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# STORIES

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...

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## An Evening of Worship Featuring **JONATHAN TRAYLOR**

Friday, November 18, 2022 at Bethel Church, Fargo  
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Fall is here, and with that comes new adventures here at YFC. As I write this, ministry at Dakota High School has been going on for five weeks. We have had the opportunity to connect with some fantastic kids! Tomorrow we start ministry with Red River ALC at Bethel Church. The principal reached out today to tell us to expect 35 kids to come. Ministry at the juvenile detention center has been running strong, and we keep getting more and more opportunities with the kids. Our newest ministry at Liberty Middle School is ramping up. William is over there on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 to 1 each week, and starting on the 25th, Paige and William will begin a mentoring program twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. God is doing some wonderful things.

On top of that, we just hired another staff person part-time.

My good friend Tim Brown is coming back to YFC. When Tim and his wife moved here from Memphis in 2013, he was with us for 2.5 years. Now he is back, and we couldn't be more excited! On top of that, I may have some more staffing news to share with you next newsletter. Please be praying as we look to follow God's leading. It has been an overwhelming year, to say the least. It has been so discouraging as we have looked for the right people to be a part of this ministry, and then just at the right time, God shows up. His timing is perfect, and this team is incredible!

As we look forward, I invite you to our 4th Concert for a Cause on Friday night, November 18th, at Bethel Church. To lead us in worship this year, we have an incredible artist named Jonathan Traylor. He is going to lead us in a night of worship, and along

with that, we will be sharing what God has been doing this past year. It will be a treat, and I hope that you will make time in your schedule for it and invite someone to join you. You can find out more about it at [www.redriveryfc.com](http://www.redriveryfc.com).

I am excited for you to read about and get a taste of the ministry that has been going on these past few months. As I mentioned before, God is at work. Thank you to everyone who prays for us and supports this ministry. YOU are making a difference, and we are so grateful for your partnership.

Greg Everett  
Executive Director



When discussing Luke 15 and the Parable of the Lost Son, one kid stated he could relate to...

**"The Older brother. Like him I've never had anyone celebrate me being good. I understand the Jealousy."**

**A Stop in the Journey**

On Wednesdays, I lead a weekly Bible study with the girls at the center. The girls who know me always get very excited when they see me walk through the door. A few weeks ago, a new resident said she wasn't religious, but she wanted to join the Bible study to see what all the excitement was about. The following week, she stayed for the Bible study without any comment at all. Unfortunately, I didn't see her after that because she was transferred to a different facility, but my prayer is that she seeks out a similar opportunity at her next stop in her journey. ~Kim Danielson

**"You're, you're here! It's you! What are you doing Here? Hi!"**

One young person exclaimed between squeels and hugs. We met them at the Juvenile Center and then ran into them again at Dakota HS. They were overjoyed to see us.

**Prayer Requests**

Here are a few prayer requests from the youth at the ceter:

- My realationship with my Mom
- For the health of my Grandpa
- To leave before the Holidays
- Go on a pass or have a visitor

**Prayers from the Heart**

Just last week we asked the secure boys as we were closing if anyone would like to pray. One kid pointed to his friend \*Carl\* across the room and said, "I bet Carl does." Will responded half jokingly, "my rule is whoever nominates a friend has to pray." While he shifted in his chair and was less than eager, he then proceeded to pray. It was beautiful. He finished, and another kid was asked, "Can I add to that?" We responded "absolutely" and listened to his prayer. It's not everyday you see teenage boys asking to pray, and we celebrate these moments where God is working. ~Danielle (Hill) Beyer

\*Youth names in newsletter are changed for privacy purposes.\*



Staff William playing basketball with students from Dakota HS during Wednesday Lunch.



Pumpkin Painting was a favorite activity with the Secure Girls



**Practical Needs**

- Here are some practical things we frequently use. Are you able to help suply these items?
- Disinfectant wipes
  - Paper products (Plates- 10 inch, bowls, napkins)
  - Cases of bottled water
  - Cases of juice boxes, bottled juice, or sports drink
  - Any kind of pre-packed, or individually packaged snacks
  - Art Supplies (artist pencils, paper, color pencils, acrylic paints, plastic table cloths, stickers, cardstock yarn, plastic crochet hooks, yarn looms, glue, & tape)
  - Have questions? Give us a call at (701)237-6682



Our Current Team Left to Right: (Back Row) Tim, Greg, Paige, Sue, Kim, (Front Row) William, Danielle

A Fox sketch by one of our youth freinds



YFC Staff Danielle & Friend

**I'm Not Weird**

Thursday's, I lead a Bible study discussion with the youth of non-secure, and they can be quite the characters. These youth typically process at about a middle-school level. Just a couple of weeks ago, we were talking about how the Bible is God's Word to us. I then asked "when you read the Bible, do you feel like God speaks to you?" One young person piped up ever so quickly, "No, I'm not weird." I stifled a chuckle and re-phrased my question. ~Danielle (Hill) Beyer

**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

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## What Does that Mean?

