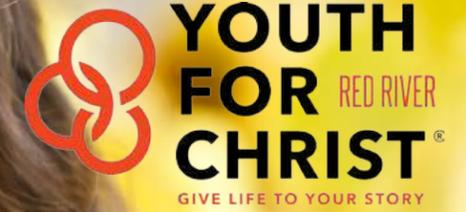




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NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



## [ DIRECTOR'S NOTES ]

Can you believe it? It is October, peaches are done for another year and our programs are all back in full swing. Wow, time flies!

Thank you to everyone who helped make peaches a success this summer. We sold about 8,800 boxes of fruit and could not have done it without you. Every box sold helps impact the lives of the kids we work with.

Speaking of that, all of our programs are up and running and it is so exciting to be connected again with our kids. One of the new partnerships we are excited about this year is with Bethel Church. We are bringing our kids from the Red River Alternative Learning Center to Bethel on Fridays for programming. This is an exciting opportunity to build relationships and share the love of Jesus with them. This past week was the first time at the new location and the kids just loved it!

In a few short weeks, Tuesday November 13th, our Comedy for a Cause event will be happening

at Bethel Church and I want to personally invite you to come and be a part of it. It is an opportunity to hear about what God is doing in the lives of kids while laughing and having fun. This year we are thrilled to welcome Jared Hall to the stage. For all the details of the night read on and you will find more info inside. Please plan to come and bring someone who needs to hear more about what God is doing through this ministry.

Thanks so much for praying for this ministry, sharing your talents with our kids, and financially investing in this ministry. You are making an impact and it is something that will last for eternity.

See you November 13th at Comedy for a Cause!

Greg Everett  
Executive Director

## [ OUR MISSION ]

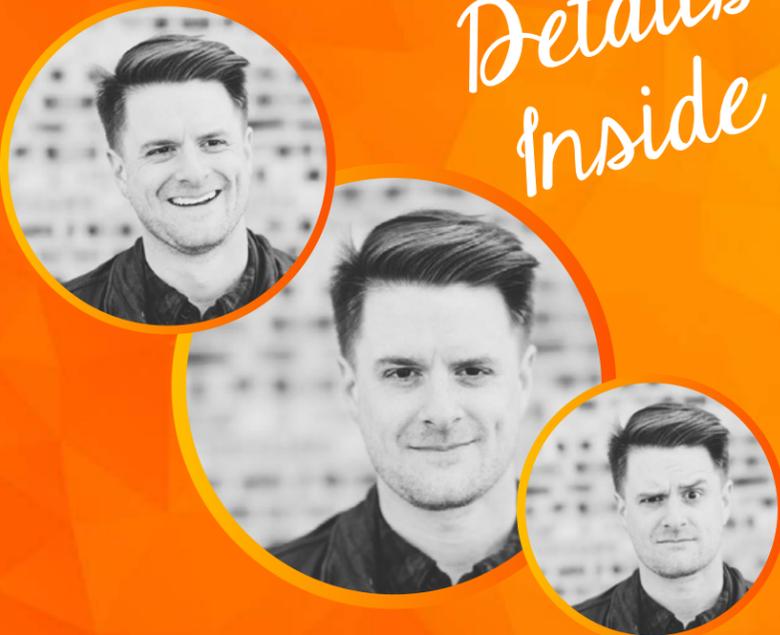
YFC radically loves and brings hope to teens by working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

YFC provides a safe and friendly place to learn leadership skills, to think about important issues and to develop quality relationships with peers and with caring adults.

### YFC's 5 Ministry Essentials:

-  WIDESPREAD PRAYER
-  FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING
-  LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
-  ADULTS WHO EMPOWER
-  COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Details  
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## COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

A TIME TO LAUGH AND TO LEARN!

Featuring Jared Hall  
ILLUSIONIST COMEDIAN COMMUNICATOR

Tuesday,  
November 13th  
Bethel Church Fargo



## Red River ALC

Red River Alternative Learning Center programming is off and running. The students absolutely love the new space through our partnership with Bethel Church. We are encouraged by the relationship with Bethel and the scheduling consistency this new environment provides. The school staff have expressed that Fridays usually become their days of highest attendance. One girl who never misses a Friday said she loves coming to "church" (what students call Friday programming) because she likes the discussions. She is from a Muslim family, but is very open to what we have to say and enjoys talking about life. It is amazing to have such respectful relationships with these teens. ~Danielle Hill

### Huge Thank You...

To Bethel Church who sent wonderful volunteers to help with projects in our office on October 6th.



