



# WELCOME TO PENN FOREST



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## ARE YOU NEW TO PFWC?

We are glad that you are here and invite you to join us again next week at either our 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM worship service. We have an exceptional worship team, an amazing children’s ministry, an outstanding youth ministry, relevant preaching, and great people! Come check us out! Inside this newsletter you will find all sorts of information that will let you know a little bit about our church and what’s going on. We invite you to come and be a part. **PFWC is not a perfect church but we may be perfect for you!**

### Southwest Roanoke County Area Churches

**Prayer, Praise, (and no politics)**

**Sunday, October 16, 2016 @ 4 PM**

Community of Faith Church of the Brethren  
5343 Fallowater Ln - Roanoke,  
Phone: (540) 774-1816

**Sunday, November 8, 2016 @ 4 PM**

Penn Forest Worship Center  
3735 Chaparral Drive – Roanoke  
Phone: (540) 772-9482

fall 2016 sermon series  
september 11 – november 13

# WHY?

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People ask the question "Why?" everyday! The questioning process starts very young in life and continues throughout life. During this series we will attempt to answer some of these questions.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Why Does God allow Suffering? Dr. Mandy Atkinson will be addressing this issue.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** – Why do I not “feel” God’s presence or “hear” Him speaking to me?

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Why does the God of the Old Testament seem so mean?

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Why should I give?

## Schedule of Services

9:30 AM  
Blended

11:00 AM  
Contemporary

Sunday School connect & Grow Groups – 9:45 & 11 AM  
Midweek Wednesday – 6:30-7:40 PM

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



Did you know that you need to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program each year? Please make sure you are currently enrolled! This last quarter we received a check for \$ **527.69**. This brings our total from September 14, 2015 – June 24, 2016 to (*drum roll*) \$ **3,946.10** from Kroger. THANK YOU to the 31 families who have registered! It's making a difference!

### Prayer, Praise, (and no politics)

Join us as we gather together with other Southwest Roanoke County Area Churches as we join together in prayer. Our next one will be:

- Sunday, October 16, 2016 @ 4 PM at Community of Faith Church of the Brethren
- Sunday, November 8, 2016 @ 4 PM right here at PFWC.

These services last about 45 minutes and with our election coming up and all that is going on in America today, we need prayer!

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.*

## ATTEND **1** SERVE ONE

We have two Sunday Morning Worship Services and ministry happens during both services! Join others in attending one of the worship services while serving in the other.

## UPCOMING DATES



- 10/2 **E11**
- 10/9 **Epicenter** @ Fields of Faith
- 10/14 **KZ** Camp In
- 10/15 **Epicenter** @ Scaremare
- 10/28 **KZ** Greenridge Night
- 11/6 **E11**
- 11/11 **Friends in Fellowship**
- 11/12 **Kid's Bible Quiz**
- 11/19 **KZ** Grandin Road Parade  
**Epicenter** Dinner on the Run
- 11/29 **Epicenter** @ the Rescue Mission
- 12/2 **Epicenter** Ugly Sweater Party
- 12/4 **KZ** PJ's and Pancakes
- 12/4 **E11**
- 12/9 **KZ** Dress Rehearsal
- 12/11 **KZ** Christmas Program
- 12/18 **KZ** Caroling @ Emeritus
- 12/30-31 **Epicenter** @ Winterfest

### How Can I Make A Difference?

At Penn Forest we want you to be more than just a spectator. We want you on the team and in the game! Whether you are a five-year old child, a ninety-five-year-old grandmother, a busy mom, or a businessman with big responsibilities, we want you to be a part of our vibrant church community. At Penn Forest, we believe that every Member is a Minister. Here is how you can learn, serve, and grow at PFWC.

Take some time and go to <http://www.pfwc.net/serve/> to fill out the form so we can learn more about how you are interested in serving, and a member of our team will be in touch with you shortly so you can start making a difference!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Come on out and join us on Tuesday mornings at 6:00 AM. We meet at the Bojangles on Brambleton.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Laugh is for women of all ages to share the LOVE of Christ with each other. We will AFFIRM and encourage one another, as we take time to better UNDERSTAND the role God has given us as women. Then we will be able to GIVE advice, and HELP each other be Godly examples for our friends and families.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Paint Night (in lieu of 10/4)

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – Craft Night

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party

## MIDWEEK ADULT POWER-UP



Don't just drop your teens and children off! Lead by example and stay for our midweek Power-Up on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 6:30PM.

