**VALLEY YOUTH WORKERS NETWORK MEETING**

**APRIL 14, 2015**

Opening Prayer

Introductions.

Those present: Guest Speaker - Juliana Taimoorazy of the Iraqi Christian Relief Fund. Jaclyn Walters, Josh Bullard, Bobbyjon Bauman, Martareisa Fiala, Shane Hetherington, Sharon VanFossan, and Janice Whitaker

Jaclyn gave an update on the **Secret Keeper Girl Event** for moms and daughters. The program is geared to reach girls 8 through 12 years of age. The date is April 28. Doors open at 5:30 and starts at 6:00 p.m. Donations for pizza are still needed. At this time they have 200 moms and daughters registered. Please call Jaclyn at (304) 479-9378 or text jaclyn6@gmail.com. The program is free of charge.

**Juliana Taimoorazy** gave a short presentation and testimony of the persecutions of her people, the Assyrians, throughout the centuries and to the present persecutions of Christians in the Middle East.

Shane gave an update on the Edison **FCA.** The clubs meets Tuesday mornings from (7:20-7:40) and is going very well. Also Indian Creek on Monday mornings (7:00-7:15), and Big Red, Wednesdays (7:30-8:00 every other Wednesday). Kids who would like to attend FCA Camps this summer need to contact their FCA leader. More information on camps to be announced.

**Reggie Dabbs** spoke at the Sonshine Bible Club in Steubenville on March 30th. An article was published in the newspaper with pictures from the event. Judy Manfred has provided three catered meals for special events. The Bible classes, songs and memorization of Scripture are going very well. The kids are learning the Books of the Bible and Ten Commandments as well.

 **iServe Day at Urban Mission** is May 2nd from 9:00-3:00 P.M. Some of the churches participating are Crossroads, Starkdale, Toronto Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran, the Leo Club from Harding Middle School and the Fishers Council. Free pizza lunch will be provided. The location is at the Urban Mission. Students should be in Grades 5th - 12th.

**The Catalyst Ministry** Group is doing well. The target age is 18-35. Amanda Miller is the contact person for Catalyst. They had a wonderful trivia night event at Findley UMC last Saturday night. You can reach them on Facebook by typing in Catalyst in the search box.

An update **Victory In Da Ville** sponsored by Brentwood United Methodist was given by Martariesa Fiala. Flyers are available showing performing groups. The event is Saturday June 27th. It is an all-day musical ministry. Performers are by local artists. The event is free and will be held at Brentwood UM Church, 148 Stephens St. in Wintersville. Contact number is (740)264-4531.

There is no update from Toby Doyle on the car repair ministry.

The **All Valley Youth Rally at Crossroads is May 17th at 6:00 P.M.** Contact Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman if you have a group that would like to perform. The following churches will provide refreshments.

* Starkdale Presbyterian – drinks
* Grace Lutheran – cookies
* Brentwood Methodist– paper goods
* Crossroads Christian – pizza

The **FCA Kick-off** with Maurice Clarett (Ohio State running back) is scheduled for September 13th. FCA Groups are Edison, Indian Creek, Big Red and Weir High.

 **“Apple A Day” Urban Mission.** “Apple a Day” is a FREE program promoting Youth and Family Wellness (the program will run from the end of May through September.) Some activities include Mommy and Me Zumba, Community Kitchen family cooking class, city-wide day of play, and many other events. For more information on **how you can partner with the 2015 Youth & Family Wellness Initiative** contact numbers are: Cynthia Smith (740)282-8010, csmith@urbanmission.org; [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org).

The **Fisher’s Council Children’s Fair** is now scheduled for May 16th. Please consider having an information table. Please contact Mary Beth Sills at 740-283-6000 ext.4002 if you would like to participate. Detailed information to follow.

The following information has corrected Phone contacts for Jacky and Marcy of the Sister Services.

**Sister Services of Fisher’s Counsel.** Marcy Evans and Jacky Hines gave an amazing testimony of a woman Pastor Bobbyjon referred to the Sister Services for help. Her situation was dire, the young girl needed immediate help. Because of our awareness through the Valley Youth Network of the services they provide. The woman and family were immediately connected to the right organizations. The help was immediate and very successful. The Sister’s Service goal is to “mine the gap” for displaced women and other family needs. If there is a need, they are willing to share resources. Marcy can be contacted at (740) 632-2113. Email is marcyjoevans@gmail.com. You can reach Jacky Hines at (740) 381-6354.

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The **All Valley Youth Rally with Reggie** Dabbs was very successful. There were two TV interviews with Reggie, one with Bobbyjon Bauman. He spoke to over 5000 children and adults during his three-day visit. There was also a huge Sunday evening Youth Rally event at Starkdale church with several local church groups performing. The stomp dance was really neat and they will be performing again at the Hometown Days.

Martariesa Fiala has set up a **new web site for the Valley Youth Network**. With meeting dates for VYN, photos, etc. The web site is ­­­­­­­­­<http://valleyyouthworkersnetwork.weebly.com/> If you have more pictures or event information, please send to Martariesa at riesa\_2919@yahoo.com.

The **Hometown Day and Dean Martin big event** in Steubenville is June 20th. Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman was asked to provide music for 4 hours with local performers. So far the Crossroads Youth Praise Team, The Allegheny Angels, Leah Bowman, The PULSE stomp dance teams, Frankie Russell, Elisha Fletcher, Rachel Duckworth, Teresa Kropka, Broken Arrow, The “Second Baptist Angelic Sounds” Youth Choir and possibly a few others.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4th, at 6:30 P.M.

Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman closed with prayer