

**From the Heart of Youth Ministry**

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## Footprints Invites You to Join in Their Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection Project

The youth in Footprints have a heart for people in need, and have shown a lot of motivation to make things happen to help meet those needs. Recently the teens spent a Sunday afternoon going door-to-door throughout Orrville neighborhoods, asking for donations of non-perishable food items. Excited by the couple hundred items they collected by the end of our time, they were ready to get right back out and try to get more!

So in order to lengthen the project and make it more meaningful, we have decided to have one more door-to-door collection in October; then before Thanksgiving, we will assemble food baskets to hand deliver to families we have contacts with who have need for extra food. We'd like to ask everyone in the church to join us in this project by bringing in non-perishable items from now through November when we assemble baskets. (So as you are contributing items for the new-married couples' grocery showers, buy an extra can or two to throw in our box!). Thank you for supporting the passions of our young people, and helping families in our community!



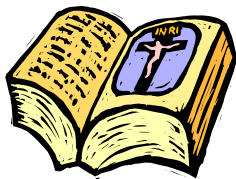
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### Recent and Upcoming Youth Ministry Birthdays

Send a card, write a note, and thank God for their lives!

- September 16—Alexander Seymour, BreakAway
- September 30—Rena Miller, staff
- October 1—Becca Snyder, Footprints
- October 4—Christopher Kalopodis, WINGS
- October 9—Jaida McCloud, WINGS



## New WINGS Bible Memory Focus Elicits "Shouts of Joy!"

This fall at WINGS we are beginning a more intentional approach to Bible Memory, in which we will focus weekly attention on one particular passage over the next four months, adding a new verse every two weeks and repeating and reviewing previous verses until all children have a chance to be successful at having a complete passage memorized. The passage we have chosen to focus on this fall is Psalm 100. So far children have been introduced to verses 1 & 2: "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs."



# “Well Done, Good and Faithful WINGS Servant!”

Although WINGS is specifically designed for children through grade 5, you will also find a few 6th, 7th, or 8th graders hanging out with the kids from time to time.

That is because of a program called “WINGS Faithful Servants,” (from Matthew 25:21) which allows middle school students, upon a positive recommendation from adult leaders, to apply to be a sort of apprentice or aide to the teen and adult group leaders at WINGS.

WINGS 6th grade helper Alyssa aids kindergartener Seif in writing a special message on his “wedding cake” for Isaac and Rebekah.



Potential applicants receive a packet that includes guidelines, a covenant to sign, an essay page, and a personal reference they must have a teacher or

other non-related adult fill out evaluating their leadership potential. The role of a WINGS Faithful Servant is to be committed to assisting adult leaders at WINGS by:

- Helping with activities
- Acting as a messenger/ errand runner as needed
- Interacting with the younger children as a positive, respectful role model.

## Why do you want to be a WINGS Faithful Servant? What qualities do you have that would make you a good leader and role model?

One of our newest admissions to the Faithful Servant program is 6th grader Alyssa Jolley. Here is her response to the above essay question:

*I want to be a WINGS Faithful Servant because I love kids, and it's a chance to be a good role model, to show them that they could be a WINGS Faithful Servant one day too! The qualities I have are I always get the A & B honor roll in school and last year I was picked for “student of the month” in October. The teachers pick the student of the month too. Technically it is just doing good in school and being nice. If you let me prove myself as a WINGS Faithful Servant, I won't let you down!*

And so far, Alyssa HAS proven herself, as each of the times that she has been a part of the younger children's group, the leaders have shared praises about the ways that she helped them and interacted positively with the children. Well done, Faithful Servant Alyssa!