We will be going over the *What if's* in October and November then will be digging into the book of Mark in December!

## THURSDAY THOUGHT

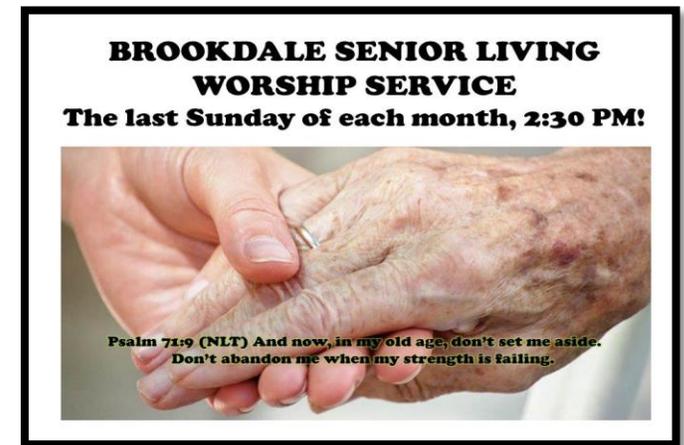


## Thursday Thought

by Pastor Myron D. Atkinson

Every Thursday there is a post on our website entitled "Thursday Thought." This is a short encouraging devotional that deals with a variety of topics. In order to find it, you may go to [www.pfwc.net](http://www.pfwc.net) and then go under media and click on Thursday Thought, or just follow this link: <http://www.pfwc.net/thursday-thought-blog/>.

## BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING SERVICE



Join us on the last Sunday of each month at 2:30 PM as we conduct worship at Brookdale Senior Living located next to Advance Auto on Brambleton. If you like the old hymns you need to come and help us on October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## JOIN US!



## CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS



Although the typical Christian university holds its expenses down so its cost to educate a student is less than it costs the typical state university, the tuition rate students are asked to pay at a state university is usually much less because much of the state university's expenses are paid with tax dollars.

However, thanks to grants and scholarships, the amount a student pays for tuition at a Christian university is often reduced to a level that makes attendance possible.

Through IWU's Church Matching Scholarship program, we match church scholarships dollar for dollar, up to \$1,500 per student, per year for Wesleyan denominational churches and up to \$1,000 per student, per year for all other churches. Last year this meant that \$560,000 contributed by churches was matched and became over \$1 million of financial aid!

The program provides an excellent way for churches to support their students and Indiana Wesleyan University as they each work to change the world for the sake of Christ. As churches give, it reminds their students that their congregation loves them and supports their decision to pursue a Christian education.

### **Giving**

You can give directly to IWU and designate the funds to go to your church's CMS account. The individuals would be gift-receipted for a donation to IWU and the dollars would go into your church's CMS account. The only restriction is that the parents of a dependent who is getting a CMS award are not allowed to give to this fund. The monies have to be from "detached and disinterested generosity." The donor cannot designate who the money is for; it would go into your church's CMS account, and the church's scholarship committee would designate how the

funds would be disbursed by the Award Application Forms that the church submits to IWU annually.

### **Dollars Multiplied**

As an individual donor, your gift could be doubled or tripled if you work for a company that has a matching gift program. Those corporate match dollars would also go to your church's CMS account. A donor who obtains such a matching gift can obtain a form from his or her personnel office and enclose it along with the donor's gift.

If an individual donor sent \$500 and included a company matching gift form, the \$500 could be doubled or tripled. That means \$1,000 or \$1,500 would be added to the church's CMS account without impacting the church's budget. **With those dollars being matched by IWU, an initial investment of \$500 has the potential to turn into \$3,000, without costing the church anything at all!**

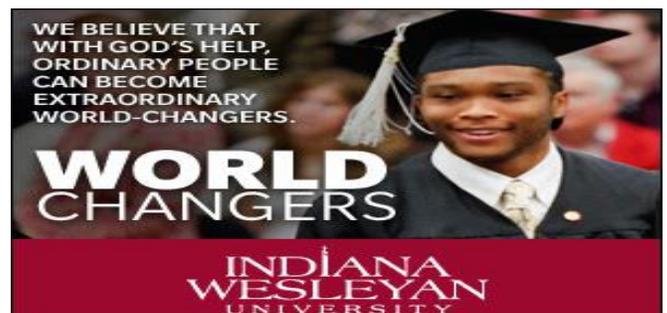
If you would like more information about Church Matching Scholarships and building your church's account, feel free to contact us at [churchrel@indwes.edu](mailto:churchrel@indwes.edu) or 765-677-2113.

