

## Souled Out – by Abi Johnson

A lot of you may hear this name and ask “What is that?” or “What do you do there?”

I interviewed some students in the hall and asked them - “What do you know about Souled Out?” Here are their responses: Jessica Neises said, “Isn’t it like a Christian get together?” Jenna Selgestad said, “What’s Souled Out?”, and Kara Seitz answered, “Isn’t it that church group on Wednesday during lunch?”

Souled Out is an on-campus Christian ministry at the high school. The group is student led; this year’s leaders are Austin Handley and Clare Schubert. Mr. Petersen and Kyle Osborne, who is the youth pastor at West Center Baptist church here in Madison, are the adult supervisors. Souled Out is every Wednesday over the lunch period. Those who attend get their lunch from the cafeteria and go to room H6 (the study lab room.) There you eat lunch, hang out with others, and have a short lesson that either Austin or Clare has put together. Sometimes this lesson will include a fun little game that helps reiterate the lesson taught. Every few weeks Souled Out has what we call an “Action Week.” An example of this would be the day that members were helping the cafeteria staff by scraping student’s plates and washing the tables over the lunch period.

I asked some of those who attend Souled Out about why they like it so much. Clare Schubert started attending Souled Out her sophomore year. She likes Souled Out because she gets to see students that she doesn’t usually get to hang out with during the day. Clare states that others should come to Souled Out to hang around kids who share the same faith and can encourage one another to grow in faith. It’s also another way to relax if you’re having a stressful day. Johnny Monroe is in his first year attending Souled Out. He likes Souled Out because of the people. He claims it is a place you can go and talk about anything. Johnny thinks others should come to Souled Out because it is a place that students can get to know God.

Everyone who attends Souled Out would like all students to know that anybody is welcome to come. You will NOT be judged. It’s a cool place and we would love to see you there!