

DATES TO REMEMBER

THE VOICE High School Retreat
Cape Henlopen, DE
June 18-23, 2014

PROJECT SERVE
Baltimore City
June-August

PROJECT SERVE
Dominican Republic
July 7-15, 2014

YFC HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
Northbay in Northeast, MD
July 13-19, 2014

YFC MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP
Northbay in Northeast, MD
July 20-24, 2014

CROSSROADS Middle School Retreat
Cape Henlopen, DE
August 8-13, 2014

ANNUAL YFC GOLF CHALLENGE
Compass Pointe
October 7, 2014

YOUTH FOR CHRIST[®] **STORIES**

Spring 2014

EVERYONE LOVES A GOOD STORY!

This year's successful YFC Power of Friends Banquet was full of great stories.

A young Ethiopian girl, left in an orphanage because her mom couldn't take care of her, shared how she was brought to America only to be moved from foster family to foster family. Finally adopted by a loving family, she still struggled with fear of abandonment until she discovered God's faithfulness through her involvement in a local Youth for Christ Campus Life club.



Another student painfully shared how her and her sister were abused countless times by a stepfather, leaving her angry and hating herself. When her stepfather was eventually arrested and she discovered Youth for Christ, she was able to let go of the anger as she found acceptance, unconditional love and freedom through the healing power of the gospel.



And of course our guest speaker, former Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell, captivated the audience with the miraculous story of his lone survival in Afghanistan in 2009. The evening ran late but no one dared leave, as the story was so riveting. Luttrell also shared candidly his personal faith and the confidence he has in the presence of God in every situation.



The greatest story of the evening was that over 1,600 guests heard these stories and more, and many of them were moved to support YFC, through financial giving and volunteering, to reach lost and hurting kids!

What an incredible story knowing that this coming year, because of the prayers, generous gifts and many adults rolling up their sleeves to help young people, many lives will be changed, discovering the vital importance and blessing in walking with God every day.

I look forward to sharing many exciting stories this year with you, as God moves through the numerous ministries of Metro Maryland Youth for Christ.

The best is yet to come!

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BEN & LAURA CANTLER

YFC Camp

This past April, four MMYFC Staff were asked to run a several week camp in Innsbruck, Austria, for 300 teens of military families.



Ben and Laura Cantler, Theresa Tibbels and Dave Tyson, set out for Austria, via Paris, France, taking in the breathtaking sites from the Eiffel Tower, to the Swiss Alps! The responsibilities of preparing for the campers to running all the programs and activities, was a tall order. Ben served as the main speaker, as Theresa served as head leader and liaison to all other leaders. Hiking, archery, nerf wars, zip lining and rock climbing were all a part of the fun.

Dave and Laura also did a great job running games and skits. Many of these students, being "military brats", were used to staying in one location for only a year or two at a time, and building relationships and trusting was challenging for them.

These four staff had many opportunities to connect with these kids, and encourage them to not give up, but rather depend on Christ's strength in all things, wherever they go. What a privilege for these staff to serve in this way! A special memory for all.



IMPACT High School Conference

In addition to great speakers and other talent, an amazingly eclectic band from Northern Ireland, Rend Collective Experiment, led worship for close to 3,000 students and leaders at our recent Impact Conference in Ocean City, MD! One student shared about the weekend, "everything you said this weekend has changed my life and it's helped me realize a way to introduce my best friend to Christ. You helped me find my true place in the world". One youth worker shared the following: "Thank you for all your work in seeing His kingdom come! His will be done...our children were deeply moved in the worship part of the conference... there is a revival in their hearts..." Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow!



JUDY PHILLIPS

POINT BREAK

This past school year, our first Point Break program was successfully implemented at Patterson High School in Baltimore City. Through small groups, high energy games, and several keynote talks, the purpose of these workshops is to improve the behaviors, values and attitudes of students on their campuses and in their communities, intervening before acts of bullying, hatred or violence occur. As a result, better learning environments are created, relationships are forged and reconciliation begins. To see the students and staff begin to share, many for the first time, their struggles and trials, and begin to connect in a positive way with a desire to pursue change, was an incredible blessing for us, as many of our staff participated. Here are some of the comments from teachers, counselors and ninth grade students who participated in the pilot program...

"I loved it because it taught me how to connect with my fellow 9th graders and help each other take responsibility." ---Male Student at Patterson

"At the end of the day, I could really see the impact it had on the students. Some of the students who had been so prideful in the past apologized for not being a good friend or listener, or just simply said "thank you". ---Teacher at Patterson

"Point Break has been a huge blessing to Patterson High School. Students are still talking about it and look forward to Point break coming back! This opportunity allowed us to identify students who needed more one on one assistance. Every school in the country could benefit from Point Break!" ---Guidance Counselor at Patterson



NEW LOOK

This year, YFC's National office has developed and released its new logo and look. It is part of a unified focus strategy to bring unity and solidarity to the YFC chapters throughout the U.S. for the sake of the kids we love.

The three rings visually represent how staff, volunteers and youth are linked to God. Our relational ministry is 3 Story Evangelism: God's story, our story, and their story. In the areas where the rings overlap is where ministry takes place... learning their story, sharing our story and connecting them to God's story. It's where we engage young people and introduce Jesus to them so that through Him their story will come to life.

LOYAL THURMAN

UNIFIED UNDERGROUND

"UU", MMYFC's ministry reaching the Underground community, under the direction of Loyal Thurman, is excited about their scheduled shows throughout Maryland this summer. These concerts of Hardcore and Metal Bands, have been reaching upwards of 70 high school through college age kids, with lots of great interaction and ministry in the process. Loyal and his staff understand the Underground culture, and the powerful effect of music, in reaching them. They are able to serve as "chaplains" at these shows, and minister to many who otherwise might never be reached. Loyal is also involved in new plants of UU, throughout the country, with exciting things happening in each location!

YFC's 5 MINISTRY ESSENTIALS:

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

OUR MISSION YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other likeminded 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. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MMYFC GO TO WWW.MMYFC.ORG

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