

Best Practices – Great Ideas that have worked

(From Southeast Y.O.U. Sponsors)

Fundraisers

1. Casino Night Fundraiser – YOU & Uniteens host poker, craps, roulette, blackjack, slots and bingo at the church for a night. \$15 cover paid at the door (includes refreshments served by waiters/waitresses). Games played with play money & poker chips. Live jazz performers on stage (talented YOUers and/or congregants). Café area to sit and chat with refreshments
2. Coffee House Fundraiser – Huge hit! Sanctuary set up with café tables for 100 people. Top quality band hired to perform for two hours while YOUers serve flavored teas and coffees and baked goods. Bagels are popular too. Charge \$10 at the door. Refreshments cost extra. Prices provided on menu – congregants drop cash in jar on tables.
3. Youth Angel Fundraiser – congregants donate \$100 to Youth Ministry in exchange for name on plaque and Angel Keepsake. Funds used to send YOUers and Uniteens to retreats and other field trips. YOUers host an appreciation dinner at the end of the year so we can get repeat donors.
4. Christmas Curriculum Drive – Great fundraiser! Purchase curriculum throughout the year, then put it under the tree for the month of December and let congregants buy it back for you. Each curriculum item is accompanied by an ornament on the tree with a price tag for the item. Congregant takes the ornament and curriculum to the book store, pays for it, and keeps the ornament. The curriculum and money is given to Youth Ministry. Good for \$500 in curriculum each year.
5. Plant fundraiser – Purchase and sell flower bulbs. VanBourgondien's Dutch Bulbs Garden Fundraiser – order their fundraising kit and they send you all you need. We took one more step and added the pictures to our YOU webpage so we could send the information out online. Check online for the following sites: www.VanBourgondien.com, www.colorblends.com, www.veseys.com