

Boise Valley
Christian Communion
2009 Annual Ministry Report



JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH - YOUTH
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The youth ministry at BVCC has been changing significantly over the last few years, and 2009 was a year of new experiences and great transition. Seth Warren stepped down from youth ministry after more than four years of faithful ministry. Brandon Kindelberger and Doug Shelby had both been youth team members in the past and have become a part of the team again this year. They join Glenn and Johna Barnes and Ali Williams.

The Jr. and Sr. high youth attended the annual winter camps in January and February. As always, these camps provided a purposeful time away from the normal routine of life and gave the youth the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God through worship, prayer, and relevant teaching.

The youth group had twelve graduates in the class of 2009. This amazing group of young men and women has unique destinies and callings on their lives and their absence in the youth group has shifted the dynamic a great deal. The youth team and younger youth miss them very much, but we are excited to see the ways they are each pursuing the dreams and passions God has given them!

Twelve youth had the opportunity to participate in a unique and challenging mission trip to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Our team had a time of training and preparation with Youth With A Mission Idaho, and then spent six days ministering on the reservation. The team was a part of several different ministries including a prayer walk and march for Jesus through the poorest areas in town, trash clean up and lawn care for elderly and disabled members of the tribe, and evangelism through VBS, dramas presenting the gospel, and personal testimonies. This trip was unlike any other mission the youth had been a part of before and it required them to trust God to water and bring to harvest the seeds that were planted.

The Jr. High youth spent a week in July at camp in Cascade. They heard a variety of messages from Glenn Barnes and different youth pastors in our church camp co-op. We had several "first time" campers who were very excited about moving up into the youth group and starting out their summer with a great time of fellowship and growing in their walks with Jesus.

As we approached the holiday season, the youth group joined together for both Operation Christmas Child and the Advent Conspiracy. The youth shopped and put together a gift box for a young boy and a young girl to be sent over seas with a message of love and hope. We celebrated our annual youth Christmas party by making blankets for a local drop in center for the homeless in Boise. We talked about giving relationally and about how when we shift our focus to what we can give, we truly are able to worship fully and love all.

The coming year is full of exciting possibilities for growth, outreach, and missions. The youth team and I continue to seek God for His direction as we move into a season of purposeful discipleship and mentoring relationships with the youth of BVCC. We expect growth and change in all of our lives, as we invite the Holy Spirit to transform us from the inside out.