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Think about it...

"Strive to be first; first to nod, first to smile, first to compliment, and first to forgive."

-Anonymous

Remember, YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT! Use your absentee ballot!
 Go to <http://www.twp.independence.mi.us/Services/TownshipClerk/VotingInfo.htm#absent>
 for information about requesting an absentee ballot

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A New Beginning for CUMC Graduates

CUMC Beyond High School Committee

The mission of the CUMC Beyond High School (BHS) Committee is to maintain a relationship with the youth of the church who have graduated from high school within the last four years. This outreach supports the vision of CUMC, which is to vitally connect people to people and people to God. As you will read in Pastor Rick's note, we care about you, keep you in our prayers, and are here to support you as you move toward your goals, whether you are pursuing advanced education or starting your career. We plan to connect with you through newsletters, notes, personal contacts, and occasional surprises!



Watch for a link to the CUMC BHS web site on the updated CUMC web site.
 Sincerely,
 Members of the CUMC Beyond High School Committee

Note from Pastor Rick



Hey,
 So how is the fall going for you so far? The fall often means a time of change and transition. We say good-bye to the summer and its memories. I do not know what this fall holds in store for you, but I hope it is a time of blessing and significance in your life. This newsletter is being sent to you as a tangible

way of saying this church cares about you and wants to stay connected with you. You are in an amazing time of life and often a period when contact with the church seems less clear than when you were in high school. As the seasons unfold in the months ahead, I want you to remember the church remains committed to you and

keeps you in prayer. Whenever possible, we would love to have you worship with us. Please let me know if there is anything you need or the church can do for you, and most of all remember the words of the apostle Paul, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the pre-

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Six-Piece McNugget of Wisdom for Life after High School from Greg



Note from Pastor Rick

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sent nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." May you and I come to know this truth more each day.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick
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1. *Don't overexpose yourself socially.* There's plenty of fun to be had on and off campus, but saying yes to everything leads to others taking advantage of your time, and in the long run, makes you a little less interesting to your friends.

2. *Always keep a \$20 bill in your pocket.* If a good spontaneous event arises, you don't want to be the dude/chick who people have to run back to the dorm for.

3. *Hook into an on campus ministry or local young adult ministry.* It helps when some of those people you hang with want to support your faith journey, plus most ministries usually have free food and coffee at meetings.

4. *Develop a budget now,* no matter how little you'll currently be making. It makes life easier when you start to earn a living in the future.

5. *Find one thing to do routinely that you know you love and will look forward to.* Easing into a new life stage without having something you get excited for weekly can be depressing.

6. *Know that our church is praying for you, that your relationship with God continues to grow and makes you the person He wants you to be.* Don't forget to text, Peace,
Greg, Youth Director,
jaxgregory@yahoo.com

Righteous Mission—College Edition 2008



Jill Kouri hard at work

What happens to those wired teenagers who embarked on Righteous Mission once a year in high school? They turned into "college adults!" And what happens then? Righteous Mission-College Edition is the answer! The first of June, when classes are out and the rest of the

world is still working or in school, a group of "college adults" get together to serve in God's name for the week. This year we flew to Jacksonville, Florida to be a part of the Habijax; a company in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. In the blistering heat we sided a house, wrapped a house, caulked, and painted along side home-

owners and other "college adults" our own age. Even though there was a small group of us, we reconnected after being away at different colleges and re-discovered how amazing it feels to serve, and more importantly, to serve in the name of the Lord.

Nikki Whiteford

CUMC Graduate Highlight—Blake Curdy, Class of 2006

Since my graduation from CHS in 2006, I have been attending school at Central Michigan University, where I'm majoring in Personal Financial Planning in the Business Administration program. This past summer I participated in the first college mission trip of hopefully, many to come. We worked with Habitat for Humanity in Jacksonville, Florida and the trip was a great success. Last year I became a regular at His House Christian Fellowship church (<http://www.hhcf.org/cmuc/>) on Central's campus. I am also joining their life group, which is similar to a bible study, for college students. I strongly feel like a part of the church through the wonderful people at His House and I love how it is keeping my faith alive everyday. I look forward to the next year's college mission trip and invite the class of 2008 to join us.

Vitality connecting People to People and People to God

CUMC Beyond High School Roster

Thomas Beattie
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Matt Bottke
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Sarah Bryson
Sean Cale
Stephanie Carlson
Samantha Carter
Matt Chesley
Robbie Clark
Meredith Clark
Drew Coatney
Matt Cochran
Jessica Colombo
Kate Cooley
Matt Craig
David Creech
Terri Creech
Blake Curdy
Nick Damico
Frank Davis
Brittany Davis
Mallory Deacon
Shawn Degen
Chris Degen
Katie Delnick

Nick DeVault
Leanne Dunlavey
Erik Ejups
Tyler Foote
Brendan Fortinberry
Cameron Fortinberry
Juliana Foust
Weston Gleiss
Kristen Graham
Jade Handley
Alex Handley
Amanda Hoff
Rob Hoff
Emmalilly Hoxsie
Kevin Judd
Allison Kanous
Matt Keagy
Brett Kenerson
Tyler Kenerson
Chelsea Kouri
Jill Kouri
Bethany Kovacic
Katelyn Kovacic
Jason Kuhn
Ryan Kurrle
David Lawrence

Andrea Lawrence
Jill Lekse
Scott Lyons
Andrew Lyons
Elizabeth Mellen
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Kelsey Merz
Chris Meszaros
Kate Mozer
David Nienhuis
Anne Oltman
Dan Osterhage
Angela Pechota
Travis Pechota
Christyn Reuter
Brianna Reuter
Erin Richards
Allison Richards
Brittney Rodgers
Chelsea Roth
Jordan Roth
Tara Roth
Ian Sabbag
Neil Sabbag

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Lindsay Sawyer
Andrea Scarlett
Katelyn Schermerhorn
Thomas Schmidt
Shelby Schulte
Robbie Sims
Matt Smolek
Lindsay Stone
Andy Traver
Megan Valley
Katie VanderVeen
Cassie Vernier
Kim Vincent
Keith Voorheis
Phil Voorheis
Kyle Walkowski
Julie Warner
Brandon Warzybok
Nikki Whiteford
Abby Whiteford
Alison Wright
Megan Zelinsky
Paige Zielinski

Righteous Mission 2008

Once a year, a wired group of teenagers embark on a righteous adventure to a community in desperate need of some of God's love and a helping hand. What those zealous teenagers don't usually realize is that they themselves are also in for an eye-opening experience. This year in Chicago, we did a variety of service activities including painting a church, volunteering at a Salvation Army, and working in a faith-based rehab and homeless shelter. As in years past, 60+ high school youth and adult chaperones returned to CUMC as blessed as the people they were able to serve. This wired group of teenagers confirmed that to give is truly to receive.



Front row, left to right: Andrea Lawrence, Mallory Deacon, Cassie Vernier, and Shelley Thornton. Back row, left to right: Evie Wright, Sue Deacon, Megan Zelinsky, Pacific Garden Mission representative, and Tess Huttenlocher.

Andrea Lawrence

Do you have an idea, suggestion, or comment for the Beyond High School newsletter?
Did we miss a CUMC graduate?
Send an e-mail to kayvalleycpm@aol.com.
Be sure to include as much contact information as possible for the missing graduates.

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