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Fall Newsletter



Fall 2025  
**STORIES**

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



### DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Fall is here, and ministry is back in full swing! I'm so thankful for the ways God is moving through Youth for Christ and for the part you play in this mission. One of the biggest joys of this season is welcoming **Noah Jedlicka** to our team. Noah will be working with middle school students at Liberty Middle School, and we are prayerfully pursuing opportunities to expand into another local school. Will you pray with us? Ask God for wisdom, His leading, and favor as we continue to step forward in faith.

I also want to celebrate a huge milestone—our **summer peach sale!** Together, we sold over 8,500 boxes of peaches. That's incredible! But more than that, each box represents a chance to connect with a student, to hear their story, to share our story, and to point them toward God's story. Thank you for buying, sharing, and supporting—it matters more than you know.

And now, I want to **personally invite you** to join us for our fall

fundraiser, **Comedy for a Cause**, happening **Thursday, November 13th at Bethel Church**. This year, we're thrilled to welcome nationally recognized comedian **Dustin Nickerson**. Dustin has been featured on Comedy Central and Netflix, and he's known for his clean, relatable humor that connects across generations. His ability to make people laugh while shining a light on everyday life makes him the perfect fit for this evening. It will be a night of joy, laughter, and most importantly, stories of the ways God has been at work in the lives of teenagers this past year. You won't want to miss it!

As I look at this season, I'm reminded again that **trust changes everything**. Students keep showing up—not because we have all the answers, but because YFC leaders are real, safe, and present. That trust opens doors for conversations about Jesus and allows young people to experience hope.

But here's the truth—we cannot

do this without you. Your prayers, your generosity, your partnership—these are what make this ministry possible. Would you consider making a gift today to fuel another season of life-changing ministry? Together, let's keep showing up, speaking hope, and pointing teens to Jesus.

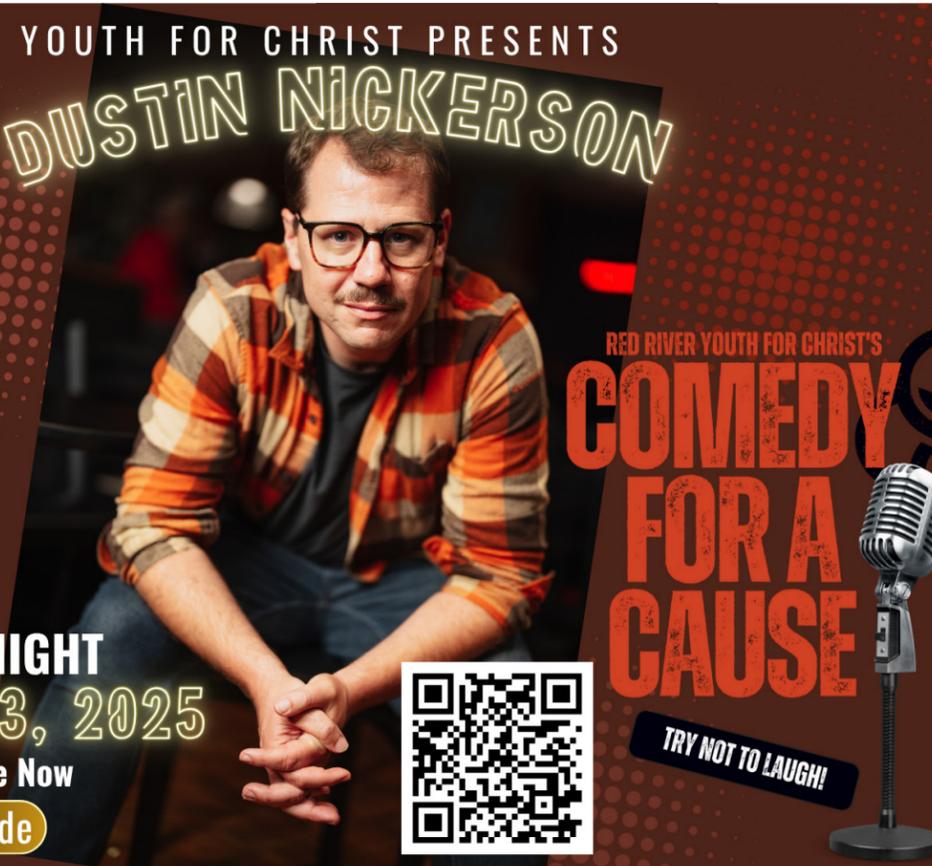
With gratitude and hope,



Greg Everett  
Executive Director

**P.S.** Your gift today will directly impact students this fall—helping us step onto school campuses, build trust, and share the hope of Jesus. Thank you for making this mission possible!

