

## Shawnee Drive Congregation YAs

Submitted by **Pastor Kat Hnatyshyn**

When Shawnee Drive Young Adults get together there is usually one big theme in mind...MISSION! Mission isn't just a piece of the "Healthy Congregation Model", but it's the life that has kept this congregation going. Eight years ago, Shawnee Drive voted to close our doors. A week later, Laura, a young adult, stood up. As a brand new member, she made a plea to the congregation that there was still ministry to be done in the Kansas City, Kansas community. Our congregation did not close the doors, instead we made one last effort.

We decided to put on a Vacation Bible School. For one month every Wednesday members of the congregation came to help out for VBS. The first Wednesday one kid came with a friend. The second Wednesday they brought two more friends. By the



end of the month there were twelve! On that final Wednesday, the first kid asked, "What are we going to do next Wednesday?" The congregation hadn't thought about that, but took the leading of the Holy Spirit. We told him that if he came, we would have something. Thus began the *Rainbow Kids*.

This is our young adults' passion! *Rainbow Kids* is in its eighth year and is still going strong. The num-

## Upcoming Events and News

**2008 PEACE COLLOQUY** October 3-5  
Community of Christ HQ

- Free Registration - for first 25 YAs!
- YA activities every night
- Special YA Housing at Stone Church: \$10 for weekend
- Join CofChrist's stand for Peace
- Weekend of intl. keynotes and workshops
- 2008 Intl. Peace Award Ceremony October 3 · 7:30 p.m. Free!



*Sunday Night Lights* band in Salina, KS for a Youth Rally

bers vary each week, but we have reached around 200 different children in just the last two years alone! The little VBS we put on eight years ago has now turned into a week long VBS ending with our annual carnival. We give out school supplies (donated by the congregation) to the neighborhood kids.

Other annual events supported by the congregation and lead by young adults are an Annual Easter Egg Hunt, serving lunch to the homeless at the Central Avenue Center of Hope, *Rainbow Kids* Christmas Program, a talent show, community parades, and a Jr./Sr. High Worship, *Sunday Night Lights*, once a month.



At the car wash...

Two of our three pastors are young adults, Kat and Josh, as well as our children's pastor, Laura. We organize social activities, games, family nights, and random get-togethers. But to us young adults, nothing compares to the service we provide to these kids. We know now why our doors remained open. We have found purpose and passion in Mission as we respond to the call of Jesus. If you feel called to Mission...join us!

### Go To A YA Retreat

**Samish Island · Bow, WA**  
September 19-21  
"Finding Giftedness and Calling"  
Guest Ministry: Erica Nye  
Info: Sean Langdon  
[seanlangdon@gmail.com](mailto:seanlangdon@gmail.com)

**Camp Bountiful · Jackson, OH**  
October 24-26  
"Young Adults: Bringing Fresh Vision"  
Guest ministry: Apostle Ron Harmon & Erica Nye  
Info: Blair White  
[bwhite@cofchrist.org](mailto:bwhite@cofchrist.org)

**Blue Water · Lexington, MI**  
November 14-16  
Guest ministry: Pres. 70 John Wight  
Info: Sarah Allen  
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YA Ministry Google Group



- Meet other YAs interested in YA ministry
- Share activity and worship ideas



Young Adult Koinonia Podcast

- Subscribe!
- YA reporters
- Faith & life topics
- Intl. perspectives
- Join the YAK pack reporters and creative team

YA Emerging Leaders Survey

- What's your opinion about CofChrist YA leadership development?
- Let's hear it!



## EmergenceNow.org

Notice our **NEW Community of Christ YA Emergence web address.**

**YA Event Suggested Guest Ministers List**

**Connection Point:** Check out YA groups all over. Add yours: Contact **Erica**

**Contact Info: Campus ministries · YA ministers · Leaders**

**Special YA Interview:** Meet Sarah from *Koinonia*, CofChrist Peace Award Winner

**Upcoming Events & YA Retreats**