

# Youth News & Notes

## WELCOME TO OUR YOUTH PAGE!

*Below you will find information about what we have going on this month.*

**Give me a call if you have any questions.**

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*Loquillo Beach, Puerto Rico*

*Photo taken by Hayden Andre,  
9th Grader at Churchill*

## September Youth Schedule

- Sept. 5** High School Youth Group Starts!!  
6-8:00 PM including dinner
- Sept. 8** JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sept. 12** Sunday School Begins!! 9:15-10:15  
**Jr. High** in the Conference Rm  
**High School** in the Youth Rm  
High School Youth Group — 6-8:00
- Sept. 15** Jr. High Youth Group — 6:30-8:30
- Sept. 19** Puerto Rico Appreciation Breakfast  
High School Youth Group 6-8:00 PM
- Sept 22** Jr. High Youth Group — 6:30-8:30
- Sept. 26** High School—SNL at St. Mark's  
Leave St. Thomas at 5:15
- Sept. 27** Jr. High Youth Group — 6:30 - 8:30

### Note:

\***JR. HIGH** is meeting on Wednesdays  
6:30-8:30 PM *including snacks*

\***HIGH SCHOOL** is meeting on Sundays  
6:00-8:00PM *including dinner*

Two Years In.....

On September 1st, I will have been the Youth Minister at St. Thomas for two full years. I am so thankful for everyone's support for myself, my family and the St. Thomas Youth Program. It has been great to see the Lord at work in this community and I continue to be amazed at the generosity of both parents and parishioners alike.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you a few thoughts about this Fall.

The Fall semester is full steam ahead! That includes our Youth Groups, Sunday Schools, Bible Studies, and other programs at St. Thomas. If you're a parent of a middle or high schooler, I know you haven't really had much of a Summer break, just a different schedule of camps, sports trainings, trips, etc.

This Fall, I wonder what our lives would look like if we focused on those things that are truly most important to in the midst of the hectic Fall schedule? Is that possible? How would it impact your daily schedule? How would it impact your relationship with your family?

This Fall, I encourage you to think about what matters most to you and how to incorporate that into your daily walk?

For me, I'm challenging myself to spend more time with Wendy and Jocelyn, exercise more often, tithe consistently and to take more personal time for renewal. As Father Chuck is on Sabatical, I believe that it is equally important for us to reflect and act upon those things that can help us grow closer to the Lord.

If you would like to have coffee or just sit down and talk about these ideas, please give me a call 210-255-0006.

The Lord's Peace,

*Spencer*