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YOP MISSION: The goal of our student ministry is to reveal the truth to teenagers about God's love, equip them to have a Christ-like wisdom and offer themselves in service, in order to magnify God's holy name.

Hello Summer Time! Even though our youth have such busy summer schedules with jobs and ball games, I'm so proud of them. They take the time to share their love to others through their actions. Here are some opportunities:

PEPPY MEETING: June 1st after church: This is a mandatory meeting for Mission Trip kids and their parents.

PAINT THE CHURCH BASKETBALL COURT: Monday, June 2nd We are excited about this project. In addition to the court lines, we will be painting Bible verses! Meet at 6:00 p.m. I will have pizza for you!

MISSION TRIP: June 8-14th: Our Mission Trip is coming up soon! We thank you in advance for "praying us through". We ask for safe travels, healthy kids, faith-building opportunities and memorable moments as we serve at the Cheyenne Indian Reservation in South Dakota with Bible School, painting houses, cleaning up yards, worshiping and praying, listening, learning and putting smiles on these children's faces! We will bring home some pictures when we return.

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP: Thursday, June 19th - Leave church at **10:30 a.m.** We have the pleasure of helping put on a birthday party for the kids, playing games with them and filling 1,000 water balloons! These kids are soooo much in need of our love and most of them never get to celebrate their birthdays. So, what joy and fun we will have! We will meet up with others at Wendy's in York for a quick bite and then to travel to camp together. We have a lot of games to set up and other preparations to make for the birthday party. Remember the dress code: tennis shoes, fingertip length shorts, no tank tops or inappropriate T-shirts. We thank God for this camp and the opportunity these abused and neglected children have to step out of their unstable circumstances for a week to worship God and have a lot of fun. Parents:

Please let Kristi know if you can help drive. (We usually get home about midnight.) If you haven't ever been there, now is the time! I really am passionate about this organization and have seen how God uses the staff, counselors and volunteers to change the lives of 60+ children! There are many opportunities to serve there, such as making scrapbooks for each child, helping with fishing, crafts, decorating, baking birthday cakes, music, skits, bringing farm animals and more! If you are interested, please contact me and you can ride along with us. It will be an experience you will never forget!! Once you help, you are hooked!!

FUN DAY at LOVEWELL LAKE: We have tentative plans for a "Fun Day" at Lovewell Lake sometime in July. We are still looking for someone to share their boat with us to do some tubing. Parents: Do you have a Saturday or Sunday free to help drive kids to Lovewell? If you can help us out in that way, we'd have so much fun! We have not set a date yet, leaving you free to choose what works best with your summer schedule.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Friday July 25, Meet at Peace Church at **5:45 p.m.** Connie Eitzmann has invited our Youth to be a part of the Cancer Walk for the Thayer County Relay for Life at Thayer Central Track.

I sincerely thank all of you for your support to our Youth Group and the encouragement and prayers you have for us. I look forward to a year of serving Jesus by being His hands & feet. Blessings on your summer!!

Your Sister in Christ, Kristi Duensing