YOUTH FOR CHRIST PRESENTS  
**DUSTIN NICKERSON**



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## Prayer Requests

Recent prayer requests from and for our youth:

- For my mom to take me back.
- That my wisdom teeth removal goes well.
- For my daughter's surgery to go well.
- My brother to get out of jail
- For the chains around my heart to be released.
- For my mental health

Email us at [info@redriveryfc.com](mailto:info@redriveryfc.com) to join our monthly prayer team.

## Wrestling with Forgiveness

Adam\* asked for a one-on-one and was asking questions about sin and God. He used to be in a gang that tried to kill him. We started walking together through the scriptures. As he was reading, he said, "I understand now, this makes so much more sense. Everything I've been told was a lie, and I see the truth now." He asked, "How do I get closer to God? Can any sin be forgiven?" Over time, he began to see that any sin could be forgiven.

Another day, he looked at me and said, "How do you forgive someone who has tried to kill you?" I said being forgiven is important to clear your guilt before God. However, God requires us to forgive others. When we forgive others, it shows we have truly accepted forgiveness. I said if you harbor that unforgiveness, it will eat you alive. I shared the parable of the unforgiving servant. He said he understood and wanted time to think about it. The next time I saw him, he said, "I think it is only right for me to forgive the gang that tried to kill me and forgive my dad for abusing me as a child." I thought man he gets it! Yes, forgiveness! ~Benjamin Talley

## "He made Himself the example, not an example out of others."

A response shared when talking about the Life of Jesus.

## Board Games & Snacks Break the Ice

The beginning of the school year at both Dakota HS & Moorhead ALC is all about inviting, learning the names of new kids and reconnecting with previous students. Board games provide a great opportunity to break the ice, laugh, bond and ask kids about their story. Ever wonder why the YFC logo has 3 circles? It represents the stories of youth, the YFC team and God's story. YFC staff and volunteers meet kids where they are, listen to their stories, and share their own. As trust grows, YFC gently introduces them to God's bigger story - one filled with hope, purpose and love. We are currently looking for more volunteers on Monday & Thursday mornings to visit with teens and play games, do crafts or shoot some hoops for about an hour. We also need donations of either homemade baked goods or store-bought snacks. The YFC Staff take care of all the faith lessons and prep. Please give us a call today to learn more. ~Tasha Deplazes



Lauren Daigle concert with young moms



Smiles from monthly game night and a competitive game of Candy Land



## Practical Needs

Note: Please No Nuts

Here are some practical things we frequently use. Are you able to help supply these items?

- Strong paper plates
- 12 or 16 oz plastic cups & bowls
- Fruit snacks, granola bars (NO NUTS), or any kind of pre-packed or individually packaged snacks
- Individually packaged chips
- Cases of bottled water
- Cases of juice boxes, bottled juice, or sports drink
- Baked goods
- Have questions? Give us a call at (701)237-6682

## "Y'all make me feel like I should listen to my mother more."

A girl commented after discussing the parable of the good Samaritan.

