



## Youth Group News

Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped with the Cocoa Cabin!!! The first weekend was a riotous success! It is amazing how much fudge and cookies those Christmas tree shoppers can eat! We can always use more treats if you would like to drop any off in the church kitchen for this weekend. Come out this Saturday and Sunday for a great family Christmas tree hunt. (Remember, you never get to stop with the first tree you like, there is always a better one on the other side of the hill.....!)

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our soldiers. Those packages are on their way now! If you would like to send more gifts yourself let me know and I will get the website to you. There is a note that they love getting beanie babies to give to the local children. Finally! A place to send those bags and bags of beanie babies!!!

We will have regular Youth Group this month on December 7th and the 21st. On the 14th please join us for Cocoa Carols and Chili instead of Youth Group.

Thank you everyone for your support of our Youth Group activities throughout the year. We survive and grow because of the wonderful support we receive. Whether you have made a dessert, volunteered your time, donated money, hired our mission trip crew, or have done any of the unspoken chores over at the Family Life Center, you have lifted us up.

Our youth have collected for the food bank, sent food to Haiti, carved pumpkins for the care center, raised money for disasters, sent gifts to soldiers and books to prisoners and shelters. We have a strong base of youth who couldn't imagine missing the opportunity to serve on a sweltering hot mission trip each year and we have even a larger group of dedicated youth who very seldom miss the chance to get together each week for Youth Group.

We live in a land of opportunity.... the opportunity to serve...the opportunity to give... the opportunity to love... and, above all, we have the opportunity each day to see God's hand at work.

Christmas Blessings!

***Get Involved...Be Inspired!***

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**Merry Christmas!**