### **Our Students**

We have several students attending IWU now and planning to attend in the next year. If you would like to invest in our young people's future, please give.

### **It's worth the investment.**

Did you know that 80% of students that grow up in our churches that go to secular universities leave their faith! It's worth it to spend a little more for a Christian education!



## SAVE THE DATE



Go to <http://www.lifechain.net/> for more details.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2016 (Time change day!)



- **What if** everyone who called PFWC their church home came to church on one Sunday? **195 people would be present** (includes those active and seldom active\*.)
  - **What if** the pastor didn't have to beg people to come to church?
- **What if** there were no special post cards, Facebook post, banners, etc. that were purchased? What if it was just a "normal" Sunday? (Because every Sunday is special at PFWC!) Think of the money that could be saved and used towards ministry in the community.
- **What if** everyone who called PFWC their home brought someone with them? **We would have 390 people (or more) here. Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God!**
- **What if** everyone who called PFWC their home tithed on that Sunday. **That would be \$6,145.19 of tithe.** This is taking the median income of Franklin County, Roanoke City,

Roanoke County, and Salem and then multiplying it by the total number of families in each area (total \$3,195,499.00). The tithe amount per year would be \$319,549.90 (divided by 52 = \$6145.19 weekly). Can you imagine the outreach that PFWC could do with \$100,000 more each year?

- **What if** everyone who called PFWC their church home stepped up to serve just 1 hour each week at the church or in the community? **That would be 195 hours a week** (11,700 minutes each week), and 10,140 hours a year (608,400 minutes). Could you imagine what we could accomplish and the number of lives that we could reach through ministry?
- **What if** everyone who called PFWC their church home plugged into a C.G. group? Think of the relationships that would be built, the team work that could be done, the accountable relationships that could be formed...
- **What if** everyone spent one hour a week praying?
- **What if** everyone spent 20 minutes a day reading their Bible?
- **What if** we put into practice everything we believe?
- **What if** we came expecting God's presence in the Worship service and we came prepared to worship HIM?
- **What if** we really believed Ephesians 3:20? (NLT) "Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."
- **What if... the possibilities are endless if we allow God to use us.**

Join us on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM or 11:00 AM. There will be no pancake breakfast prior to the service nor will there be a potluck dinner following the service, just our normal worship service where we glorify God. Come and join us!

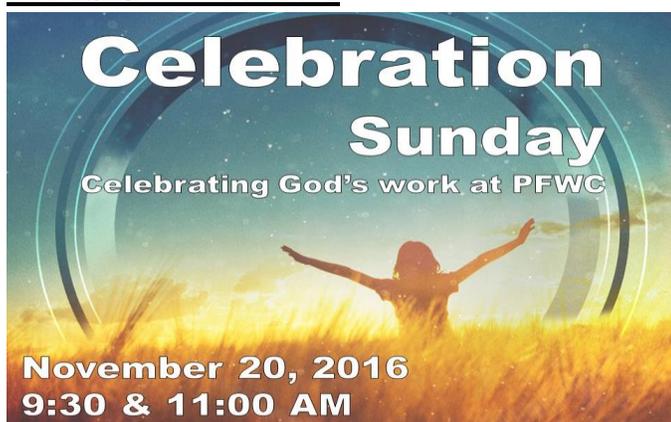
*\*Seldom Active means 2 – 3 times a year and they claim PFWC as their church home!*

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!

## LET'S CELEBRATE!



## CONNECT & GROW



C.G. stands for Connecting with each other and Growing in Christ. Our C.G. groups offer small classes each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. and at various other times. We offer classes for groups of all ages, with series subjects that change regularly. Classes are divided into adult, young adults, teens, and children. Go to: <http://www.pffc.net/groups/> for more information.

