

# **History of SIYMN**

- 1995-2008

**Daniel Dye founded the South Iredell Youth Ministry Network in 1995 to network youth ministries together to positively affect teens and our community.**

## **\* Bible Clubs**

The SIYMN has been involved in student led Bible clubs in the public schools since 1996. We joined First Priority, which since then has gone from Carolina Youth Commission to Youth Commission International. Through YCI we partner with schools and have SIYMN representatives in every middle and high school club in the South Iredell region.

## **\*Sunday Nitro**

The SIYMN networked local churches together for six events from 1995 thru ??????????????. These events were called Sunday Nitro and were designed to network teens of all denominational backgrounds. Sunday Nitro was held at First Baptist Church of Mooresville and averaged 300 teens in attendance.

## **\*See You At The Pole Rallies**

From 1995 to 2004 SIYMN held See You At The Pole rallies to aid and encourage teens as they geared up for this nationwide student led event.

## **\*After Prom Events**

Several years ago, SIYMN noticed a need for an after prom alternative. We began small, renting the Catawba Queen for a night cruise on Lake Norman, where food and fun were readily available. From there we doubled our efforts, moving to the Lowes YMCA in 2006 and 2007 and to Club FX in 2008. We have had as many as 125 students participate in this event which is well over 25% of all students attending the Mooresville prom.

Our Partners in these events have included:

Participating area network churches

Lowes YMCA

Mooreville High School

Mooreville Community Pregnancy Center

Club FX

2003-2005 Catawba Queen

2006-2007 Lowes YMCA

2008 Club FX

## **\*Xtreme Community Makeovers**

As a network SIYMN has done three Xtreme Community Makeovers in Mooreville.

On ?????? of 2005 after a great deal of planning and collaboration with the Town of Mooreville the SIYMN set their sights on the Mill Hill in downtown Mooreville. Thirteen churches came together for this event bringing in well over 300 teens. Porches were built, houses painted, and trash hauled off for a combined total of 54 houses in one day.

Then on November 26, 2006 the SIYMN went back into the Mill Village. This time teens raked leaves for residents who could not do it for themselves. The teens were able to rake 46 yards in just a half day of work.

Finally on April 14, 2007 the teens of the SIYMN again revisited residents of the mill village to wash windows and haul off trash. We were able to clean the windows of ???? houses.

## **\*SIYMN Office**

Over the past year we have opened and operated an office in downtown Mooreville. This office housed our conference room for networking and planning as well as a resource library for youth pastors and volunteers. We also had work space available for youth ministers to use as a get away from the routine.

## **\*Fuzion Teen Center**

**We are currently exploring the idea of opening a teen center in Mooreville.**

**Our vision for this venture is as follows:**

To provide a **safe environment** that would become the **central social hub** for teenagers in the South Iredell region where they could **develop socially** and **explore faith** in a comfortable and inviting atmosphere through **strategic programming** and **positive semi-structured activities**.

Fuzion Teen Center will provide the following services and activities to teens

Mini Arcade, Game Room, Internet Café, Restaurant, Afterschool Programming, Recording Studio, Open Mic night, Concert Venue, Tutoring, Parent Seminars, Basketball, Office Space, Exercise Programming, Multi-Media room, Lock-ins, Counseling, Guitar Lessons, After Prom Parties, After Football Game Socials, See You At The Pole Rallies, School Assemblies/Recognitions/Services, YCI Club Networking, Individual Church Usage (after hours and Sundays)

### **\*SIYMN Core Values**

- **The Bible to be the infallible Word of God and that it is His holy and inspired Word, our supreme and final authority.**
- **In one God, eternal and existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
- **Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He led a sinless life, taught us love for God and others, took on Himself all our sins, died and rose again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father as our mediator and advocate.**
- **That all people everywhere are separated from God by their sin. The penalty of sin is death. Christ has died in our place and offers forgiveness, grace and mercy through His blood to all who put trust and faith in Him.**
- **That Christ rose from the dead and is coming again.**
- **In holy Christian living, and that we must have concern for the hurts and social needs of others.**
- **We must dedicate ourselves daily to the service of our Lord and to His authority over our lives.**
- **In using every modern means of communication available to us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the southern region of Iredell county and surrounding areas.**