

# REVOLUTION CLAYTON

Imagine. Believe. Change

**I**n the book *Life Wide Open: Unleashing the Power of a Passionate Life*, David Jeremiah says, "Passion is not cheap. But it is real; it is priceless. It may cost your life, but it will save your soul. Generations of believers, now passed from the earth, handed down the gospel so that you could hear it. Now it's your turn. You stand at the fork in the road- which way will you turn?" The student ministry is evolving into a Kingdom machine. The last couple of months, I have encountered more conversations with the students about ethics, Jesus, the Kingdom of God, and a passion to know Him and make Him known. These kids have a yearning and desire to pass the baton to the next generation. As I write, there are about 10 high school students who work with the children's ministry. Some have said they want to go into vocational ministry, while others said they want to do something overseas. Passion for Jesus is intoxicating.

A couple of students sat in my office pouring out their heart and tears because they want to touch a generation for Christ. Isn't this what student ministry is about? Personally, I cannot imagine anyone who fully understands what Christ has done yet doesn't have a powerful passion to pass on that gift to others. These students would rather fail at something they love than succeed at something they hate. They define success in terms of excitement, enthusiasm, adventure, and joy.

At the end of May, we developed a way for students to interact with one another by just hanging out and eating some good food. We call this "Freaks of Fellowship." We have an average of 20 students at these meetings. It just affirms that kids need a connection with each other. Healthy relationships are hopefully being formed that will impact the future of this ministry. Check out the schedule for a connection!

As you know, Lindsey and I have a new baby boy named Cash. I want to take the time to thank all of you for the food and gifts. Almost everyone in the church has bought or made something for this little guy. He is loved! You will never know the appreciation and love we have felt over the past month. We just wanted to thank Clayton Christian Church for everything over the past 3 years.

Also, I wanted to personally thank the leadership of Clayton. At the end of the fall of 2009, I will be done with my Masters of Divinity. The elders have pushed me to continue and have encouraged me through this process. I don't think I would have finished without their love and support.

Lastly, we have a lot of positions to fill on the student ministry team. The current team is creating a mission and vision statement with core values. As we do this, we are constantly seeking others to help us out.

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## STUDENT SERVICES

THESE ACTIVITIES ENGAGE STUDENTS IN AN AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS AND CHRIST

**The Monthly:**  
*The purpose of the monthly is to inform parents and students of what is happening in the student ministry.*



At the Poindexter's home from 6:30p.m.-8:30 p.m.

July 7th

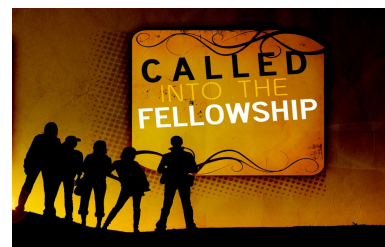
July 14

August 4

### Summer 2009

Wednesdays @ 11:15 a.m.

July 1	Wendy's
July 8	Taco Bell
July 15	Pizza Hut
August 5	Chick-fil-a



### FREAKS OF FELLOWSHIP

July 12	The Archer's	2 p.m.
July 19	The Black's	5 p.m.
August 2	The Kinman's	5 p.m.
August 9	The Archer's	2 p.m.

(Shannon continued)

The team will be hosting a student ministry team connection sometime at the end of the summer. If you are interested in getting involved, this is a meeting you will not want to miss. As the fall starts in a couple of months, the student ministry is looking at getting involved with a mission outreach program called the Andy's Project. I am currently in contact with the main director. I am really excited about this opportunity for students to do some local mission work in the city. Remember to check the calendar for the upcoming activities!

Fighting the battle with you,

Shannon

For full list of events and more information check out our website at [www.claytonchristian.org/youth/events.html](http://www.claytonchristian.org/youth/events.html)