



## Weekly Up2Date 03.24.19

### Last Sunday:

*Senior High & Junior High:* This Sunday, we got to hear from four of the team members who recently traveled to Germany - Natalie Maher, Nikki Madachik, Nancy Gillentine, and Monique Hurre. They shared as a panel about their experience in Germany. They answered questions about why they decided to go on the trip, what the day-to-day schedule was like, and how living on mission was possible despite not being allowed to share the gospel verbally during the day camp. In addition, they talked about how Natalie was able to go on the trip as a high-schooler and the sacrifices she had to make for that to happen. We finished by having the team answer questions from the teens and leaders about favorite foods, challenges, and other experiences.

This Sunday was also the Sovine baby gender reveal party! If you missed it, you can find the video by Roger Smith [HERE](#) "Wow! We don't even have the words to express how loved we felt on Sunday night. What an amazing celebration of life and what an honor to celebrate with the youth leaders, teens, family, and friends! Complete with pink and blue snacks (shout out to Amber Ratta, Steve Mueller, and Lauren Berrey!) photographers/videographers (courtesy of Tom Weber, Axel Mueller, and Roger Smith!) and lots of confetti, it was an incredible time! We want to especially thank Lori Wilkinson and Len for all the planning they did to make this so special!" - Justin and Kendra Sovine



### This Sunday:

*Senior High & Junior High:* This week we will be kicking off a new series called *His Story, My Story*. This series will be centered around the gospel. We will be combined this week to begin the series and then the Junior High and Senior High will separate for the remainder of the series.

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### Prayer:

**Praise:** The Sovine's are having a baby boy.

**Request:** For this Sunday as we kick off our new series about sharing our faith with those around us.

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### STTA (Something To Think About):

"We need a joy that will not only rejoice in all things, but rejoice evermore." – A.B. Simpson

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### Opportunities:

**Food Sign-Ups for Sunday Nights:** 2 more spots still available through the end of April, and the May dates have been added. You can sign-up by clicking [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Amber Ratta at 330-351-7331 or email her at [amberratta@icloud.com](mailto:amberratta@icloud.com).

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## Dates To Be Aware Of:

March 31	Reality 139
April 6	Renew the City
April 7	No Reality 139 due to Renew the City
April 14	Reality 139
April 21	Easter Sunday No Realty 139
April 27	Teen's doing Art Work w/ Kristy to be auctioned off at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.
April 28	Reality 139
April 29	Next Parent Connect Meeting from 7-8:30pm in the HUB.
May 5	Reality 139
May 12	Reality 139
May 19	Reality 139
May 26	Graduation Sunday
	No Youth Group due to Wadsworth Graduation & Memorial Day Weekend
July 7-14	Life Conference for our current 8-12th graders

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## March Resources (Last Week For These Resources):

**Learning to See What God Sees** - "It can be scary raising children because you want them to turn out well. You know the stakes, and you hope your kids are among the 'good ones.' But you also see every imperfection. For Christians it's even more intense because, admittedly, we have other standards as well, caring about things like faith, prayer, and thirst for God and His word. It's not enough that our kids aren't into drugs. We won't be happy unless they're also into Jesus." If you can relate, you are certainly not alone! In this article, Gary Thomas uses Paul's writing to the Romans as an example of how we can practice seeing the goodness that God sees in our children even in the midst of imperfections. It is full of encouragement for any of us (all of us!) who can grow in extending grace. Use the link [HERE](#) to read the full article.

**Monthly Music Video:** "God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love, Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward son. And by your spirit breathe upon them, show the world that you alone can save - you alone can save. As we call out to dry bones come alive, come alive. We call out to dead hearts come alive, come alive." We are welcomed into the family of the living God - and he is constantly bringing what is dead back to life! Check out the full song, *Come Alive (Dry Bones)* featuring Lauren Daigle on our [Facebook](#) page. *(The purpose of WMVs is to expose teens and parents to some artists they may not be familiar with, offer a music option that teens would listen to with a positive message, and use as a resource to start discussions at home.)*

**March's Parent Page:** When teens "face decisions they tend to default to what they do ask vs. what they should ask. It goes like this. . . 'What will this get me now?' vs. 'How will this effect me for the rest of my life?' They default to feelings and emotions (being 'authentic' to one's self) vs. rationally thinking through the decision and its consequences. They tend to seek out sensations rather than wisdom. And they tend to default to immediate vs. delayed gratification." In March's Parent Page, Walt Mueller offers three decision-making principles to help our teens make good decisions now and in the future. March's Parent Page is now available and attached to your email.

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## Additional Ways To Stay Connected

**Texting Service Sign-up:** To sign up for this service to receive reminders and special announcements, text the keyword to the group(s) that you want to join to 31996. **JH Parent= fwjr parent, JH Teen= fwjr student, SH Parent= fwsr parent, and SH Teen= fwsr student.**

**More Forms of Communication:** You can follow us on social media by clicking the images on the right.

