

2007 Leaders

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Lisa James and Wanda Benson stepped down in January but no one has come forward to be the leaders. A committee is working together to keep the youth work moving forward.

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Powhatan is a member of the Cape Fear Youth Fellowship. Youth fellowship organizations are sponsored by the District Woman's Auxiliaries. Powhatan's Woman Aux. president is Ann Narron. The Cape Fear President is Jane Parker of Hopewell and the Vice President is Wanda Johnson of Palmer Memorial. The State President is Joan Little with Carolyn Jernigan as the current State Vice-president.

The State Youth Director is Martha Parsons of the Cape Fear. The Missions Director is Scott Lane of the Western District.

Powhatan has been recognized at the annual Youth convention in May as an outstanding state youth group with an **Elizabeth Hansley Award** since the program began in 2000.

Powhatan has a Youth Committee composed of various leaders who work with the young people. The committee chairs are the Youth Directors and members are the age group assistants, the secretary, and treasurer. This committee works with the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Manual of Methods of the Woman's Auxiliary lists seven primary duties of a Youth Committee.

- 1) Lead youth to the church and instill a devotion to the church of which they are members, encouraging regular attendance, proportionate giving, and unstinted service.
- 2) Call for life commitments to Christ.
- 3) Promote summer activities such as Cragmont.
- 4) Encourage competitive expression in the Spring Talent Explosion or other formats each year.
- 5) Sponsor attendance at youth assemblies on the district & state level.
- 6) Plan study courses for young people.
- 7) See that adequate literature is provided by the church for the youth.

Age groups=Cherubs (birth to 8), AFCs (9-12) and YFAs (13 thru 19)



---Brochure updated July 2007---

Powhatan

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Some of our 2006 MOC Youth Convention boys in the t-shirts they purchased.

Jeremiah 1:7

But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Summary of Activities

The Cape Fear Youth Fellowship traditionally holds rallies on the first Saturday of most months at 6 p.m. Different churches host the rallies and help provide programs for the meeting (speakers, singers, skits, etc.) We sometimes have refreshments following the meetings. Sometimes, we go out together as a church afterwards.

In January, the rally is often moved to the second Saturday to allow everyone to get back in town from the holidays. Powhatan sometimes schedules a soup and sandwich fundraiser during the winter.

In February, we try to schedule our meeting based on the "**Church Night**" for basketball at Mt. Olive College. This gives the young people a chance to visit the college and see the games. Powhatan usually takes our bus and has a large group going. We help the Kemery Ard Sunday School class with making valentine bags for the senior citizens around Feb. 14.

In March, we take part in **Spring Talent exhibitions**. Besides performing talent, there is Christian writing, Public speaking, and Lesson presentation for the AFCs and YFAs.

There is usually an April rally, and District **Bible Bowl** is usually in April. Powhatan has had several state championship teams since 1999 when we began to take part.

The **State Youth Convention** is held in May and we take our bus and have a lot of people that go for the weekend and stay in the college dorms at Mt. Olive. New state officers are installed and competition winners are recognized at an awards ceremony. There was a concert for the years from 2002 to 2004 – *Nikki Leonti, Avalon, and Joy Williams*. In 2006, it was *NewSong*.

In the summer, the State Youth program has a "**Kings Dominion Day**" which we try to support for our monthly activity. Powhatan tries to schedule Vacation Bible School and camp weeks to Cragmont during the summer for our members.

There is no July rally held. There was a **youth mission trip** to Atlanta in July, 2003, that several Powhatan members took part in. In July, 2004, 11 members took part in the 4th Mission trip to Nashville, TN; 2005, 9 members went to San Antonio; 2006, 8 members went to Chicago; 2007, 2 members went to Denver (April, 2002=New York; September, 2002=Baltimore & D.C. area)

The August youth rally is on the first Saturday and is traditionally a visit to the **OFWB Children's Home** in Middlesex. We collect supplies or donate towards an annual needs project chosen by the Home.

A **Fall Festival** was held at Haymount on October 16, 2004. In 2006, Powhatan hosted the fall festival the first Saturday in October.

In November, new district officers are selected. November is our **Arts & Crafts exhibition** month. Judging is done prior to the evening rally and awards are given out that evening with entries on display for everyone to see.

Powhatan's Youth group takes part in a **Pre-Thanksgiving Community Sing** each fall. All ages perform and it is a good way to fellowship with other local churches. An offering is collected to go towards "Clayton Area Ministries."

There is no December rally for the Cape Fear, but there is a **Christmas project** to raise money to go towards Foreign Missions. Powhatan celebrates the season with caroling and presents for all Sunday School members (Junior class and under). Youth members work hard to take part in the Christmas program and to have a float in the **Clayton Parade**.

We try to have a "**Youth Sunday**" sometime each year in combination with a Youth Revival night with guest speakers. If there are qualified candidates, we select a youth member of the year at that time. Previous recipients of the honor are:

Roberta Widhalm	1998
Chris Bagley	1999
Daniel Cole	2000
Nikki Jones	2001
Crystal Guy	2002
Kristen Davis & Cynthia Narron	2003
Hayley Benson	2004
Leah Boykin	2005
A.J. Canady	2006