Here are a list of popular words teens are using and how our teens explain them. We don't recommend using them, but hopefully this will help you better understand the teens in your life.

- **Boutta:** About to.
- **Clout:** Popularity derived from great social influence, following, or simply general social presence.
- **Dap Them Up:** A hand motion used to greet someone similar to a handshake or fist bump. This is done by bringing your oppositethands together and sliding them back towards you, pausing briefly to lock fingers (similar to a thumb war) before retracting your hand.
- **Doing the Most:** Being over the top or doing too much.
- **G:** A term of endearment for friends "Hey G what's up?"  
*(Axis, A Parent's Guide to Teen Slang, October, 2022)*

## Cool Points

While at Liberty Middle School I gained "cool points" with some of the kids because I knew how to "dap them up" (A greeting- see above) They were surprisingly excited that this old guy knew their lingo and gestures.  
*~William Lawyer*

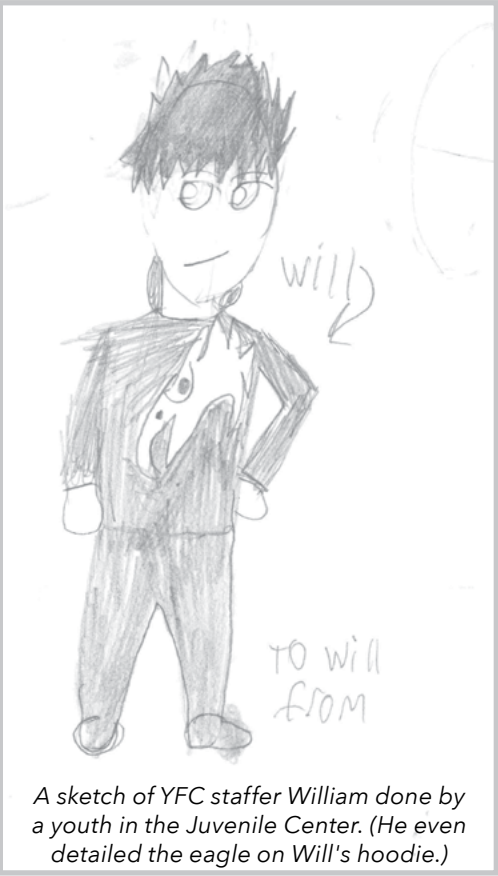
# "When you're about to make a bad choice and you hear a voice in your head guiding you to the right thing"

How one young lady described the Holy Spirit.

## Understanding Scripture through the Eyes of Teens

While at the center for church, we were learning about the Holy Spirit, in Acts 1-7. Various stories were told through the video, one of them being about Stephen and how he died for God. After the video I asked the kids; "So what did you guys learn/what did you think of what we just watched?" After a few moments of thought one boy chirps up and said, "Steve was a pretty cool guy". The other boy follows up with; "This spirit stuff is like a hydra." While this whole conversation was going on, all I could think about was "How does Steve Rogers (Captain America) and his enemy Hydra (a mythological monster where heads are regenerated in multiple after being detached) have anything to do with the Bible?" The boy then finishes his thought with "You cut one head off and nine more grow. You kill one of Jesus's guys, and like ten more grow." The whole group was just laughing at the misunderstanding of the analogy, however looking at it from afar it really makes sense!

To follow in the Marvel trend, the next week we were doing the same lesson with a different pod. The same question was asked, and a boy answered right away with. "Ya know, this spirit stuff is kind of like Thor and his Hammer. Only people worthy can have it". Danielle and I looked at each other, and immediately burst out into laughter as they remembered the conversation from the previous Week. We then got to share the Good news that no one is "worthy" but Jesus died for us anyway. *~William Lawyer*



A sketch of YFC staffer William done by a youth in the Juvenile Center. (He even detailed the eagle on Will's hoodie.)



## Peaches Thanks

Thank you to everyone who bought our fruit this summer and all of our wonderful partners Magnum, Scheels Home & Hardware, Bell Bank, Black Bear Orchards, Martin Family Orchards, and Genuine Georgia. Also, Special thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and to all of our amazing volunteers, we are so thankful for you all!



## Giving Hearts Day

Help someone.

Save the date for Giving Hearts Day, Thursday, February 9, 2023. More information to come.

