



THE CONNECTION

July - September, 2018

A newsletter connecting our students in 6th—12th grade and their parents with our ministry.

NITRO CHALLENGE

Next quarter Nitro Challenge winners will be treated to lunch on October 7 after service.

Location to be announced.

30 Hour Famine
Oct 26-27

Watch for more information

Totally Useless information

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds up to 160 km/hr.
- A cat's jaw cannot move sideways.
- A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

Words Matter

If you're like most teenagers, you're using a ton of words everyday. You might text friends, get on Facebook, Twitter, or talk to friends in the hallway, but no matter what the source, you're using words all day long. In fact, its estimated that on average, a person speaks between 10,000 and 25,000 words a day. That's a lot of words! With so many words coming out of our mouths all day long, its understandable that God puts a lot of importance on the words we speak. For example, in Proverbs 18:21 it says, *"Those who love to talk will experience the consequences, for the tongue can kill or nourish life."* (NLT). That's a pretty strong statement on the importance of your words. Words can kill or nourish life. The words that you speak every day are important. When you're in math class and find out you missed 10 problems on the homework assignment, what comes out of your mouth? Do you say things like, "AHH! I'm so dumb...I'll never get this!" Words like that will shut off your success in school. Do your words you use around your friends tear down and destroy or are they positive? What about your words when you are around other people, what do they say about you? The words that you speak every day, even the smallest words, are important. They set the course and tone for your life. If you don't like something that is happening in your life, pay attention to the words that you've been speaking regarding that thing or situation. Perhaps you need to begin to speak words of life. Words will direct the course of your life, so begin to pay attention to what you're speaking.

Pray: God, I choose to pay attention to the words that I speak each day. I ask you for your help in speaking words of life over me each day. I know that my words are important and I choose to speak words of life every day. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Each month, we will be having a way to serve, We need to put our faith in action. Watch for them and participate. .
James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

September 23
3:00pm
Cost \$20

ESCAPE ROOM AND DINNER

The Museum of the Bible is in Washington, D.C. A sign up sheet will soon be put up with a lot of details including costs. We will be taking the METRO into D.C. which in itself is a great experience. Watch for the details coming out soon.

Monday madness is back. July 16 at 11:30 am. Meet at the church and we will go to lunch. Nothing to worry about, it's free and will be a lot of fun.

NITRO IGNITE

Watch for a sign up coming soon. We will be offering a group for Sr High and Middle School. It's a great opportunity to get to know each other and dig deeper into the Bible.

AUGUST 25 DURING THE CHURCH PICNIC, WE WILL ALSO BE DOING BAPTISMS. IF YOU HAVE NEVER TAKEN THAT STEP IN YOUR FAITH WALK, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRAY ABOUT IT. WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT BAPTISM ONE NIGHT DURING YOUTH GROUP TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ASK ME. I WILL BE GLAD TO HELP OUT.

During summer, we will not meet on the following Wednesdays. July 4 and 11 August 1 September 12

Please use the sign up sheets.

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

MISSIONS NEWS

Nitro youth have been busy serving this year. We must not grow tired. Just reflect on what God has done for you, really think about it, and you should take joy in serving Him. I encourage you to find opportunities to serve. I am praying for guidance for what, where, and how God wants us to serve next year. I know He will make it clear. God always works in awesome ways as we serve Him. July 29 at 6:30, come out and hear from the Haiti team about our trip. On August 10 at 6:30 is our celebration dinner for both trips. Everyone that went will be sharing about their experience.

What's Happening:

July 5-13 Haiti Mission Trip
July 16 @ 11:30am Monday Madness
July 20 @ 9:00am-12:30pm Service Day
July 22 Nitro Challenge winners lunch after service
July 29 @ 6:30 Presentation on Haiti Trip
July 31- August 4 Laurel Mission Trip
Aug 10 @ 6:30 Mission Celebration Dinner
Aug 11 Time to be announced, Museum of the Bible
Aug 25 Church Picnic and Baptism
Aug 28 @ 6:00-8:00pm Service Night
Sept 21 @ 6:00-8:00pm Service Night
Sept 23 @ 3:00PM Escape Room

FOR THE PARENTS

We have a lot of events and some of them have costs involved. I know for families of Nitro youth with more than one student, this can add up fast. In an effort to make these events available to as many as possible, we will provide some help. For families with multiple students going to events; the first will be full cost, others for the students will be half price. This policy will not apply to mission trips.

I am interested in what is happening in your life. If you are in sports, music, dance, or other activities in school or out. I would like to know. There is a sheet in the youth room to post events going on in your life so I can pray for you and possibly come support you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

ON THE 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 THE CHURCH HOSTS A MEN'S BREAKFAST. GUYS, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME AND CHECK IT OUT. BRING YOUR FATHERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. IF THEY ARE MALE, THEY ARE WELCOME TO COME AND ENJOY FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND A BIBLE STUDY.

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