

An update for parents and others interested in the Youth of Willow Park Church

MEET OUR TEAM...

All we can say is...We are SO Blessed



As we (the Feddersens), complete our 10th year of ministry here at Willow Park we can't help but reflect. We are astounded by the goodness and care of our Jesus. We love this

church and we can't help but brag about our incredibly supportive and vibrant seniors, our brilliant and understanding youth parents, our encouraging and praying elders, the amazing church staff that works so hard with us, the astoundingly committed care group leaders, and the AMAZING youth we have the privilege to serve. We are just so blessed. Thank you sweet church, for putting up with us and taking the crazy ride, that this last ten years has been.

Every day we thank God for the absolutely astounding team the Lord has brought into our lives. If you don't know these people, you should get to know them. Your life will be much richer for the experience!

Steve 'Beef' Johnson will begin his eighth year with us. Steve is the most humble and gentle human you will meet. He is also an incredible Jr. Youth Director. He and Candice have a nearly two year old daughter Ella, and baby number two will arrive in the Spring. Candice makes beautiful babies, and also takes extraordinary photographs.



Tom Longman, begins his third year on staff with us here. Tom is the most generous, and kind hearted man you will meet. He is also the funniest. He has now cut his hours to half time to allow himself time to finish his education but will continue to be our Sr. High Director. With the other half of his hours, we have been able to hire Matt Lindsay (aka Nacho Libre and Barry Goodman at Kickoff). Matt will help with programming at youth. He will also continue to be one of the most gifted care group leaders we have ever seen.



Shawn Pauls, a great man of faith and prayer, is back as our Satellite Director. He has accepted the huge task of keeping track of all the campus groups as well as working with the interns (see page 2!).



Our dear, dear Sue Scholtens is taking some time to take care of herself this year. She has sacrificed so much for the youth of the church these last 7 years. If you see her thank her, bless her and hug her. We will miss her so much and pray that she will return with a new passion very soon.



Adam Falk (a returning intern and excellent human) will coordinate our Adopt A Block initiatives and basically take care care of any heavy lifting, spiritual or otherwise.



Rachel Lindsay, a beautiful woman of grace and integrity, will take over girls ministry. Jordan Klassen and Steve Ferguson (also returning interns and two of the worlds most committed servants) will coordinate South Campus, and Lake Country campus youth activities respectively.



Additionally, Nate Cresswell is joining us as volunteer staff as our youth prayer coordinator.

These dudes bless Joel like you would not believe. Watching God reveal the leadership gifts of youth that he has watched grow is one of the great gifts for a youth pastor, and getting to work with them is such an honour for him. We covet your continued prayer support as these young men and women lay down their lives for our Jesus and the youth of Kelowna.



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

We are thrilled that four of our recent graduates will be interning with us this year.

These young adults have chosen to give this next year to serve the Lord and the youth of our church.

They will each be taking five courses through Briercrest Bible College as well as receiving credit hours for their service with our youth. Each intern will be designated a campus to lead, with the guidance of our Youth Satellite Director, Shawn Pauls as well as the Campus Pastors.

SATELLITE CAMPUS INFO

Our youth group consists of approximately 60 mini youth groups that meet all over town. Some of these groups are centralized at the satellite campuses.

JUICE INFO: Students at the Satellite Campuses (Lake Country, Glenmore, and South) should meet every week at their campus at 6:30 pm. Their leaders will be there every week at that time to love you and make you giggle. Every second week there will be a small group meeting that stays on sight to develop a strong community. On the alternating weeks, the students will be shuttled with their small groups and leaders to JUICE at Hwy 33 where all campuses meet. Pick up for jr. high will be at your campus 9:30 pm.

GLOW INFO: Students at one of the Satellite Campuses (Lake Country or South Campus) should meet every week at their campus at 7:00 pm. Every THIRD week there will be small group meeting that stays on sight to develop community. All other weeks students will be shuttled with their small groups and leaders to Glow at Hwy 33 where all campuses meet.

Pick up for Sr. High will be at your campus 10:00 pm.

WESTSIDE NOTE:

A shuttle for the Westside has begun. We will be meeting at the Macs on Boucherie Rd.

Juice Shuttle: 6:30 pm drop off, 9:30 pm pick up.

Glow Shuttle: 7 pm drop off, 10:00 pm pick up.

MEET THE INTERNS



Ashley Hass



Kurtis Bouman



Jordan Foster



AJ Aitken

YOU GOTTA KNOW...

It is our desire that every youth who participates in our programs becomes vitally connected to the body of Christ.

It is critical that youth become a part of the family of Christ. Our goal is to see devoted followers of Jesus, loving each other, and serving their community and the world we live in. We want to see world changers emerge from our youth group. To that end, all youth NEED to be connected in a meaningful way to the body of Christ. If your student has not connected with the small group they are assigned, they are welcome to change to any grade, or friend group they feel more comfortable with. It is also vital that they try to come to retreats, missions trips or other extended community times. Glow and Juice are difficult places to be known, or to know others. Here are some great ways for your youth to connect to our youth group:



- **Care Groups:** Juice group meets as a big group one week and the next week meet as a small group. These groups are designed for students to be mentored, loved, and inspired in their walk with the Lord. Glow meets as a large group for two weeks, and the third week is a small group. These groups are vitally important to your youth's connection to the whole. These groups should be a priority.



- **Adopt A Block:** Another way to get connected to others in a smaller setting is to serve with them. Every Sunday at 1:00, a group of young people meet at Hwy 33 campus and spend a couple of hours serving the community.



- **Retreats:** These are very important to your student getting to know others and to feel comfortable with their leaders. Juice will be heading to Silver Lake Camp October 16-18, and Glow will be heading to Pines Bible Camp on September 25-27 for a missions trip to the Forks!

- **Bible Study:** Sr. High 'Axis': Mondays 4pm at the Ministry Centre and Jr. High 'the Rock' Tuesday 4pm at the Ministry Centre.

- **Bible 101: Interactive Blog:** Students need to learn to keep spiritual disciplines like bible study and prayer on their own. That is why we are introducing BIBLE 101. This blog will be updated weekly with a daily bible chapter. This chapter will be a portion of the bible in a year reading. There will be daily questions and weekly prizes.

- **Missions Trips:** Watch for opportunities in the new year to participate in one of our youth missions trips! These are great ways to connect to the group.



Willow Park Church Youth BIBLE CHALLENGE

BIBLE 101 www.KAHOOTSCA

GLOW grades 6-8 **Juice** grades 7-9

Ready to Grow?

Join us if you like! Keep up and answer questions on the blog!