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LEADER HIGHLIGHT

**SINKING HIS TEETH IN**



Like every teenage guy on planet earth Cody Gunhus has a strong affinity for Rob Dyrdek, red meat, and Modern Warfare 3. But there is also something different about Cody. Is it the fact that in just a few short months he has become one of the coolest 8th grade small group leaders in history? Nay, it's the fact that at ripe old age of 17 he understands that the best adult leaders don't worry about "cool" as much as they do about "care." Pastor Rory Eldridge told The Paper that each Wednesday night Cody fills his car with eighth grade students from Seattle Christian School and makes a 45 minute trek from Sea-Tac to OCC. Eldridge says, "Cody's actions demonstrate that he REALLY REALLY cares." Way to go Cody!!!

**MEET JACOB**

WHO is Jacob Alowishus Mariano? He is a husband. He is a father. And he is Student Ministries BRAND NEW worship leader. Jacob, his wife Jessica, their two children, and baby in the oven will make their way to the great northwest this January. We caught up with Jacob and asked him what one thing he most looks forward to at Overlake? He said, "That's easy, getting to know students!"



**TEAM EMMA**



In a strange turn of events Emma Bauman has become the new leading lady for the Twilight franchise. Last July talent scouts recruited Emma for the role of Bella as previous leading lady Kristen Stewart caught a rare form of the bubonic plague. Emma says she's excited about the opportunity to act alongside Robert & Taylor, but mostly she's excited about having her own trailer on the set.

**MULLET MADNESS**

It just keeps growing AND growing AND growing! Will the madness ever end? "Not for a while," says Pastor Pat. The business in the front, party in the back hairstyle has been all the rage inside the student room this past year and there seems to be no end in sight. When asked why he thinks the hairdo reached legendary status Pat said, "Credit needs to go to the founding fathers of the modern mullet... Joe Dirt & Billy Ray Cyrus."



**FORUM FOCUS**

It's back... "Guy Girl Talk." In week one of this two weeks series guys will break into a group to discuss man stuff while the gals break into a group for some focused chic chat. Week two everything is flipped as the male pastorate speaks to the ladies and our female leaders talk to the guys.



**FLIPSIDE & 56**

What do you get when you mix a cup of love with a tablespoon of joy and a few dashes peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control? You get one amazing FRUITCAKE!!! Join us in November as we look at the fruits of the Spirit from an entirely new angle.

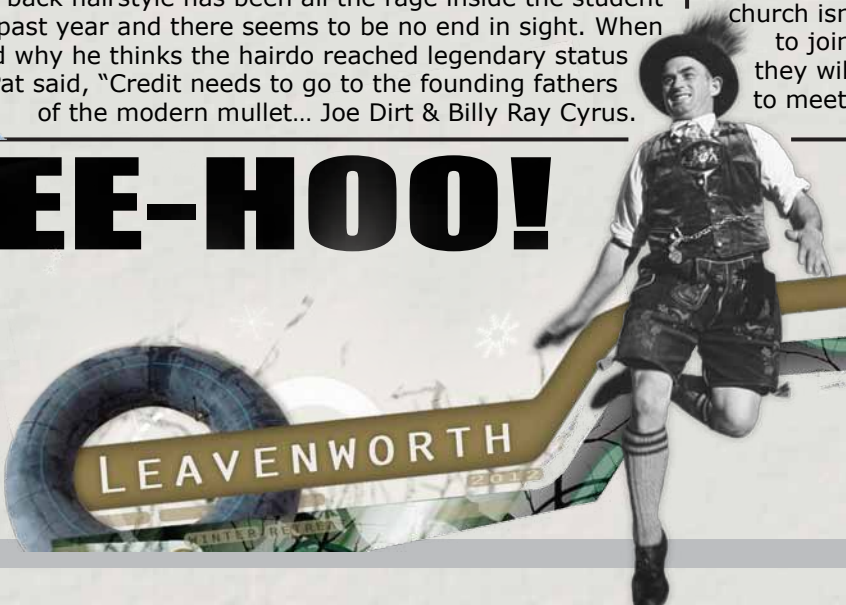


**REAL PURPOSE**

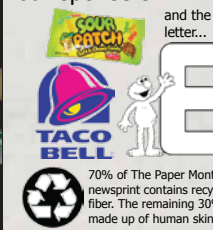
For eons Student Ministries has been known for hosting events that pack the house. And on November 18th we aim to do that again as we host two epic events on one night: Laser Tag (5-9 grade) and Capture the Flag (9-12 grade). HOWEVER... "packing the house" is not the purpose of either event. The REAL PURPOSE is to act as a front door to the MAIN EVENT which comes two days later. What is the main event? The main event is "Homecoming Sunday." This is a Sunday specifically designed to connect with your non-Christian friend and present to them the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ. So what's your role? It's simple, invite your non-Christian friend to Laser Tag or Capture the Flag. And after they come and see that church isn't boring, invite them to join us on Sunday where they will have the opportunity to meet Jesus!

