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Youth Ministry

Ron Anderson, the Youth Pastor at East Side Christian Church was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on December 10. He has worked with the youth for 35 years.



Ron said that young people want to make a difference. A girl from church, Kelsey, went to Africa and was there when the Ebola crisis hit. She was in quarantine with her mother for 30 days when she returned.

Some girls ran 500 miles in three months to raise

\$8000 to put up a home in El Salvador. Some boys raised \$2000 for a church in India. They sold some of their video games and did other work to raise the money. The youth also sent coats and socks to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

In 2011 Ron went to Joplin Missouri after a tornado there leveled the town. He went for a week. When he returned, he took 25 youth and 9 sponsors there to work. At first they paid to stay at a church that was a resource center. Here they just worked in the storehouse, distributing supplies, food, and clothing.

Then they moved to Ozark Christian College where they could stay for free and have breakfast. The Government was paying for volunteer orders. The church was collecting the money for volunteer orders, but the College let the students turn the work orders back to the city.

When operating out of the College, the students helped people in Durlane, Missouri clean up

debris. They would also pray with the people. It got up to 105 degrees, but they worked sun up to sun down. The Red Cross drove around town with sandwiches and drinks for the workers.

On the last day the youth were tired, but they did one more house, 10 miles outside of Joplin. It was the farm house of an elderly lady with two sons. They had a large barn and two smaller barns that were destroyed. They were told they needed a loader to move the junk about a block to the junk pile. Instead, the youth moved all the junk by hand. They sang "Green Acres" all day. The family gave each of the youth a farm hat.

Ron called Sutherlands Lumber yard and they donated lumber for shed for the family. He took some adults down a week later to build the shed.

Many people in Joplin did not rebuild, so many yards are bigger now.

The church now has a trailer with supplies to take to emergencies in the future.

They have 30-40 youth active now. Only 3 of them are active church people. Ron calls the others un-church youth who just want to be involved. A few un-church youth got involved and brought many more.

They recently had a Scrooge Night to collect food for the shelters in town. Someone also donated \$100.

Meeting Minutes

Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on December 10 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, Dale Willenborg, Jim Clausen, and Dee Gutttau provided jokes. Judy Gutttau won the 50/50. Bob Abbott was selected for the attendance award, but she did not collect.

Kevin Underwood celebrated his birthday.

For bragging rights, Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund because he won the football pool again. Bill Vorthmann contributed because

his daughter had a baby boy this morning, Brock Wyatt. Gary Gutttau contributed to recognize Treynor boys and girls basketball victories over Underwood. Kirk Vorthmann contributed because he completed harvesting yesterday.

Cardinal Core will meet tomorrow at 3:00 at Zion church.

The Red Cross contributed gloves for the can kennel.

Calendar

- Dec 14 - Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.
- Dec 28 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 11 Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.
- Jan 25 – Can Kennel sorting, After Prom, 1:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood (recognized)
- Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

The regional Optimist meeting will be February 18 in Council Bluffs.

Membership dues are due. \$75 for members and \$44.20 for lifetime members.

Two Carol Burnett show DVDs were auctioned for \$3.50 each.

There were 15 members and 2 guests at the meeting. .

Anniversaries

- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Speakers

Programs

- Dec - Chuck Nielsen