



Soulfuel

Thursday, September 4, 2008

Hey guys!

I hope you are off to a good start at school! Since the DOOR service trip in early August, we have been hard at work, preparing for the upcoming year of student ministry. For various reasons, we are making some changes in the ministry. They are:

- **A name change** (if you didn't notice): We are a community of high school students following Jesus, seeking to grow in faith together. Our old name, MYF (which stood for Mennonite Youth Fellowship), while it has served us well, no longer communicates who we are or what we do. Our group is not simply a gathering of Mennonite youth. Anyone, no matter who they are or where they are on their faith journey, is welcome. At the same time, fellowship is not our primary purpose. While fellowship is important, fellowship around the purpose of following Jesus is more important. The name Soulfuel communicates what we are trying to accomplish. We are trying to fan into flame the faith that God has put in you through Jesus Christ. We really don't care how many marshmallows you can fit into your mouth, we want to be a place where you can learn to follow Jesus.
- **Gathering changes:** In order to help strengthen Soulfuel, we will have three types of gatherings.
 - **Weekly Bible Study:** We meet every Monday evening from 7 pm - 8 pm at MMC. We will study the Bible together and pray together. After that, you can hang out or head out - it's up to you.
 - **Connection:** Every other month, we will host an activity with the purpose of building relationships and connecting with each other. These events will be communicated via mail, e-mail and our facebook group! Please let us know which method you prefer.
 - **Service:** Every other month, we will lead a local service project that will help each of us put our faith on display through our lives. These events will be communicated via mail, e-mail and our facebook group. Please let us know which method you prefer.



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- **Equipping:** It is not our goal to simply provide events for you to consume, but to model a way of life, study and service that will extend into your relationships. The way we study the **Bible** together is also a model of how you can share scripture with others by starting your own small groups. **Connection** activities are opportunities to “share friends” by connecting your non-Christian friends with others. **Service** activities help you grown in faith by helping you extend faith to others through service. The more you serve others the more service becomes a lifestyle not an activity.

Our goal is to do a few things and do them well. Our focus is most definitely on spiritual development, not entertainment or activity for activities sake. That said, we do like to have fun. Our adult leaders and sponsors are absolutely committed to you and your spiritual growth.

Communication: If you have any questions at all, as we prepare for the upcoming year, please call Michael Danner (309) 369-4328 or mikemmc@mtco.com We have a website at www.soulfuelwired.com We also have a facebook group entitled “Soulfuel”.

We are looking forward to a great year! My door, phone, e-mail, home is always open! No matter what you need, don't hesitate to contact me!

Our FIRST EVER Soulfuel Bible study is Monday, September 8, 2008 @ 7 pm at MMC! I'll see you there!

In Jesus,

Pastor Michael