



SENIOR MISSION TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

EARLIER THIS MONTH, Carlisle Christian Academy's senior class traveled for its annual senior mission trip to the New York School of Urban Ministry (NYSUM). This year's group included Kyle Emler, Peter Fisher, Michael Guise, Samantha Killinger and Justin Reeder along with Mr. and Mrs. Lattin as chaperones. This year's trip was memorable for many reasons.

First, on Sunday night, while we were playing a game and watching TV, we heard that Osama Bin Laden had been killed. Big news – but it had so much more of an impact on our group because we were right there in the city that was so terrorized on 9/11. Together we experienced one of those “we’ll always remember where we were when...” moments.

Secondly, it was memorable because of the fellowship time. This trip was a great chance for the students to grow closer to each other, see each other in a different environment and build deep bonds. In this type of ministry, sometimes you find yourself out of your comfort zone. We also visited Ground Zero where we stood and faced the events of the past ten years.

And finally, the trip was memorable because of the different ministries we were a part of and the growing and stretching moments the students experienced. The students were involved in homeless ministry, which is usually the most stretching time.

We pulled up to a block in the city at 10 pm, got out of the van and then started talking with the homeless and handing out sandwiches, blankets, etc. Talking with them was the most important part of that time. Yes, it was important to meet their immediate needs by providing sandwiches, but our goal was to plant seeds of a spiritual nature to last far beyond the sandwich. We took the time to talk and pray with them. As in past years, the students walked into this experience very apprehensively, yet walked out excited



and feeling like they accomplished something for God's kingdom.

The students also had an opportunity to lead an adult service where some led worship and others shared some testimonies. After the service the students prayed for anyone who wanted prayer. The students then fed the people they ministered to earlier. This was a very hands-on and practical ministry, again feeding people in need – spiritually and physically.

Lastly, our students also led a kids' ministry. This was a fun time of playing with the students and loving on them. The kids at the facility loved having our students visit and said they would never forget us. Our students were amazing during this time, interacting with the kids and sharing God's love with them.

We had an awesome time on this trip and the seniors had a tremendous ministry impact. I know our seniors were used by God in many awesome ways. Thank you everyone for your prayers and support while we were away!

SCHOOL CHOICE

SENATE BILL 1 continues to be a topic of conversation and political news. Mrs. Leibundgut just attended a meeting regarding this bill in order to keep informed of the latest developments.

To read recent news about the Pennsylvania school choice issue, please visit www.paschoolchoice.org. You can also go to www.legis.state.pa.us and enter SB1 in the keyword search.



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SPRING CALENDAR

- MAY** 13-14: "Nifty Fifties" Musical at 7 pm
18: 5th Grade Shadow Day
21: May Mayhem Basketball Tournament
21: Junior/Senior Formal at Allenberry
27: Field Day and picnic lunch
30: Memorial Day – no school
- JUNE** 2: Last Day – awards program at 8 am
3: Graduation – ceremony at 7 pm
6: Camp Crusader Begins

NEW BOARD MEMBER

CCA WELCOMES new board member, Dyan McAlister. Dyan lives in Carlisle with her husband of eleven years and three sons. Her twins, Noah and Cole, are in third grade and Braeden is in first grade.

Dyan works part-time at Presbyterian Senior Living as Director of External Reporting. She also assists with the accounting needs of several non-profit organizations. We are excited to have her as a part of the CCA Board.

To contact the board at any time, please send an email to mstuckey@carlislechristian.org.

PASSOVER SEDER

THE THIRD, fourth, and fifth grade students experienced "Passover Seder" at Huntsdale Church of the Brethren on Thursday, April 7th. Pastor Jan Custer explained that the meal is called "seder" which means "order" as in the order of service. The boys and girls got to eat matzah ball soup, maror (bitter herbs), charoses, dinner and dessert. They also learned why the Jews celebrate this particular Jewish tradition.

During the April 20th junior/senior high chapel, these students also discussed and experienced elements of the Jewish Passover Seder meal. Mrs. Kitchen shared how this event was full of symbolism. When Jesus shared this last meal with his disciples, it created

a "new Passover" tradition we call Communion. Students had the opportunity to observe the different foods served on the Passover plate and learn about their significance. One interesting food is the lamb shank. At the Last Supper, the only disciple that did not consume the lamb was Judas.

In keeping with Jewish tradition, the oldest person in chapel had the honor of hiding (in a tomb) the afikomen (the pierced and striped leaven-free

{sin-free} bread {of life} which was wrapped in white linen). At the end of the meal, the youngest person in chapel looked for and "ransomed" the pure "body of Christ." Students listened to part of the "Maggid" or telling of the Exodus story and prayed a prayer in Hebrew. Our Passover meal was followed by the sharing of Communion using matzah, as Jesus did.



Passover Meal