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Starting The Year Off Right!!

The new year started off with our youth minister, Nate Michel, graduating from the seminary with a master's degree. The idea was for Nate to be a part-time youth minister and go to school at the same time. But he was a full-time youth minister and a full-time student and a full-time parent at the same time. Upon graduating Nate was made full-time at the church and we had a celebration to kick it off. We are all so proud of him.



On January 18 – 20th we went to Chattanooga, Tennessee to Conclave, a conference for youth ministers. We go every



year because it keeps us on the cutting edge of youth ministry. This year was a little different because our youth minister, Nate

Michel, was asked to do one of the breakout sessions. We always come back excited for what we've learned and can't wait to put it into our programs.



February 11 was a Super Bowl party. A lot of the students don't care about the game but they love the Fellowship, the game room, and the extra activities. Any student who wants to be involved can get a team and make their own commercial from props put in a paper bag. At half time we show all of the commercials and the students vote on which one they like the best. This year we also had the Taco Bell Olympics doing half time. Everyone had such a great time and it was a pretty good game also.

On Wednesdays, Nate and I go to Destrahan high school with Next Gen. We have a little message for the students about life and give them a slice of pizza for the lunch. We go to two lunches and we have been running over one hundred at each lunch. We are excited about what God is doing there. Keep praying for us.



Nate & Sara Michel!!

Nate is the youth minister at our church. The thinking was to hire Nate part-time and the rest of his time could be spent on getting his education knocked out. But if you've ever been a youth minister, you'll



know that the only thing part-time about youth ministry is the pay. This

was not a job to Nate, it was his ministry. Since I work side-by-side with Nate I would see what he would do. When you work with youth, there is always something that you have to take care of whether it be counseling, getting involved in family situations, teaching a musical instrument to some student who wants to be in the youth band, meeting with a parent, or just spending time with youth. But Nate would always find time for the youth.

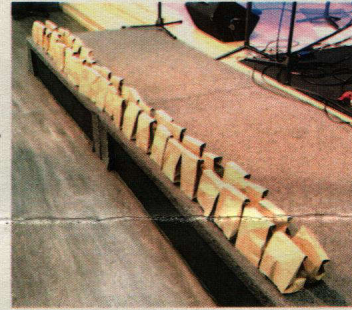
I should also mention that Nate has the perfect wife for him. His ministry is their ministry and they complement each other beautifully. If you spend any time with them it becomes very obvious that they are doing what God has called them to do. They both love it and it never seems burdensome.

When Nate graduated the church made him full-time. Actually, he already was full-time but now it was full-time pay. The church gave him a celebration and everyone came out to express their appreciation.

Super Bowl Party!!

The Super Bowl is an interesting event because most of the students could care less about the game unless the Saints were playing. This year we did have an advantage of having Taylor Swift in the audience so a lot of the girls were interested. But it doesn't matter because the students love to get together, eat, and play in the game room.

A few years back Nate came up with this idea of making commercials since they are so important in the game. We put products in bags that the students select and their team has to make a commercial about it. We are not thrilled about the halftime show so we play the commercials doing the halftime and the students vote on which one they like the best.



This year we also did the Taco Bell Olympics. Nate bought some Taco Bell food that they used for different Olympic events. Even though burritos were flying through the air and landing on the ground everything we bought was eaten.

This is a great time for the students to bring their friends to join in with all the fun. Nate also gives a devotional which gives the students something spiritual to think about and shows their friends that we think about God. We had a great time so much that if Taylor Swift knew about what was going on she might have rather been at our party

Columbia Mission Trip!!



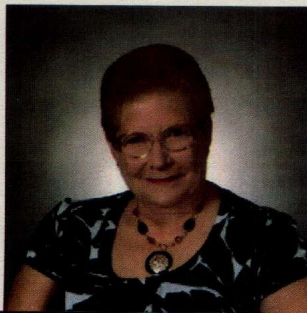
Something that is very exciting is that we are taking some of our students to Columbia for a mission trip. We leave May 24 and come back June 3. When I was with Campus Crusade for Christ I used to take mis-

sion trips overseas every summer. It is so amazing what that experience does to young people when they have an opportunity to see another part of the world how people in that part live. It gives you a whole different perspective of the grace of God.

If you would like to help, I have to raise the cost of my trip which is \$3700. You can make your check out to Be One Together and mail it to me. If you are unable to help financially you can help by praying for me and the trip and that the trip will have a spiritual impact on these youth. Thank you so very much.

Janice Carvajal!!

My brother's wife, Janice Carvajal, went home to be with Jesus on February 25, 2024. The funeral was February 28 at Pine Ridge Methodist Church in Kentwood. My nephew, Rev. Jacob Williams helped in the service. Please pray for my brother as he grieves his loss.



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