## ADULT MIDWEEK



**If** - That tiny two-letter word...is the hinge on the door of possibilities. Some of us are stuck in *if only*, living lives marked by regret. But God can turn your *if only* regrets into a *what if* attitude, a faith that looks forward to the future with holy confidence. There are 1,784 *ifs* in the Bible. The most significant? "If God is for us, who can be against us?" It's the game changer! God is always on our side—every day, in every way. Join us on Wednesday's in October at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for this study. Books may be ordered online. LifeWay has the best price on the paperback book for \$5.00 and Christian Book Distributors has the best price on the Participants guide at \$6.49.

## ONLINE GIVING



**I Can't wait for Sunday!**  
**Worship 9:30 & 11:00 AM**



**Psalm 122:1 (NLT)**  
**I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

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### KZ SUNDAY MORNINGS!

#### **KZ Connect and Grow Groups (9:45 AM)**

– We have age appropriate classes for everyone from toddlers to elementary age. PFWC KidZone is the place to dive into the word of God.

**Kid's Bible Quizzing** – PFWC is proud to have a fabulous Children's Bible Quizzing Team. The quiz team meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM and is open to all kids 2nd to 5th grade.

**KZ Worship (11:00 AM)** – This is worship for kids! Featuring upbeat & awesome music, games, and an interactive lessons, KZ Worship is for kids Pre-K to 5th grade

### KZ WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6pm for dinner and our midweek service starting at 6:30pm!

### OVERCOMING FEAR

#### **MONSTERS** Overcoming the Fear of Scary Things With God's Help



**WEDNESDAYS!**  
**OCTOBER 2016**  
**6:00-7:45 PM**

### CHILDRENS BIBLE QUIZZING



Isn't Bible quizzing just scripture memory and drills? In our third to fifth grade Children's Bible Quizzing Sunday School class children learn to read and study the Bible themselves. At PFWC, children are learning to find God's truths in scripture and apply His truths to our everyday lives. If you have a child in third, fourth, or fifth grade, bring them every Sunday at 9:45 AM!

### DONUTS!



## **Decorate a Donut!**

October 2 during 11 AM KZ Worship!

### FAMILY CAMP-IN



## **KZ Camp-in** **October 14th**

## GREENRIDGE RECREATION CENTER

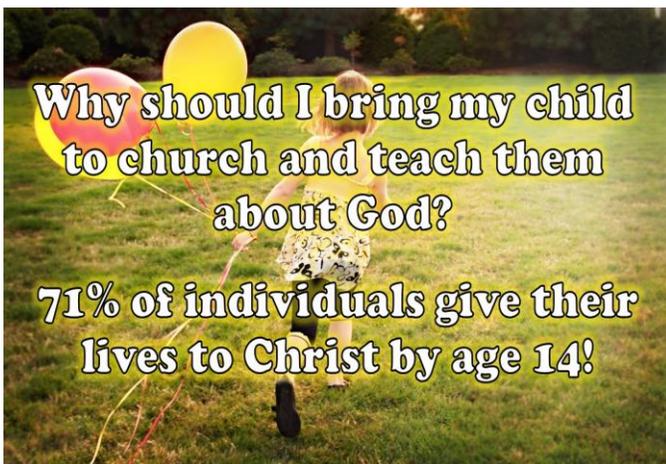


We will be meeting at Green Ridge at 5pm! Bring your family for a fun evening of swimming! \$5 per person. \$20 max per family!

SUNDAY 11/6

# Wacky Waffles

**November 6th**  
**During 11 AM KZ Worship**



## FRIENDS~in~FELLOWSHIP



## Friends in Fellowship November 11 6PM

Come on out for the last Friends in Fellowship of the year on November 11<sup>th</sup>! Friends in Fellowship is a great place to make friends and have fun with other kids who love Jesus! We have dinner, games, crafts and more! Mom and Dad get time to go out too! Friends in Fellowship is for ALL kids Pre-K to 5th grade!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the kids activities or want more details about Friends in Fellowship, see Fran and Rory Macgregor!

## CHILDREN'S PARADE



The annual Grandin Road Holiday Parade takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving every year! Come join us as we participate in the Children's Parade on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>! We will be meeting at 10am. The parade begins at 11am! The parade starts at Christ Lutheran Church at the corner of Grandin Road & Brandon Avenue and proceeds through Historic Grandin Village, ending at Mick or Mack (1312 Winborne St.).

