

YPOG NEWSLETTER

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Youth Spotlight

Name: Jackie Hokeness

Grade: 12

Family: Parents Chad & Stacey; Sisters Haley (21) & Rylie (16), Brother Carter (15)

Activities & Sports in School: Volleyball & Basketball. Involved also in student council & National Honor Society; President for both.

Hobbies: Working on family farm, smiling & laughing with friends, boating in the summer and baking in the winter.

Favorite Classes at School: Art, College English & Advanced Bio Chemistry

Role model: My parents because they both continue to show me leadership & hardworking ethics every day.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years: I see myself engaged and just finishing up my Bachelor’s Degree in Exercise Science; starting a job as a Personal Trainer & Fitness Instructor.

Memorable moment or memory in youth group: Road trips to gatherings or mission trips. It is always a good time laughing & bonding with the youth group.

Why do you go to YPOGS: I enjoy the atmosphere and going deeper into my faith. My favorite thing is all of the fun trips and activities we do.

Faith statement: Never go through hard times in life alone; grow in your faith when it's hardest; reach out & talk to our wonderful God & you will be helped.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Jan. 4	Youth Group (5:30-7:30 pm)
Jan. 8	Worship & Youth Board Meeting
Jan. 11	Youth Group
Jan. 15	Worship & SS
*Jan. 18	Youth Group Service Event
*Jan. 22	Worship & Omelet Feed for FMSC
*Jan. 25	No Apologies Event @ Grace Church 5:45-8:00 PM
Jan. 29	Worship & SS
*Jan. 29	High School Seniors at Jenna’s house 5:30-7:30 PM

Service & Fellowship Central

- *Jan. 18** – Youth group will be going over to Cross Roads to play games with the elderly
- *Jan. 22** – Youth will host omelet feed; all proceeds will go towards Feed My Starving Children
- *Jan. 29** – Supper & going through “College Ready” Student Guide at Jenna’s House (High School Seniors only)

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2017 Summer Mission Trip: Please continue to be in prayer for the youth and leaders working hard to fundraise and plan for this amazing opportunity!

Monday F.U.E.L. (Faith Used in Everyday Life): Every Monday afternoon (starting January 9th) from 3:00-4:30 PM at Panaderia Mi Tierra. Jenna will pick up High School youth members interested after school at 3:00 PM across the street in front of the school. We will enjoy fresh doughnuts at a local bakery and spend some time in fellowship together. Parents can pick their kids up at St. Matthew at 4:30 PM or arrange other transportation.

Wednesday Night Youth

Come and join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Youth Room. We will eat great food, enjoy Christian fellowship and a time to share!

Worship & Sunday School:

Youth, we want to see you in worship on Sundays! Join us at 8:00am (Traditional) or 10:30am (Contemporary). Sunday School is on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the youth room. We hope to see you there!

No Apologies High School Event

What/Where: No Apologies: Promoting God's Plan for Purity; Live streaming at Grace Community Church

Who: Harris iii (Master Illusionist & Storyteller)

When: Wednesday January 25th

Time: 5:45-8:00 PM

Details: Church van will leave at 5:35 PM from St. Matthew. Parents can also drop kids off at 5:45 PM at Grace Church in Worthington. Pizza will be provided and we will LiveStream No Apologies on big screen TV.

Hy-Vee and Fareway Cards

The Youth are continually selling Hy-Vee and Fareway gift cards. The cards are sold dollar for dollar and our youth receive money for each card sold. These funds help support our ministry and upcoming mission trips. Our youth will be selling them on Sunday mornings (after early service, during coffee hour and before 2nd service). You can also stop in the church office during the week.

Jr. High (5th-8th Grade) Social Event:

Prayer & Play night: 5:30-8:00 PM in St. Matthew church basement. We will eat pizza, spend time in prayer and play lots of fun group games! Parents please plan to pick your child up at 8:00 PM.