## Whose Your Teacher?

At Liberty I almost felt like a stalker because every sixth grader I ran into I would ask, "Do you have Mrs. Lawyer?" If they said yes, I would then follow up with well I'm her husband. The kids would get excited when they found that out. I then would ask them "Be honest how well does she teach"? It was always followed up with positive things, and there was even a kid who said she was his favorite teacher in the school. However, there was a group of boys I was talking to and they said she's good, but can you have her let up on all the "one note's" (a school resource for assignment notes). *~William Lawyer*

# "Some people mind a lot of business and less than 1% of it is theirs."

A ficesty statement overhead in the juvenile center.

## Thank You, Thank You So Much

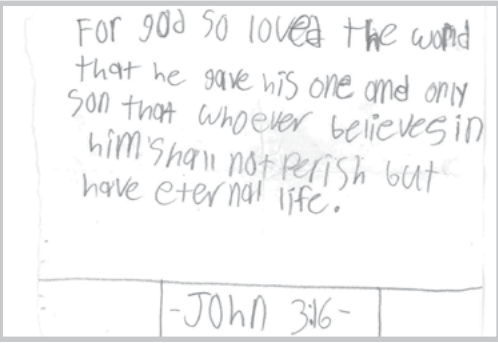
The first few months on staff at YFC has been so inspiring, encouraging, and full of moments where I can see the Lord working in the lives of staff and students. We were recently serving lunch at Dakota High School when I noticed a girl sitting in the back of the room, on her phone, and by herself. After we finished serving, I grabbed my lunch, headed to her table, and asked "can I share a table with you?" She was hesitant to talk at first, but towards the end of the conversation she couldn't stop talking! Later, after I helped clean up the food, I noticed she was leaving, and I yelled "See you next week!" She stopped so abruptly, looked me directly in the eyes, and said "Thank you. Thank you so much." Everybody has a story to tell, and I have learned that many of the teens we get to work with simply want to be seen and their story heard. The staff at YFC have shown me the importance of relationships and intentionality. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work alongside other people who love the Lord, and for the ability to show the love of Jesus to teens and students in this community. *~Paige Rockensock*



We are so thankful for all of our volunteers who make this fundraiser possible

## Determination

One week the kids lost their memory verse slips. One young man looked up the verse, wrote it down, and had staff at the center photocopy it for everyone. It was so fun to see his thoughtfulness and determination. *~Danielle (Hill) Beyer*



## Thanks Faithbridge

Our snack supply was running low and Faithbridge Church did a snack drive and completely replenished us. We use snack for programing activities and Bible verse memorization rewards. Thank you for your support!





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## Introducing Tim

Hello everyone!

My name is Tim Brown. I have been connected with Youth for Christ since 2013. I got involved with YFC as part of our church planting journey here in the Fargo/Moorhead area. I served for two and half years before stepping down but stayed connected to them because of my friendship with the Director and because of the mission of YFC.

Because things that have happened over the past few years (personally, in the family, and in the crazy world we live in), I took some time away at the beginning of the summer specifically to rest, reevaluate, and reprioritize things in life and ministry.

During this time of reflection and due to some unexpected circumstances, the opportunity to serve with Youth for Christ opened up.

I am, once again, excited to be a part of a great team of staff and volunteers that God is using to impact the lives of youth in our community in various settings, from school campuses to the juvenile detention center. I'm most excited, though, about the potential for new opportunities for ministry in areas that we have not been able to engage in before.

God is at work; Jesus is still seeking to save those who are lost! ~Tim Brown

## A Joyful Noise

Each Wednesday, we hold church service for the teens at West Central Regional Juvenile Center. One evening, the boys in the Treatment pod were very responsive to our presence and the topic and we enjoyed a very invigorating conversation. We closed with the song Reckless Love. This seems to be a favorite with the majority of the kids we meet at the center and this time we had almost all the boys singing along (loudly) as the song played. Afterward, several of the boys asked if we could start a weekly bible study with them. ~Kim Danielson



## You Can't Read a Book by it's Cover

Most people hear the word "Detention Center" and assume the kids in there are just messed up teens, punks, disrespectful etc. One week during the lesson a boy had a question about Jesus returning, then he shared a theory he had heard. After talking a bit, we continued the lesson and finished it. While cleaning up the boy came up to me and said, "Sir, I didn't mean to be disrespectful, I had just heard that theory and don't know what is true". I was blown away by his initiative in that conversation, especially when I didn't feel disrespected at all. He had more respect for me than most kids that I see outside of those walls. It really puts into perspective that you can't read a book by its cover. ~William Lawyer

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