

BYKOTA - Be Ye Kind One To Another

BYKOTA is a social group which began approximately 55 years ago as a Sunday School Class of young married couples and singles. Many of us are now grandparents. We normally meet the first Sunday of each month in the homes of various members and more often we are meeting in the Church Gathering Room. We welcome anyone to join us for fun, fellowship and an occasional work day. We have no "membership list" as such and encompass a large age range. The aim is to have interesting programs, devotions and always great refreshments.

Following is an overview of the ministries and projects which BYKOTA was involved with in 2009:

- Our most important project is the sale of nuts and assorted other yummy treats to support the missions listed below. In 2009 we ordered a little over a ton and the sale was a huge success! All of the profit from this sale goes to Mission Projects!
 - Support Angel our Christian Children's child
 - Shoe Box Mission
 - Caritas
 - Sparrow's Nest
 - Shepherd's Crook Ministry which is a ministry for physically handicapped children.
 - One P.C.I. scholarship
 - Donation to the young people's projects in the church
 - Giving anonymously to needy families at Christmas
 - Give to each of the four main mission offerings of the church
 - Tower Project First Baptist Church
 - Camp Tamarack
 - Lunch Program Emmanuel Baptist Church
 - Mexico Mission Trip of Rebecca Mentele
 - CASA of Rock County

BYKOTA enjoyed many interesting and fun programs in 2009 which included:

- Ron and Vivian Parker spoke on the beginnings of the Hands of Faith Mission
- Court Appointed Special Advocates of Rock County (helping children with their rights)
- Fire Chief Tim Huffman updated us on cooperation of fire departments in the area and new fire fighting techniques
- Dave Luebke spoke on the Charter Schools at the Hendricks Center and their success
- A tour of Russia with Shirley Swanson and Arlene Masear
- Visited the Spine & Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinic on Prairie Avenue
- Mary and Lee Arneson gave us devotions while giving us a tour of their trip to the Holy Land
- Rebecca Mentele shared her experiences on a mission trip to Mexico to help build a home
- Reverend Gene gave us a visual tour of the new school for Paul's Computer Institute and it's opening ceremony
- We always have a potluck and bonfire at our June meeting
- Christmas Dinner is a feast of favorite holiday recipes and enjoyed by all!!

As you can see, we are an active social group which has fun, fellowship and works to support a wide variety of ministries both locally and abroad.

We Welcome You To Join Us -- We would love to have you share in our fun, fellowship and service to vital ministries in the church!!