## With God, Anything is Possible

Youth for Christ is so much more than an awesome peach truck in the summer. Please help us introduce the real heart of YFC to your church, Bible study, or small groups. We have a goal of partnering up with 12 or more churches before October 2026. Please join us in praying for more opportunities to share the YFC mission and youth stories. The partnership possibilities are endless. For example, the quilting group at Atonement Church had us out to informally share some kid's stories last month. They have a special place in their heart for homeless kids and decided to make quilts, hats, and baby blankets for the kids we serve at Dakota HS. God's timing is perfect as the weather is pivoting to fall & winter temps. Lighthouse Church has a special interest in breaking cycles of addiction, so we are looking into ways to partner and enhance mentoring. The women's bible study group at Bethel Church does a goods drive with collection bins for items we need at all 4 ministry sites. With God anything is possible! Please call us with any groups or churches that come to mind. I'm excited to get conversations going. ~Tasha Deplazes



\*Students names have been changed for privacy\*

## 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  
Loving Relationships  
Faithful Bible Teaching  
Adults Who Empower  
Collaborative Community Strategy

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### What Do I Need To Know?

- Oranges come in a 1/4 bushel box and are 10+lbs.
- This is a pre-order only event, don't miss out. **More information, delivery details and dates, and pre-ordering will be available on our website late October/early November.**
- Order pickup at:  
Red River Youth for Christ  
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- Scan the QR code to order or learn more.



The perfect Christmas gift for family, friends, & coworkers!

### Peach Thanks

Thank you for your support of another fruit season. Thank you to Scheels Home & Hardware and Magnum Transportation for making this possible. We moved 8,500 boxes of fruit this summer and we are so grateful for those of you that purchased and/or volunteered your time. We celebrate the lives that are able to be impacted as a result of this fundraiser. Thank You!



Thankful for all our wonderful volunteers!

### 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.

- **Ate & Left No Crumbs:** They killed it, did exceptionally well, left it all out there.
- **Beige Flag:** Something odd, quirky, or strange. Not a red flag, but just curious. IE: My friend's beige flag is that she eats pickles and whipped cream.
- **My Brain Broke:** I lost my train of thought. I can't remember what I was going to say.
- **Clock It:** Has multiple meanings, some of which are to notice or observe, compliment, to catch someone, recognize someone or something, agree with or acknowledge, sometimes referred to as the new form of clapping. This saying is accompanied by the gesture of tapping the middle finger and thumb lightly together.

### Prayers from a Youth

"Hello Jesus, thank you for another day, another slay," one young man genuinely opened a prayer to close a recent Bible Study. He went on to say, "Please watch over our loved ones, and I pray they are getting food. I hope and pray you watch over my mom and that she continues to do good and get help..." Listening to the youth pray gives such insight into their hearts and lives, and will forever be one of my favorite aspects of this ministry. ~Danielle Beyer

### "Can I share a verse?"

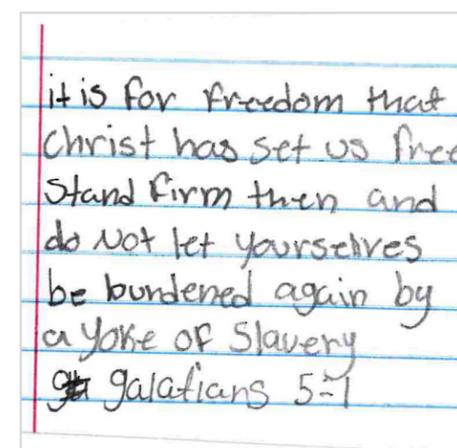
A young man asked during a recent youth group at the juvenile center. He proceeded to read Hebrews 12:4-6.

### Can you help me find a Sponsor?

Last week, after Bible study, the staff asked if we had an extra Bible for Kelsey.\* This week, she joined us. Afterward, she shared her struggle with addiction and that her dad is an atheist. In just one week, she read the first 15 chapters of Genesis, completed sections 1-4 of the NA workbook the staff printed for her, and asked for help finding a sponsor and a church. At just 16, despite the odds, Kelsey\* is pursuing God with determination. She's seeking truth, healing, and community—how incredible is that?!~Tasha Deplazes



Smiling faces from our first week of program



Youth & YFC Staff helping organize The Source (the pantry) at Dakota HS

### Dakota HS Did You Know...

- 42% of the students are on Free or reduced lunch. This is double the area average.
- 1 out of 5 or 20% are homeless or couch surfing.



