

My name is Alan Roehler and I have been involved with the St. John the Baptist Church Youth Ministry program for the past 10 years. I have also been involved with fast-a-thons, fund-raisers, camps, retreats and world youth days. Through these programs and events, I have learned new skills and have become stronger in my faith. These programs also gave me the opportunity to meet new friends and even my wife. I have watched many young people grow in their faith and also move into new stages of their life. The one thing I noticed was that after high school was over, many members wanted to meet on a more mature level, but we didn't have any programs to assist with that.

The reason why I am writing this is to tell you why I think it is important to have a ministry for any one out of high school. It is a place to come together, to share and grow spiritually while having fun at the same time. This is why we started the Adult Team Ministry. It has been at our church for well over a year now, and we have many of adults who come out and share their faith with our group while enjoying a fun night of activities.

I decided to step down from my role as a team leader of the grade school youth group, and dedicate my time to the high school and adult ministries. I have learned through others that just because we move on in our lives, we shouldn't stop growing in our faith. I had people there for me when I needed them the most, why shouldn't others have the same? Many adults, especially young adults, don't know where to turn to for help, guidance or even for a fun night out. Some young adults, after high school, never come back to the church. This is why I think the adult ministry will be a great place for them to meet new people, share their faith and grow strong in Christ, while coming together as a community. We hope to reach out to all adults, especially those who feel they are missing something from their lives.

Since we started this ministry, many of us feel a stronger relationship with God and that we can still use our gifts in a ministry. We don't have all the answers, but with prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can grow with God and enjoy our time together. This is our prayer for this ministry. Please pray for our ministry, that it will grow and be strengthened with God.