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Summer Newsletter



Summer 2018

# STORIES

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



## [ DIRECTOR'S NOTES ]

Happy Summer! Looking back at this past month as school ended, I cannot help but be thankful for the way we have seen God work.

We finished off the year at Woodrow Wilson High School celebrating their amazing graduates and families. Knowing that for some of these kids, this was the only grad party they would have just makes it all worthwhile. It is a very practical way to be Jesus to these kids, and celebrate those that many times get forgotten.

For the last day of school at the Red River Learning Center we had the opportunity to have the kids for the day. We were able to share Jesus with them, do a service project, have a BBQ and finish off with a great movie at the Fargo Theater. What a cool God thing that the school would trust us enough with their kids to release them to us for the day during school hours!

Ministry at the juvenile detention center just keeps exploding and we are finding a lot of favor and open doors there. Summer unfortunately means more opportunity for kids to get into trouble and end up in detention, but it also means more kids to minister to.

Ministry with Parent Life continues year round with no shortage of girls to

minister to. The simple fact that we can walk through this time in their life and point them to Jesus is an honor.

It continues to look like the peach crops are ripening well and we are thankful for that. One of the new partnership I am very excited about is with Holland Trucking. They are going to be helping us with the transporting of the fruit and saving us some very significant funds. God is so good!

As we move through the summer, please pray for our continued ministry to kids; for a successful peach season (not only that it will benefit us financially but also help introduce our ministry to more and more people); for preparations for a new school year; and in the midst of summer, a little extra rest for staff.

We cannot do this ministry without you! Thanks for making an impact.



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  
Inside

THE POWER OF A PEACH  
TO CHANGE A LIFE





Mike Grilling For Students

## Red River ALC

This year we had an amazing opportunity to take the students from the Red River Alternative Learning Center for the whole last day of school! I jumped all over that and we were able to take 14 of the kids on an all-day field trip. We began at the church where we hold the Friday program, and shared Jesus with them. After that, we helped them give back to their community by picking up garbage in a vacant lot. We then proceeded to a park where we grilled out and fed them lunch. Lastly, we rented the Fargo Theater and took them to a movie. It was a great day of bonding and we got to build and strengthen some amazing relationships. ~Mike King



Staff 2018



RRYFC Board Serves Lunch at Woodrow



Woodrow Graduation



Student Smiles



Students Giving Back to Their Community

One of my highlights from this school year was a relationship that I built with a young man who was a very out spoken atheist. On Fridays at our programs, he challenged almost everything we said. A couple times after our chapel time, we had the chance to sit down one-on-one and discuss the idea of God. It was pretty much like this most of the school year. On the last Friday of the school year, we grilled burgers and hot dogs for the kids and staff. This young man sat outside with me the whole time I grilled. I even told him to go in and eat, but he just wanted to hang out with me. I knew something special was happening here so I shared my story with him and challenged him to give his life to Jesus. He was not hostile to it and I felt like he understood my love for him. I hope and pray that God brings more opportunities like this to connect with him. ~Mike King

## Parent Life

I met Danielle when she was 16 and 3 months pregnant. As I got to know Danielle, I quickly saw how different she was than many of the teen parents I work with. Danielle is very motivated, ambitious, hard-working, determined, and very eager to learn. She was going to school, working part-time, and had already met with her school counselor to plan for her graduation (a year early) in June of 2018. This worked well as she was due in the middle of June. She was eager to learn about a healthy pregnancy, delivery, parenting, and more. She had a smooth pregnancy until the end of May when she got high blood pressure and they ended up inducing her. Danielle was in labor from Friday to Monday! I told you she was a hard worker! She had her baby on Monday, and walked across stage to accept her diploma on Sunday. I am hoping that Danielle will agree to be a mentor/student leader to other teen moms in the program. ~Linda Bass



Danielle & New Daughter

## Needed

- Volunteers for our summer peach fundraiser (See website for more information)
- Baby Wipes
- Burp Cloths

## Wish List

- Synology NAS (at least 5 bays)
- NAS hard drives (4 TB or higher)
- Quad-core Mac (mini, pro...2012 or newer)
- 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.

## 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.

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**COMEDY FOR A CAUSE**  
A TIME TO LAUGH AND TO LEARN!

Tuesday, November 13th  
Bethel Church, Fargo, ND

For more information please visit:  
[www.redriveryfc.com/events/comedyforacause](http://www.redriveryfc.com/events/comedyforacause)

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.\*

**JARED HALL**  
ILLUSIONIST COMEDIAN COMMUNICATOR

YOUTH FOR CHRIST  
GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

## Peaches 2018

Interested in ordering, but did not get the orange flier in the mail? Visit our website at [www.redriveryfc.com/events/peaches/](http://www.redriveryfc.com/events/peaches/) to print your own order form.

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12:00-7:00 PM Tuesday  
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Wed-Fri  
\*\*Or Until Sold Out\*\*



Proceeds from this event support our work with teens. Thank you for your interest in supporting RRYFC through your purchase of fruit.