## Peaches 2018

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who supported Red River Youth for Christ this year through our summer peach fundraiser. Farming is always a little unpredictable, and we thank you for your flexibility throughout the season. All of the proceeds from this event are used to impact the lives of teens right here in the Red River Valley.

Thank you to our partners: Life 97.9, KFNW, Holland Enterprises Inc, Magnum Companies, Scheels Home & Hardware, Bell Bank, Genuine Georgia, Black Bear Orchards, Martin Family Orchard, & Holiday Inn Fargo. Thank you to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and to all of our wonderful volunteers.



## West Central Juvenile Center

One of my highlights from chapel has been to experience how the confidently kids have started singing our closing hymn, Victory in Jesus. It is truly a joy to hear them sing this song so boldly. Another highlight is from a couple of weeks ago when we talked about heroes in at our chapel service. We had a young man go back to his cell and give his life to Christ! When I visited with him the following Wednesday you could visually see the change on his face and the joy that flowed from him. It was AWESOME!

Many kids have requested bibles and are reading them often. Some bring their bibles with them to follow along during chapel, or to read together when I meet with them on Wednesdays. The last two Wednesdays I have been reading the story of Sampson with another young man. I try to share scripture and pray with every kid that visits with me. Some kids just come to ask for prayer, like the young man who started smoking meth with his Dad at age 8. It truly is a privilege to get to know these kids and hear their stories. There is no greater joy than knowing that I was created for this very moment; I love being in there with the kids and sharing Christ with them. ~Mike King

## Parent Life

I met Brianna as school was coming to an end. Brianna was pregnant and failing her junior year. She had an extremely tough home life and really did not see much hope in her future or her baby's. We spent most of the summer talking about Jesus, choices, and consequences (good and bad). Brianna began to see how Jesus could help her to make better choices and saw firsthand how much her life would change when she allowed Him to guide her. She also learned she could not control other people's decisions and started praying for them instead. Although life is not easy for Brianna, she has hope because she has Jesus to hang onto and guide her in her decisions every day. ~Linda Bass



### Huge Thank You...

To Life 97.9 and our anonymous sponsors for their donations. We now have **221** new Bibles to give to teens. We are so thankful!

### Like to Cook?

We are in need of friends to make meals for hungry teens. Please contact our office for more information.



## How to Donate

Here are some ways you can support Red River Youth for Christ:

### Thrivent Action Teams & Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Each Thrivent policyholder may qualify to apply for one or more \$250 Action Team projects each year. If you would like to know how these can help YFC. Contact our office. If you would like to donate using Thrivent Choice Dollars, visit [www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/26087.pdf](http://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/26087.pdf) or contact our office to learn more.

### Online Donation:

[www.redriveryfc.com/donate/](http://www.redriveryfc.com/donate/)

### Shop using AmazonSmile:

Shop AmazonSmile and Amazon will donate to RRYFC.

### Workplace Donation Match:

Does your workplace offer matching donation funds? Visit our website to find company's that offer matching funds.

### Donate by Mail:

Make checks payable to Red River Youth for Christ and Mail to:

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For other ways to donate, contact our office.



## Needed

- Paper products for serving meals (plates, napkins, bowls, silverware, etc)
- Boxes of individually packaged chips
- Cases of bottled water
- Cases of juice boxes or sports drink
- Fruit snacks

## Wish List

- Volunteers interested in working with teens
- Synology NAS (at least 5 bays)
- NAS hard drives (4 TB or higher)
- Space for our weightlifting program

If you would like to donate any of these items or have resources to help underwrite some of the costs, please contact our office.

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## Featuring Jared Hall

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Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Event Starts at 6:40 PM

To purchase tickets for this event visit:  
[www.redriveryfc.com/events/comedy](http://www.redriveryfc.com/events/comedy)

**TICKETS - \$15 EACH - \$12 EACH FOR GROUPS 10+**  
(Please contact our office for group tickets)

Event Sponsorship packages still available  
Contact our office for more information

For more info on Jared, visit  
his website at: [Jaredhall.com/](http://Jaredhall.com/)

\*This is a fundraising event to benefit Red River Youth for Christ.\*  
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