Faith Based Venturing Programs – Bill Chaffin
The faith community offers programs for all ages. The most obvious is Sunday School.

**NOW HERE IS THE OPPORTUNITY!!!**

- There are also on-going programs for middle school and high school level youth.
## BSA 2008 Year-End Scouting Statistics

### 2008 Youth Membership

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<td>Total Cub Scout-Age</td>
<td>1,655,635</td>
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<td>Total Boy Scout-Age</td>
<td>905,879</td>
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<td><strong>Total Ventures</strong></td>
<td><strong>261,122</strong></td>
<td><strong>-2.7%</strong></td>
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<td>Total Members</td>
<td>2,832,636</td>
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### 2008 Adult Volunteers

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<td>Pack Scouters</td>
<td>470,400</td>
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<td>Troop Scouters</td>
<td>551,926</td>
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<td><strong>Crew Scouters</strong></td>
<td><strong>65,621</strong></td>
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<td>Council Scouters</td>
<td>44,406</td>
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<td>Total Scout Leaders</td>
<td>1,132,353</td>
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<td>Total Adults</td>
<td>1,165,828</td>
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### 2008 Year-End Units

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<td>Packs</td>
<td>50,213</td>
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<td>Troops</td>
<td>41,628</td>
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<td>Teams</td>
<td>8,423</td>
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<td><strong>Crews</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,998</strong></td>
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<td>Total Scout Units</td>
<td>120,262</td>
<td>-0.6%</td>
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<td>Posts</td>
<td>6,857</td>
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<td>Total Units/Posts</td>
<td>127,119</td>
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Currently, the following organizations have endorsed the program of the Boy Scouts of America:

- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- American Baptist; Church of God (Indiana)
- Church of God International Offices
- Church of God of Prophecy
- Churches of God
- Church of the Nazarene
- Episcopal Church
- General Association of General Baptists
- General Council of the Assemblies of God
- Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod
- Members of Churches of Christ for Scouting
- Moravian Church
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Southern Baptist
- The Salvation Army
- The United Methodist Church
GROWTH POTENTIAL

- New units would bring opportunity for Christian ministry to new group of youth
- Many youth will have had no church exposure. Now would see the church in action
- Immediately offers the youth and church opportunity to grow in faith participating in religious rewards program
VENTURING FEATURES

- Venturing offers unobtrusive outdoor programs
- Young men and women both welcome
- Fully interactive with faith programs
- Inclusion of God & Country program materials
CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

- New units chartered would mean an opportunity for Christian ministry to new youth.
- Youth that has no church exposure, they now see the Church in action.
- Immediately offers them and their Church the opportunity to learn their faith by participating in the religious awards program.
Contact local church for existence of program.

Identify existing youth program structure.

Meet with youth minister/director and offer Scouting package.

Cultivate partnership relationship.

Develop program implementation method serving to compliment faith objectives.
PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

BSA Venturing
Methods

Leadership
Group Activities
Adult Association
Recognition
Ideals
High Adventure
Teaching Others

Partnership

Typical Faith-based Youth Group

Encourage youth & leaders to deepen faith together through exploration of:

God’s Creation
Spiritual Growth
Service to Others
MOVING AHEAD

- Involve Chartered Organization Rep - COR

- Involve Church Youth Leader(s)  
  Staff & Volunteer

- Involve District Executive - DE

- Work locally within BSA Membership/Relationship Committee
CREW IMPLEMENTATION

- Crew Registration and youth registrations
- Assign Commissioner *YOU?!
- Take advantage of BSA liability insurance
- Utilization of Venturing program materials
- Leader training
- Incorporate Venturing into annual plan
New Venture Crews, new Crew Members, and New Adult Leaders
in the Heart of Virginia Council