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Younglife holds a city-wide food fight

The field behind Trinity Methodist Church resembles a splatter painting as colors are strewn all over students. Chaos erupts as students run around covered in mayonnaise, shaving cream, ketchup and mustard. Some try to keep clean by wearing trash bags, while others decide to go into the massive battle unprotected. The mixture of condiments and shaving cream leaves a potent smell lingering around the field. Despite the circumstances, laughter rings throughout the air and into the sunset streaked sky. This giant food fight called the "Crud Wars" is one of the many events hosted by Younglife on Mondays.

"It was so much fun," sophomore Joshua Miller said. "It was gross to have stuff all over me, but it was fun putting it all over my friends. It was all in my ears too."

The Crud Wars were set up as a legitimate fight. There were four rounds: water balloons, flour, shaving cream and condiments. Within minutes of the war, students and the ground were covered in "crud".

"I was worried about getting dirty, but I gave up on that after a few minutes," sophomore Haleigh Trevino said. "I had ketchup and shaving cream all over me and my phone, too. It took so long to clean, and it cracked while I was cleaning."

When the fight came to a close, Younglife leaders shared a quick message about how the Crud Wars related to the Bible.

"They told us about how it related to Jesus," senior Skyler Shelton said. "Our lives get messy and dirty, but He's always here to give us a quick power wash from our sin."

Younglife leaders provided quarters at a local car wash so students could wash off. They also invited students to events on the upcoming Mondays.

"The best part about Younglife is that we get to hangout with people we know and make new Christian friends," Shelton said. "It's a great way to help kids who aren't as comfortable with sharing their faith and to get them used to talking about it." **by Kai Bruntmyer, Melony Gipson and Nicole Safavi**