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Upcoming Dates

- * October 16 Leadership
- * November 13-15 Fall Weekend
- * November 20 Leadership
- * December 12 Christmas Party
- * December 14 All Area Club

Young Life Leadership

Leadership happens on the third Friday of the month. It starts at 6:00 pm and finishes around

8:00 pm. We're meeting at Beth & Grafton deButts' house (106 Duvall Ct, Leesburg, 20175).

Today I sit here in near darkness. Half the power in my house has been out for about an hour. This same thing happened a few weeks ago. I had the power company come out and they could find nothing wrong. I had an electrician come by and he could also find nothing wrong. By this time the power had returned throughout the house, so it was kind of like taking your car in because it always makes this noise, except for when you took it in. My loss of power was a mystery, and now it has returned once again. There has to be an explanation . . . I just cannot find someone who can figure it out for me.

I was thinking that in many ways this is similar to the kids we work with in Young Life. Many of them are disconnected to the Lord. They have so far grown up in an environment where God is not recognized, and where Jesus holds no relevance in their lives. They are running on half power, not in the fullness that comes through a relationship with Christ. It is that separation from God for which Jesus came to dwell among us, to die on the Easter cross, and to rise from the dead. This sacrifice is what allows us to be in relationship with our God.

This is the message we carry to kids who are still disconnected . . . still separated. Like me with my electrical problem, looking for someone who can give me answers, kids too are looking for answers. Deep down they know something isn't right. They know their lives are filled with emptiness, with a lack of purpose. As Young Life leaders, we can walk beside them, telling them about our Lord. And when they do connect with the Lord, we can be there to share that moment.

Just now the Virginia Power man told me he identified where the problem was happening, and that it was their problem to fix. What a relief to know that this mystery was finally solved. Spiritually we understand what that relief feels like, knowing that there really is an answer to the mysteries of life. Jesus.

Bob Updegrave

Event Idea

On March 30 we will be having a real live Clue Game in downtown Leesburg. This is something I came up with several years ago. Someone else somewhere else I am sure has also thought of this, but I'm not aware of it. We will have "suspects" located throughout downtown Leesburg . . in houses, on the street, in businesses. It's the usual suspects: Miss Scarlett, the street cleaner, the maid, Col. Mustard, and so on. Kids will be in groups, running around trying to find the suspects. They then get to make a couple "suggestions" with each suspect ("was it the butler in the kitchen with the knife out of jealousy"), before they run off to find another one. It's a foot race . . a game of deduction . . and it is fun. The suspects are all in character, some are difficult, some are just crazy. We give each team 30 minutes before they have to be back at our meeting place (this year: Leesburg Presbyterian). I'm always amazed that at least one team actually gets everything right when they make their "accusation".

Bob Updegrove

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