girls to let go and open up. I didn't know about behind-the-scenes and what's really going through Amy's head, so I investigated to shed even more light on this club. For all of those who don't know a lot about Between Girls, here are the questions I asked Amy!

The first question was what is her favorite part. And being the angel she is, she said the girls. She loves and appreciates how special and unique we all are! Finding out what we love is something she loves!

I also wondered if she had some type of worry or fear and what was it? My question has been answered! What Amy feared is something we have all experienced: is anyone going to show up? Or am I the only one here? She feared she wouldn't get anyone to come because of all the other activities and options

out there. But it turns out she has won our time and our hearts.

With that obstacle out of the way and in the clubs 2nd year - yes 2nd! - what was next? Amy has some ideas! Besides the doubling in member growth, she wishes to continue doing even more big events like the Between Girls prom and maybe even camping! I would most certainly go camping! It sounds like there is a lot in store for Between Girls.

Ok, with the fear of starting a girls club and the future sort of planned, what got Amy to come up with the idea? Turns out this once Girl Scout and youth group leader had this idea of an all-girls club for about 3 years! But with youth group and family on her hands, she never felt there was enough time. God helped her out by changing the youth group leaders. Finally she went for it! And voila! What a sweet success!

There is one thing Amy wants all of you to know and that's what Between Girls is truly about! It's that every single girl out there in the world is made special and with a purpose! Every single one is to be loved and cherished! Amy's goal is to help us realize that and let our true self shine!

Between Girls is most definitely a safe, happy, fun place to come and let everything go. The good, the bad, and yes, even the truth! Thank you so much, Amy, for starting Between Girls and thanks to Heather Barrows, Kathy Krause, Brenda Hickey, and Margie Klingbeil for helping!

By: Lexzy Phillips

Amazing Youth Youth Group Raises Big Money for Windows

As soon as the youth group heard that the church was in need, they jumped in to help. What started as the seed of an idea to sell shirts, sponsor a dinner, and have a bake sale escalated rapidly into a full-scale fundraising effort including a public online auction. We have amazing youth!

In late October and early November, orders were taken for black and red shirts featuring the conversation-starting statement "BE... REAL". The shirts were sold for \$10 each, with 40% of total sales going directly to the window fund. Shirts were delivered shortly after Thanksgiving and the proceeds were given to the window fund in early December. As you can see, we have a church that is not afraid to be REAL!



L to R, Row 1: Kayle Maass, Emma Hathorne, Steve Frank, Kaitlin Schuster. Row 2: Cindy Philippon, Andrea Saari, Sami Paffrath. Row 3: Joan Petznick, Lynn Stiebs, Margie Klingbeil, Cyndi Anderson, Amy Hathorne, Barb Frank. Back Row: Michael Saari, Jonathan Laabs, Mike Ditmeyer, Hanna Hathorne, Mark Anderson, Pastor Malcome Hathorne. Inset: Cassandra Philippon being REAL in LaCrosse.

Throughout the month of November church members, families, and friends were asked to donate items to be sold in an online auction. **Over 80** high-quality items were brought in! The auction, which opened on Dec 4th, concluded with a public showing of the items donated from noon until 4PM on Dec 17th. Because all items were donated, 100% of the auction proceeds went toward the cost of replacing the windows!

The conclusion of these fundraisers was celebrated on December 18th with a spaghetti-dinner Meet n Eat. The youth provided and cooked all the food for the meal so that all money brought in would again go directly to the window fund.

Thanks to the support of our awesome church members, the youth raised \$150 through the shirt sale, \$1275 in the auction, and another \$140 by sponsoring the Meet n Eat. Who says you can't make a difference because you're young? NOT US!

The youth group would like to extend a special THANK YOU to ALL those who participated in the fundraisers. We couldn't have done it without you. And your support is what keeps us going!

By: Andrea Saari, Brenda Maass, and the Youth Group

Baptism Opportunity!

On January 15, 2012, you will have an opportunity to be baptized! Why is this important? Baptism identifies you as a believer in Christ. It is a public proclamation that you recognize what Jesus did for you, that you accept and appreciate the gift of salvation, and that you have given your life to Him. While baptism is not a requirement for salvation, it is commanded that we be baptized as believers.

For more information on baptism visit www.cornerstonenl.com/baptism or speak to Pastor

Bill or Pastor Malcome. They would be more than happy to discuss what baptism is, what it means, and how it is performed and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to be baptized on Jan 15th, sign up on the sheet on the back wall, on Facebook, or see Pastor Bill or Pastor Malcome. Join your friends and family for the Meet n Eat dinner in the Life Center following the service (see the What's Happening section for more details).

By: Andrea Saari

Dreamer's Circle Angie Ditmeyer

Dreams do come true and Angie Ditmeyer's has. Angie's dream was to own a coffee shop - a place of rest where others can come to relax, build relationships, and get some peace. She had an idea that just wouldn't go away and prayed for God's guidance. Should she move forward or go elsewhere? They did more research about owning a coffee shop and then purchased a building. After a lot of hard work remodeling and a lot of help from her friends, her dream has come true. Angie said "God has everything taken care of". You can only go one step at a time.



Angie's advice to others is not to worry about it, just move forward in Christ. He will bring your *dream to the forefront*. And just because something is a "God Dream" doesn't mean it will be easy. As your dream begins to grow, it can be painful, but keep reminding yourself to trust in Him. He gave you the dream and it will come to fruition in his time and in his way, which is the best way. During those difficult times, Angie reads a quote from Joyce Meyer that she has on her desk. "It's easy to quit - It takes faith to go thru".