**YO-DA-LAY-HEE-HOO!**

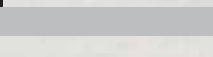
From the makers of A Very Pirate Wenatchee, Boot Camp, and Houseboats 2011, comes... LEAVENWORTH 2012! This Jesus centered, action packed, life changing weekend is coming up this February 10th-12th. Plans including the likes of a finless dolphin, a giant gummi bear, and a very hairy bratwurst are already in the works to make this the most memorable Leavenworth to date. The cost is only \$99 (junior high) \$109 (high school) and the memories you will make will be priceless. So grab some friends, a toothbrush, and your zebra print Snuggie and join the rest of Student Ministries this winter in the Bavarian Wonderland of Leavenworth. Register online: occ.org/sm



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# GROW TOOLS



## Memorization of the Month

**"FTWOGIAAA. STAD-ES, IPETDSAS, JAM; IJTAAOTH."**

-Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

Above is the first letter of each word. Look up the verse and read it a couple times. Then try to say it from memory using the first letters as a reminder. Once you got it... put the paper down and try reciting it without the letters.

## TOOLBOX

This page is your toolbox. Inside are tools to help you to grow on your own. The section to your left is a proven method in memorizing scripture. On the bottom you'll find our reading plan. Pastors and Student Leaders follow this plan every month, and we'd encourage you to join. Immediately below is the Blueprint. This section is an overview of how to use S.O.A.P. And S.O.A.P is the most important article in the entire paper! It's a "how-to" for devotions with God. It's a technique that teaches us how to understand scripture and how to pray.



## SUNDAYS

**56**  
FIFTY-SIX

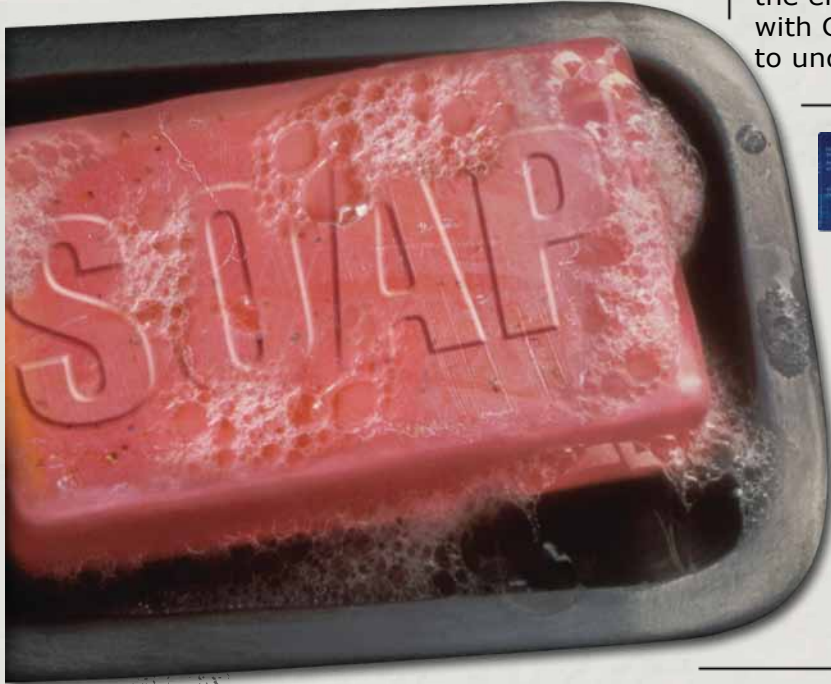
**FIFTY-SIX**  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders:  
This service has been designed to get you actively involved in God's love, His Word, and what it means to follow Jesus. WARNING: You'll most likely leave a little sweaty.  
Gym @ 9:20 & 11am

**FLIPSIDE**  
Junior High sized people: You're invited every Sunday to a service that's anything but civilized. It's loud, proud and something adults don't quite get. (We think it's the free breakfast) Come hear how Jesus flipped the world upside-down.  
Student Room @ 9:20am

**FORUM**  
This is the service where you have a voice. It's basically a conversation for high schoolers who don't like to be preached at, but have real questions they'd like real answers to. Oh yeah... and there's free food.  
Student Room @ 11am

## BLUEPRINT

Here is an overview of S.O.A.P: The "S" stands for SCRIPTURE. Simply select a passage or verse and ask this question: "What am I reading?" Step number two is "O", which means to OBSERVE. Basically... read slow and ask the question "What do I see?" Look for what stands out to you... and then write it down! Next is the "A", or APPLY. Here we begin to make sense of our observations by answering the question, "What are the timeless truths?" And then we apply those truths to our lives. Finally there is "P", which means to PRAY. Basically... take some time and "talk with God."



**APPLY**// In the third step of S.O.A.P we begin to make sense of our observations by identifying the timeless truths and then practically applying those truths to our lives.

