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Connecting Teens To Jesus Christ And His Church

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Not a Normal Pulpit | Steve Pausch

“... always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15. It has been a long time since I began my career with YFC but I am still amazed on a regular basis that I get the privilege of telling young people about Jesus every day! The past month I have had the opportunity to coach a high school golf team in our community. I am involved pretty heavily with many activities in the school and community with young people but golf gets me involved with young people a whole month before school starts and we meet everyday. My mission since starting with Youth For Christ in 1989 has been the same, **to communicate the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to every young person.** That mission is clear no matter where we are or what is going on. We look for ways to talk with teens about following Jesus. It still surprises me that here in America, so many young people have no understanding of who Jesus is and don't even consider the Bible to be relevant to their lives. We truly seem to be raising a generation that is lost and missing out on so much.

In the last couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to share Christ in a golf cart specifically with 2 young people more directly than others. One young lady, who was on the team for two years and since graduated,

has a younger brother on the team and wanted to go with us to an all day tournament. For over four hours, she rode in the cart with me and we were able to talk through so much about God and the Bible and how He has a plan for her life. She did not choose to follow Christ that day, but we really worked through a lot of her questions and confusion. She is going to church with her grandma now. She is not going away to college just yet, and we are still talking regularly. Another golfer on the team needs a ride to and from golf each day. I have the privilege of driving with him each day for about 40 mins and talking about life. We have talked about ghosts, reincarnation, baseball, Nike shoes, farming, welding, family, horses and when I shared about a health crisis of a friend, he told me how **death terrifies him**. That statement opened up an entire 3 day discussion on death and what the Bible says about it and it has continued each car ride. He would go home do some research and ask more questions on the ride the next day. His favorite response to my points seems to be **“That’s interesting, I’ll look into that.”** These are just 2 of the stories of the many young people your prayers and support make it possible for us to share with. From the cell in the detention center to the seat of a golf cart, thank you for making this ministry possible. School is back in session and we kick off several weekly meetings that bring out large numbers of young people in the next weeks. We are very excited but are facing a bit of a down turn lately in our finances. Would you please pass this along to someone who might be interested in making a difference in the lives of teens through our work. here.

A New Season | Matt Mountjoy

For almost as long as I can remember, football has been a major part of my life. So it is a huge blessing that I get to combine my love for football and my love for Jesus together in ministry. It has been exciting to see the Wednesday night group grow over the last few years. The major connection with most of the students who come is they are kids that I get to coach in football. For those of you who are from Wadsworth or the area, you might remember that last year's football team had a special group. They were led by a large senior group that was not only very talented, but had incredibly high character. Many of those student athletes (including three who are now playing Division 1 football in college) were consistent attenders of The Garage on Wednesday night for the last few years. When a group like that leaves a football team, it leaves a lot of questions when the new season starts. The football team has a lot of very talented players who are now looking to come into their own for the first time. This is now the beginning of a new season at The Garage on Wednesday nights, as well. Many of these same players who are going into their junior year and looking to become leaders on the football team are also the same large group of kids that began coming to The Garage as sophomores last year. I'm excited to watch this group grow both on the field and in their spiritual lives. Please pray along with me that they continue to build on what began last year and we have many opportunities to share Christ with them. Pray that those who know Jesus will grow in Him, and those who don't will make a decision to follow Him. Also please be praying that both on Wednesday and Thursday nights we will be able to meet more kids and have more opportunities to share the gospel!

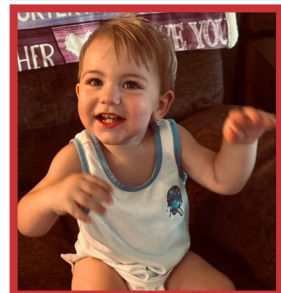
1,000 Words | Laurie Beal



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. This month I am going with that concept and sharing some PRICELESS pictures of some of the little ones from our teen parents group. These little ones and their mommas and daddies are who you help support!



Because of YOU and the ongoing support, we are able to provide a support group for these young families and diapers, wipes, cribs, clothing, formula, toys, books, etc.!



Thank you for helping us help them!



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