



Please Note

AYM's Fundraising Concert has been postponed until 2008. Please watch for the new date in a future issue of *The Seed*.

Community Day November 10, 2007

Carson Pirie Scott Circle Centre

Community Day allows customers to give back to their communities by purchasing coupon booklets, good toward store merchandise. With 100% of booklet sales benefiting AYM, shopping has never been so rewarding!

Coupon booklets are \$5 and 100% of each booklet sold by AYM will go to AYM programs.

Step 1

Buy valuable coupon booklets for just \$5 each, good toward great merchandise at Carson Pirie Scott or other Bon-Ton family of stores. The booklet contains various coupons, including a coupon for \$10 off of a purchase that day!

Step 2

Shop the One Day Community Day Sale on **November 10th** and use your coupons for sensational styles at great prices.

To get your coupon booklet to participate in this exclusive event, please contact AYM at (317) 635-4151 x207.

Let the Games Begin

We have a real need for PlayStation 2 games, specifically NFL, NBA, NBA "Streets", college football and basketball. Providing these games for AYM will help draw kids in while keeping operating costs down. Call Becky at 635-4151 x208 for more information.

Wise and Innocent

In Matthew 10:16 Christians are admonished to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Genesis 3:1 says, "The serpent is more crafty than any beast." Romans 16:19 tells us that Christians are to be, "wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil." God's instruction is clear. We are to work out God's plan for us in the wisest fashion possible without any selfish or ulterior motive.

That is a challenge to the Church universal today. Every Christian is to be about ministry in the most effective ways possible. Unfortunately for the church on earth we allow history to dictate how we do ministry. In changing times and circumstances, history can be a guide but only the Bible is to be rule and norm for the Kingdom work.

Many of you know I intend to retire in June of 2008. AYM is exploring a new way to reach greater efficiencies that will lead to increased effectiveness. I am excited about the prospects for ministry going forward: Wise – to make the most of our resources; innocent – mission driven for ministry.

Please pray for the kids to continue to receive God's love and the AYM Board and staff to be spirit led to God's plan for the future. - Bob

Transitioning Into the Future

Each year Area Youth Ministry reaches 1,500 Indianapolis inner-city teens with Gospel and life-skills messages and training and enables thousands of young people to see Christ, many of them for the first time, and to understand there can be a better future that excludes drugs, gangs and crime.

We want to tell you about two future developments concerning the ministry and inform you about our financial shortfall.

1. We believe God is calling us to expand the reach of our programming. We are actively seeking to partner with another Christian-based non-profit organization that would provide us with greater resources and capabilities to help with Kingdom-building initiatives. We hope to have a non-profit partner identified by the 4th quarter of this year.
2. Executive Director Bob Blazek has helped position AYM as a vital part of Christian youth outreach in Indianapolis during his 32-plus years with the ministry. Bob plans to retire in June 2008. Our staff, volunteers and board plan to further the efforts he has nurtured and fostered during his long and effective tenure with AYM.

Over the years, AYM has struggled financially. We have always found ways to make adjustments but we have to admit our current financial situation is a big challenge. In the mid-term, donations have fallen short of projections leaving us with a \$50,000 loss for the first seven months of 2007. We know Bob's retirement may threaten a portion of our donor base.

Would you consider giving a special financial gift so we can balance our
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Christmas is Coming!

AYM's Annual Christmas Party for the kids we serve will be on Friday, December 14, 2007. Please feel free to call Becky, AYM's Center Director, at 635-4151 x208 for more information on gift ideas or volunteer opportunities. You can also view the list of gift suggestions on AYM's website at www.areayouthministry.org.

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Changed Lives

During the overnight trip to White Oaks Cabin during the Adventure Challenge program, Walter had a life-changing experience. AYM's Tuesday Tate led the group of young people in a Bible study program that night. She began to use her spiritual gift of prophesy for a few kids that were in the room, with Walter being one of them. Unknown to Minister Tate, Walter's mother relies on the use of a wheelchair. As Minister Tate began to talk, she told Walter that his mother is going to be fine and he should not worry about her. He began to have tears run down his eyes and became emotional. After the Bible study, Walter told his mentor, AYM's Rodney Anderson, that he did not know God speaks to people like that. He felt so special that God cared enough about him to share this message with him. He was amazed at how Minister Tate knew about the condition of his mother. Since that experience, Walter continues to go to his church faithfully and has not worried about his mother as much anymore. Now he has peace.

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Sun Shines on D for D

Yes, sometimes the Lord smiles on playing golf, even on a workday. We had a beautiful day Friday, September 14th for Driving for Dreams. This shared event organized by the Sycamore Foundation was used by ten non-profits to raise much needed funds to serve youth and their families. The event ran flawlessly thanks to the Sycamore Foundation and the volunteers from the Save It Now staff.



AYM would like to thank our sponsors who added to the success of the day: Ambassador Solutions, Real Mechanical, Construction Planning and Management, National City Bank, DesignPlan, KECO Industrial Coatings, CIB Bank and 1 Stop Marketing.

It was a wonderful afternoon of golf and a huge benefit to the kids served by AYM.

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budget by the end of the year and remain an attractive ministry partner option – one that is debt free? More specifically, would you please consider a special gift at this time so we can reach more Indianapolis teens with the Gospel now and in the future?

As always, your prayers are needed as we seek God's guidance concerning our overall situation. As members of the AYM board's Transition Team we thank you for supporting AYM. Together all of us are making ourselves available so Christ can touch Indianapolis' inner-city young people.

In Christ's name,

Kyle Allen Mark Bowell
Steve Minton Morris Wildey



A youth plays bingo with a resident of the B & B Christian Home during an Adventure Challenge service trip.

Adventure Challenge is AYM's summertime program consisting of day-trips or adventures for inner-city teenagers. During the summer of 2007, 79 youth participated in 11 trips. Some of the destinations included the IMAX, Indianapolis Museum of Art, IUPUI, the Creation Museum, Indy Parks, B & B Christian Home, YMCA at the Athenaeum, and an overnight experience to Patoka Lake.