SUNDAY 12/4

# Pancakes & PAJAMAS!

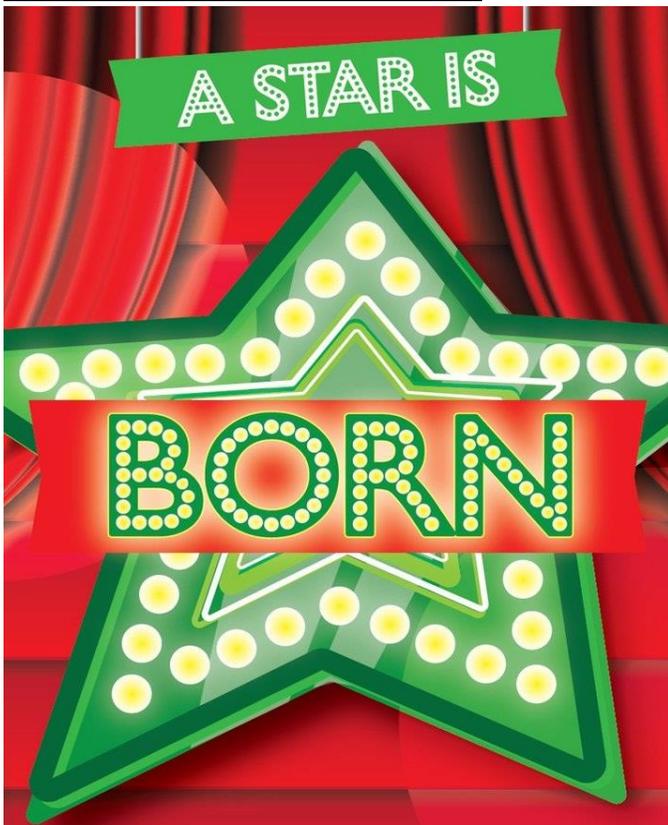
December 4th during KZ Worship



## DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress rehearsal for A Star is Born will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>! More details will be available at a later date. See Paul MacGregor if you have any questions!

## KZ - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Coming December 11th!  
KZ Christmas Program!

## CAROLING AT EMERITUS



On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will be eating a quick lunch after the 11am service then heading on over to Emeritus Nursing home to share some Christmas Carols with the residents. Come join us and help us spread God's love!

## ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas party for the whole family!

PFWC KidZone is for all children from Pre-K to 5th grade!

Our events are open to the whole family! ●  
● We hope to see you soon! ●●

Our purpose is to challenge children to be:

- Zealous for God
- Obedient to God
- Normal in an abnormal world
- Examples to everyone

### McNetts in Czech



Please pray for Rachel McNett. She met with her a neurologist and will be needing surgery. Please pray for wisdom and next steps.

### The V-Team in Central America



They are now officially out of language school and have moved to Nicaragua. They have requested prayer for their friends in Costa Rica. A volcano has erupted three times (with lots of ash, rock and gases). Please pray for health and wisdom. And pray for the people who live very close to this volcano.

### The Loves in Zimbabwe



Steve and Anthea have both recently had some health issues and Anthea had surgery. Please continue to pray for them and for Zimbabwe, if you watch the news you can see that things are not going smooth over there.

### LIFE MATTERS!



- 1. Pray!**
- 2. Register to vote!**

Let me start off by saying that I don't believe the answer to America's issues are found in any political party or candidate for president! The answer to America's problems are only found in Jesus Christ! With that being said, here we are at another presidential election and it seems that this election is more crucial than ever. Our courts have redefined marriage, attacked religious liberty on college campuses, threw out regulations on abortion clinics, and the list goes on. The next President will appoint Supreme Court Justices as well as other judges. It's imperative that we elect someone who will stand up for the constitution and for life. I myself am not a fan of any of the candidates running for election this year for president, but I do consider myself pretty much a 1 issue voter and that's on the issue of life. The Wesleyan Church has consistently taken a stand for life from the womb to the deathbed. We have stood against slavery, for women's rights, against human trafficking, and we stand against abortion. Life is valuable and should be protected! When we vote for someone who doesn't stand for life, then we are disregarding the pinnacle of God's creation. We are created in His image with value, worth, and a purpose. This November I'll be praying and I'll be voting for my most important value. I'll be voting for life!

**Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.***



## SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2016

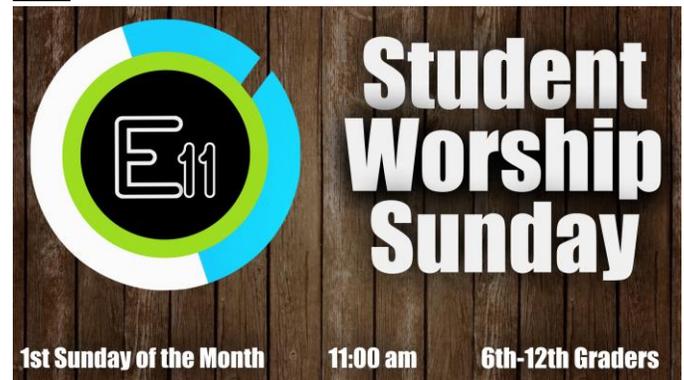


## QUIZZING

The long anticipated start of quiz season will commence this Wed night at 5:30pm. We will be meeting in the room opposite of the Kids Zone room (Myron's old office). This will be an introductory time so if parents or teens are interested please come by and see what is happening. This is such a dynamic ministry to disciple teens. Our focus this year will be digging into God's word through the book of Luke. Quizzing is a sport and, as such, does require some dedication to practice and quiz meets. The kids learn God's word, but they learn team work and dedication, too. There is a place on the team for everyone. We travel and fellowship, learn to lean on each other when times are tough, as well as celebrate when we reach our goals. Please consider getting your teens involved.

Oct 29 – Capital Invitational – Luke 1-10  
Nov 11-12 – Cypress Invitational - TBD  
Nov 18-19 – Tri- State Tournament – TBD  
Dec 3 – Blue Ridge Tournament – Luke 1-15

## E11



E11 is back! On the first Sunday of each month, we invite all 6th-12th grade students to a worship service designed specifically for them. We meet in the Epicenter Youth Room during the 11am service. We'll have Tacos and cake to celebrate Courtney's Birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>! These are incredible days your student won't want to miss

## FIELDS OF FAITH



Each year the Roanoke Valley chapter of FCA puts on this great event where students come together for fun, worship, and prayer! This year Fields of Faith will take place at Salem Stadium, in Salem. There will be a time of worship and testimonies and a message from former Harlem Globetrotter Seth Franco. We will plan to leave from the church at 5:30pm and return to the church by 8:30 pm. Students need to sign up by Wednesday October 5th, so that we can plan enough transportation. If you are interested in driving for this event please let me know asap. There will be concessions available for purchase, but there is no cost for admission to the event.

## SCAREMARE



Every Year Liberty University hosts Scaremare: the perfect intersection of the Gospel and getting scared out of your pants! It's a haunted house and even a gospel presentation at the end. We take students each year and it's a great time. We plan to leave the church about 5:15pm and return by 9:30pm. Tickets cost \$10 and there will be food available for purchase.

## DINNER ON THE RUN



Did you know we have some of the best cooks and bakers in Virginia right here at Penn Forest? Because of this we're taking students on a progressive dinner to visit some of our favorite cooks! At each house we'll have a different course of the meal! If you're interested in helping out see Pastor Darren! If you're a student save the date!

**Luke 9:23 (NIV)**

***Then He said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."***

## RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES 11/29



Every 5th Tuesday our students lead a service at the Roanoke Rescue Mission. If you're a student you need to join us. Students lead in worship, teaching, prayer, and reading of scripture. We meet at the church at 5:15pm and head over together. After the service we'll follow tradition and enjoy some Taco Bell together.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY!



What better way to celebrate the Birth of Christ than, an Ugly Sweater contest and some Dutch Blitz! If you're in 6th-12th grade you won't want to miss our Annual Ugly Sweater party on December 2nd.

## WINTERFEST



How do you avoid getting bored over Christmas Break? Winterfest 2016 is the answer! All day access to Ice Skating, Snowflex and all that the LU Campus has to offer, and concerts in the evenings. You won't want to miss it. Go to [pffc.net/youth](http://pffc.net/youth) for all the awesome details!