



Student helpers at the TailGater!

Fun Fall Facts

Church Lunch has served over a 1500 meals this school year. Church lunch moms volunteer at least 55 hours each week. That's a weekly in kind gift of 1,220 dollars to the youth of our community!

Thursdays at the Gate is averaging 75 students each week . Dodge ball, ultimate Frisbee, spaghetti and making rice krispy treats continue to be favorites among the students.

Homework help session overflowed with students the day before grades were due ! 50 students graciously shared snacks and support while completing a multitude of assignments!

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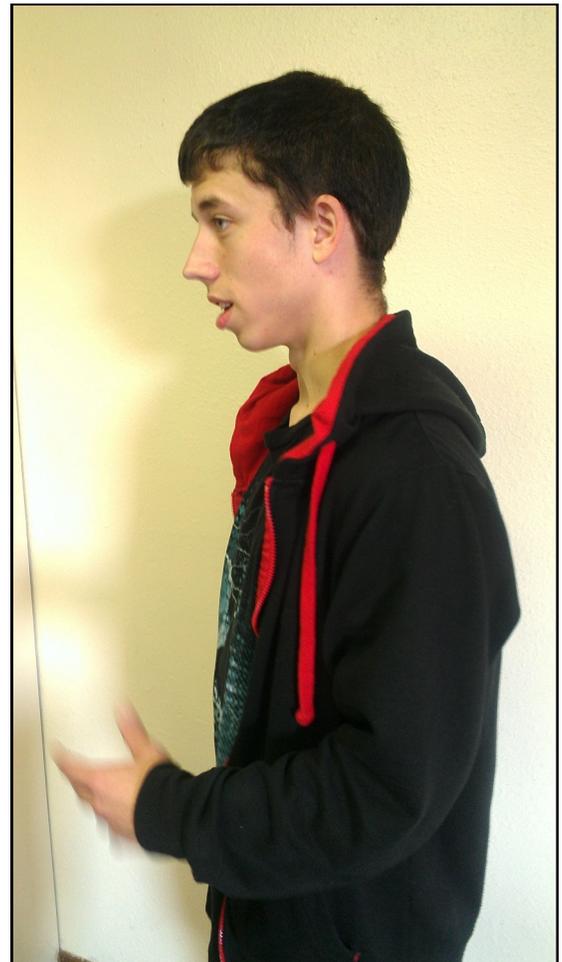
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WHY IS THE GATE HERE?

On the last Tuesday in September, 35 community members gathered for the first Monmouth-Independence Youth Forum hosted at Central Baptist Church and facilitated by The Gate Youth Association. Youth pastors, school teachers and administrators, Young Life staff, drug and alcohol prevention specialists, police personnel and probation officers, HALO staff and city managers were just some of the individuals who gathered together to share a meal and collaboratively voice common concerns, needs and hopes for the youth of our community.

One youth who helped prepare the lunch and was there serving it was Central High School senior, William McCoy, who is the president of The Gate Youth Leadership Team. William, who has been coming to Thursdays @ The Gate since moving to the M-I community three years ago, felt compelled to speak extemporaneously about what The Gate has meant to him personally. He poignantly expressed that to him The Gate and the opportunities he has had through Gate activities have been life changing. He has learned leadership skills and encountered many experiences to apply them. He has gained confidence in his communication skills. He recently spoke to the leadership of two large corporations about procuring corporate sponsorships for a youth leadership conference. He has helped write grants, organize events and do the work needed to accomplish intended outcomes. He concluded that he truly has matured in ways that would have been impossible for him without The Gate. William's story is one more testament to us that The Gate truly is a place where students are known and encouraged to learn and grow in a safe setting filled with Christ's unconditional love.





TAILGATER

Our local community enjoyed the second annual “TailGater” put on by The Gate before the first home foot ball game of the season. The event was our chance to say thanks to our community for their support of The Gate Youth Association. Everyone enjoyed delicious cheeseburgers, thanks to a generous donation from our local Dairy Queen. It was a great time sharing a meal (in the rain!) with local friends and supporters. It is because of the great community support, partnerships and collaborations, that the Gate Youth Association is able to provide youth with academic, social, recreational and spiritual opportunities and activities where they are known as individuals, encouraged to learn and grow and encounter Christ’s unconditional love. We are very grateful for your support!

CHURCH LUNCH MOTHER DAUGHTER DUO

Joy and Reba Hoffman have helped get Church Lunch off to a splendid start this year! This mother/daughter team brings with them both a heart for students and for service. Joy, a Church Lunch Mom for the past 5 years, can most often be found greeting students as they arrive. This year we have already had the pleasure of hearing her deliver an encouraging message to the approximately 150 students and staff from Central High School who join us for lunch. Reba, a sophomore at CHS, has volunteered to be our walking billboard. Every Tuesday, she proudly wears a t-shirt to school with that day’s menu item printed on it for all the students to see. This dynamic duo is an excellent example of the cross-generational ministry that occurs at The Gate. Joy and Reba live out the mission of The Gate by truly demonstrating Christ’s love to the youth of our community.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Gate Golf Scramble moved to a new course this year, Diamond Woods Golf Course in Monroe. Over 50 golfers participated and over \$7,500 was raised. The Gate would like to thank CUI and Dan Ford for their continued support and their sponsorship of the golf tournament. Thank you also to all the hole sponsors and prize donors who made the tourney possible. Look for the Save the Date for next year’s tournament.



THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 10, 2013

Today I have an opportunity to talk at “Church Lunch” to 150 teens that attend Central High School. I’m going to talk to them about the expectations that are put on them by their school, parents and last but not least the God of the universe. Sometimes our expectations are not met which can lead to disappointment and frustration. As we, The Gate Board of Directors, strive to communicate our goals and plans with the community, I hope that our expectations for the future are clear and if not, that you would feel free to call me (503-551-3589) and ask your questions. One of my greatest joys is serving youth through The Gate. Thank you for your partnership.

Ben Bobeda