By: Rose Engel

Ministry of the Month

Connect-a-Dream

Connect A Dream began in June 2010 when Pastor Bill began a sermon series focused on identifying, stepping toward, and fulfilling our God dreams while supporting and encouraging others along the way. When asked how Connect A Dream came about, Pastor Bill said "I know the specific purpose God gave me for Cornerstone is to help others get to where they need to be spiritually. I felt that God was leading us to encourage others to their God dreams... as we connect with each other towards each of our God dreams we are building the body of Christ up and supporting each person's God-given purpose in life. Most of the time Churches are about building programs and buildings instead of people. As we encourage one another to delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the desires of our hearts." Throughout the Connect A Dream sermon series, church

members were asked to share their dreams by posting them on the Connect A Dream wall at the back of the church. As dreams were shared and the wall filled up, ConnectADream.com was born. ConnectADream.com has become an online resource not only for sharing dreams, but also for connecting with others to walk the path God has laid out for each of us. It features the sermon series that started it all, a dream-sharing message board, a blog that shares real heart to heart truths, life coaching resources, and information on identifying, sharing, and stepping toward your dreams.

"I have a dream. I'm sure you do too. In fact, I'm POSITIVE that you do, whether you realize it yet or not." - Connectadream.com blog

By: Andrea Saari

Dates to Celebrate

Happy Birthday to:

Tammy Kolosso.....2nd
Cassandra Philippon.....15th
Karin Mitchell.....29th
Kaitlin Schuster.....29th

Happy Anniversary to:

No Anniversaries this month, sorry!

Spiritual Fluff God's Got It

Have you ever been in a time of your life when you just sat back and said "God's got it"? Sometimes that's the only way to go, resting in the fact that God is in control and He will provide what's needed for the situation. But the question is...is that it? Are we supposed to sit back, put our feet up and get "comfy" while God handles it? I don't know about you but I love to get "comfy", relax and just take it easy. But I don't think a lot of times that's what God wants us to do. I believe God wants us to let Him handle the situation but God also wants us to keep moving forward. How can God show us where we need to go or do or be a part of if we don't keep moving forward? Unfortunately it can become an excuse to do nothing. I don't know what you're facing but I talked with someone briefly who said "God's got it and he will put us (their family) where he wants us." They weren't going to church anywhere and not even looking to go. The one church the husband was into started too early and no other church would do; so they're going nowhere (for years) and saying "God's got it". Does God really have it? Or is it just one of those little Christian sayings we use? God will show them where they need to go,

but they also have to keep moving forward so they can see where God wants them...otherwise God becomes an excuse to do nothing and get "comfy". A lot of times God is pouring all kinds of things into our lives so we can move with him, but in our state of "comfy" I know I seem to think that God is going to magically change/move/direct me right into what He's planning. It sounds great but in order to move with God it requires me to put forth effort with God. Think of it like this - the Dead Sea has many rivers flowing into it, there's a lot of life flowing into it, yet the water is so salty that very little can live in or around it. You may say "but why when there's so much life flowing into it?" The reason is because nothing flows out of it. Are you in an area of your life? "Comfy"? Wanting everything to flow in and unwilling to let anything flow back out? Don't let being comfy or letting God become an excuse take hold and make parts of your life like the Dead Sea, as it will begin to affect other areas of your life. God wants the waters of our life to be fresh and vibrant, refreshing to all that drink from us. So then the question is....are you "comfy" or are you willing to move? After all God's got it!

By: **Matt Bever**

What's Happening?

Stitch & Chat

Stitch 'n Chat will now be held at **The Living Room Coffee Shop in Clintonville** on the first Tuesday of the month starting Jan. 3, 2012
Time: 6 PM - 8 PM.

This is open to girls of all ages. If you don't stitch, then come for the chat! Feel free to bring a friend. This group is about building friendships and encouraging each other in their walk with the Lord. If you have any questions, contact Angie Ditmeyer at 920-540-0113.

Note: You don't have to purchase a drink from the coffee shop unless you want to. You are able to bring in your own beverage for this gathering if you choose.

Between Girls--Centershot Shoot

Monday, January 30th, 23rd, Time..?

Hey, Between Girls! At our Jan. 30 meeting we'll be trying Centershot Archery at Cornerstone Christian Church! This would be a great Invite-A-Friend event. We'll also be meeting at Cornerstone that night instead of the Middle School, 6-8 p.m. Can't wait!!!

Discussion Groups

Starting Wed Jan 4th 6:30-7:45PM

New men's and women's discussions groups! Come grow in your faith. These groups will meet in the church.

Centershot-Men's Shoot

On Thursday nights in January (starting January 5th and ending January 26th)

Centershot will be holding a Men's shoot. If you are a male over the age of 10 you are welcome to attend this event. We begin each night at 6:30 and end at 7:30, the cost is \$20.00 for the month or you can pay \$5.00 per night you attend. Come join the fun. All equipment is provided. See you there! Any Questions contact Pastor Malcome at mahathorne@athenet.net

Class 101 "Getting to know us"

Sunday, January 8th @ 10:30am @ Life Center

If you are interested in learning where we stand on topics such as; Baptism, Communion, Marriage and some history of Cornerstone, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church, or talk to P. Malcome

3rd Sunday Meet-N-Eat & Baptism Celebration

Come join your friends and family on Sunday, January 15th for a chicken dinner after church at the Life Center. Cost is \$3 per person and \$1 for younger child (2-6 yrs old). Please RSVP on Facebook and/or on the signup sheet on the back wall of the church. We will be offering complimentary coffee, tea and Kool-Aid. Water, Soda and Juice will be available for sale.