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Dustin Nickerson, a nationally recognized rising comedian known for his clean, relatable humor that connects across generations. He has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Comedy Central, and Netflix on Kevin Hart's Hart of the City, as well as The Late Late Show with James Corden. He is also a regular on After Midnight with Taylor Tomlinson and has a comedy special that's currently one of the highest-rated specials on Amazon Prime Video. This event will allow our community to see and hear about what God has been doing over the past ministry year while enjoying lots of laughs.

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\*More information and sponsorship opportunities available on our website.\*

### I Want to Be Changed

I was doing Bible Study with a young man named Matthew\* and we were in John Chapter 3. He started asking a lot of questions about what Jesus was talking about "Born of water and Spirit" and "Born again." He then cried out, "I want to be born again! I want to be changed!! I believe in Jesus! What should I do? What do I have to do? Is it a formula?" I laughed. I said no, not a formula or code. I shared the gospel with him and he just started crying out to Jesus asking Him to make him born again and save him from his sin. It was beautiful. Please continue praying for Matthew and his growth in Christ. ~Benjamin Talley

### "Why would you want to fear God?"

A young man asked after we read Ecclesiastes 12:13.

### Obviously Not

I was going through the gospel with Timmy\* from the juvenile center and explaining to him the gift of God. I asked him, "Do you want to be right with God?" He responded with a "yes." Then I asked him, "Do you think you are right with God?" His response was chuckle-worthy; he said, "Obviously not, I mean, I am in here." That response took me by surprise, and we both laughed. You've got to love his honesty - that takes courage. ~Tanner Drath



### "Why does it look like time? 3:16, That's a time."

One young man blurted out when seeing a scripture reference. It was a great reminder how something as simple as a verse reference can be so confusing. We thankful for every opportunity to share Christ and appreciate the honesty of their reactions. Your support allows for stories like this. For kids to open the Bible, some for the very first time. Thank You!

### Wait, who was Adam?

This week, I met with two girls who had a similar question: "Do our pets go to Heaven?" I was explaining how God created animals before Adam & Eve in the creation story and how God saved all the animals, but only a few people in the story of Noah. I was ready to move on to many more verses, but then she asked, "Wait, who was Adam?" Wow! I thought. Great question, let's start at the very beginning. This girl has completely fallen through the cracks. What an opportunity we have here, friends! Let's partner up, let's reach more youth. Please keep praying for curious kids, for God's word to land on fertile soil, and for roots to form that lead to a bountiful harvest in God's eyes. ~Tasha Deplazes

### "No way, so Jesus is a zombie!?"

One middle school boy blurted out with genuine concern while contemplating to story of the cross we just shared. We explained that Jesus died and came back to life, fully alive.

### Introducing Noah

Hi everyone!

My name is Noah Jedlicka, and I'm from Perham, Minnesota—just a short drive from Fargo. I spent a lot of time here growing up, so the area already feels familiar and special to me in many ways. After high school, I attended the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, where I pursued both my faith and my calling to ministry. I graduated with a degree in Children's and Family Ministry, along with a minor in Youth and Emerging Adult Studies. Since college, I've had the privilege of serving in two church ministry roles—one as a Children's Ministry Director in Willmar, Minnesota, and another as an Elementary Director in Shakopee, Minnesota. Through those experiences, my passion for relational ministry has continued to grow. I especially love working with kids and teens because I was deeply impacted by my own youth pastors, who showed me the love of Jesus through their actions and constant presence. My life truly changed during my first year of middle school, which was one of the hardest seasons of my life. I was struggling with stress, doubt, and challenges at both school and home. That summer, my aunt invited me to a Christian music festival, and it was there that I experienced the love of Jesus in a powerful way. Through worship, prayer, and community, I gave my life to Him—and that moment changed everything. Because of this, I now have a deep passion for walking alongside middle school students, knowing how powerful it is when young people encounter the love of Jesus. Outside of ministry, I enjoy being outdoors, playing and watching sports (especially basketball!), listening to music, playing board games or video games, and spending time with friends and family. I'm grateful to be part of the Youth for Christ team, where we share a love for teens and a desire to point them to Jesus. It's amazing to see how God has led me here, and I feel blessed to be on this journey with Him. ~Noah Jedlicka