First we need to identify the **TIMELESS TRUTHS**. These are biblical principles tucked away within the words of scripture that still apply to us today. Because time, customs, situation, language, and hairstyles have changed since scripture was first written, we need to interpret or rediscover the principles behind the passage. For example, most of us don't wear a robe, carry a staff, and watch sheep all day. Therefore we do not directly understand what it's like to be a shepherd. However, we can understand the meaning or principles behind serving like a shepherd. And those are the principles or "timeless truths" we're to apply today.

Now keep in mind, we're not looking for what you or I think the principle of a passage should be! We're searching for what God originally intended when the words were first written. We do not create meaning out of the text. Instead, we seek to find the meaning that is already there. Below are THREE C's that help us to rediscover these truths.

1) **CONTEXT**: What did the passage mean to the original audience? To answer this question we must take into account the entire context of the passage, the "before" and "after." If you're studying a specific verse, then it's important to also read the entire chapter surrounding that verse. This will give you a bird's-eye view of what's really going on. A verse isolated from its context can often be taken to mean something it was never intended to mean. This is known as taking scripture out of context. But a verse read in context will help us discover the original meaning of the passage.

2) **CULTURE**: What are the differences between the biblical audience and us? Cultural practices and historical conditions influence what writers write. Often a more thorough understanding of ancient customs, geographical locations, and surrounding circumstances give us insight to what the writer is saying. You can find this information in study Bibles and commentaries. By understanding cultural differences, we begin to see similarities as well. These differences and similarities provide the framework for us to identify timeless truths.

3) **COMPARISON**: Is the principle you've identified from the passage in alignment with the rest of Scripture? The Bible is one cohesive document that does not contradict itself. In fact, it often repeats themes and principles throughout its entirety. So compare and consider how the rest of scripture can give meaning to the particular passage you're study-

If the principle you've pulled out of the passage is kept in context, relevant in all cultures, and lines up with the rest of scripture... chances are you've rediscovered a timeless truth!

Now comes the actual **APPLICATION**. Take the rediscovered truth and scan your life to see if there's an area for which this principle is needed. Is there an example to follow, a command to obey, a sin to avoid, a promise to claim? If so, apply it! This is obviously easier said than done. But this is the whole point of Bible study. It's more than obtaining knowledge. It's life change, to become more like Christ. Otherwise we're completely missing the point. So ask God for strength, develop a practical plan of application, and then practice, practice, practice these timeless truths in your personal life.

## CALENDAR

**GROUPLIFE**  
For better or worse, life happens. We just think it's better to do life together! Life Groups gather weekly to learn from God's Word, sing songs to Jesus, pray together, and talk about what life as a teenager is really all about. This where you come to grow. This is the backbone of our ministry.  
Wednesdays @ 7pm // Student Room



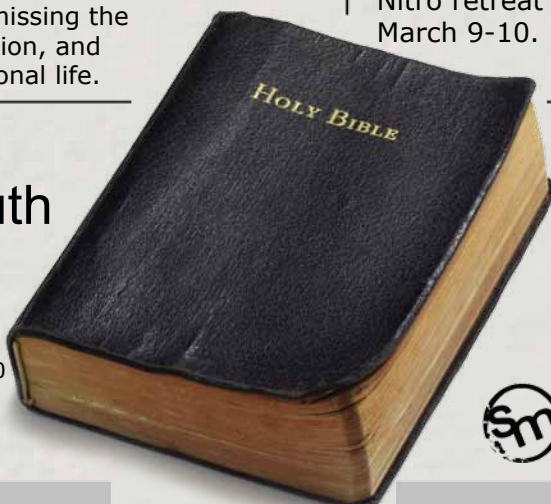
**1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAY**  
This is the Life Group program for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. It happens every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
Lobby Room 3 @ 7pm

**RETREATS**  
Our junior high & high school retreat happens February 10-12.  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Nitro retreat is March 9-10.



## READING PLAN: Hebrews, James & Ruth

- ☐ Day1 Heb 7:1-28    ☐ Day7 Heb 10:19-39    ☐ Day13 Church    ☐ Day19 James 2:14-26    ☐ Day25 James 5:1-19
- ☐ Day2 Heb 8:1-13    ☐ Day8 Heb 11:1-16    ☐ Day14 Heb 13:1-25    ☐ Day20 Church    ☐ Day26 James 5:7-12
- ☐ Day3 Heb 9:1-10    ☐ Day9 Heb 11:17-40    ☐ Day15 James 1:1-11    ☐ Day21 James 3:1-12    ☐ Day27 Church
- ☐ Day4 Heb 9:11-28    ☐ Day10 Heb 12:1-2    ☐ Day16 James 1:12-18    ☐ Day22 James 3:13-18    ☐ Day28 James 5:13-20
- ☐ Day5 Heb 10:1-18    ☐ Day11 Heb 12:3-17    ☐ Day17 James 1:19-27    ☐ Day23 James 4:1-12    ☐ Day29 Ruth 1:1-22
- ☐ Day6 Church    ☐ Day12 Heb 12:18-29    ☐ Day18 James 2:1-13    ☐ Day24 James 4:13-17    ☐ Day30 Ruth 2:1-23



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