

ANNOUNCING OUR BRAND NEW SERVICE PROGRAM

Exciting things are coming to our youth program! On Saturday, March 3, we will kick off our brand new service initiative open to youth 12 years or older. Code named “Rake & Roll,” the program will provide yard cleanup and minor home repairs to those in need.

During the school year, we will schedule an event every other month, beginning with our kick-off event on Saturday, March 3. During summer months, events will be scheduled monthly.

These service events are open to everyone, whether or not they are youth program. Participants between the ages of 12 and 14 must be accompanied by a parent, while those 14 or older may participate unaccompanied. Each participant will be required to obtain a parental permission form prior to beginning the program. No prior experience is necessary and we will take care of all the logistics!

If you have any questions about this program, please let us know. You will be receiving more information shortly. This is going to be great fun, and it will provide a worthwhile service to our community!

Service

At SimplyYouthMinistry.com, youth leader Tim Kurth offers even more benefits when kids step up to the plate and serve:

- **Service encourages young people to make a difference.** Kids share their faith with people by demonstrating God’s love in practical, tangible ways.
- **Service takes kids out of their comfort zones.** This forces teenagers to rely more directly on God—and helps them grow closer to God in the process.
- **Service makes people in need become real and human.** Teenagers gain a greater sense of value for every life, as well as sensitivity to how God can use them as vessels to show their creators love.
- **Service becomes a habit.** When teenagers help others, they establish a lifestyle of service that often carries over into adulthood.
- **Service makes kids appreciate how fortunate they are.** Helping others in need puts life into perspective and makes kids count their many blessings.
- **Service builds a wide range of life skills.** Teenagers learn tolerance, accountability, good citizenship, compassion, friendliness, acceptance, self-control, determination, endurance, and dependability.
- **Service creates a hunger for God.** Kids who serve realize they’re also serving God in the process and often desire to get to know their creator better.

THE VIEW

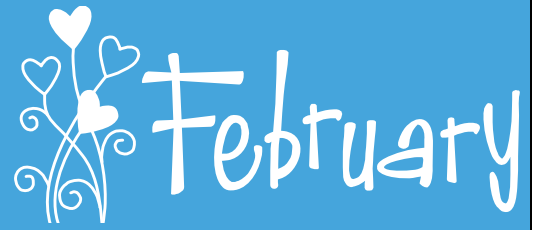
Group Magazine surveyed more than 23,000 Christian kids who attended a summer workcamp. Here’s how they completed the line: “Service to others has...”

- Made me feel closer to God. (82%)
- Made me feel better about who I am. (80%)
- Created new and valuable friendships in my life. (74%)
- Increased my compassion for people in need. (70%)
- Made me more likely to serve others in everyday life. (69%)

PONDER THIS

- What are your views about serving others and volunteering?
- What joys or benefits do you gain from helping other people?
- How might your family work together on a service project in your church or community?





February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Remember: 11 a.m. service has children/youth message and church school!!!!			1 Junior Disciples	2	3	4
5 No Youth Group- We will meet to see "Big Miracle" at Hollywood Theaters Confirmation class	6	7	8 Early Release No Junior Disciples	9	10	11 New 4 p.m. Family Service "The Sacristy"
12 Pre-sale of Car Wash Tickets Greek Festival w/ Confirmation Class Meet at 2 p.m. at Greek festival Youth Group	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Junior Disciples	16	17 Artwork Due for Palette Pals Art Scholarship	18 Car Wash Fundraiser for Summer Youth Trip
19 No Confirmation Class No Youth Group Family Bowling Night	20 Presidents' Day No School	21	22 Junior Disciples Ash Wednesday Family Service 5:45 pm- Light Dinner in Gathering Place	23	24	25 Saturday 4 p.m. Service
26 Children/Youth Sing Both Services Confirmation Class Youth Group	27	28	29 Junior Disciples			