



DATES TO REMEMBER

MINISTRY LEADER CONFERENCE 2018

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February 24

MMYFC FUNDRAISING DINNER

Featuring First Lady Laura Bush
MAY 8

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Notheast, MD
June 8-14

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.

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June 24-29

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CHANGING THE LIFE OF YOUNG PARENTS

by Judy Philips



What is Parent Life? Simply put, Parent Life is a ministry to teenage parents. Each week a group of volunteers meet at Patterson High School and Lansdowne High School to listen, encourage and begin a relationship with the students who are parents. Both parents are welcome but the groups are primarily attended by young

moms. At Patterson high school we provide lunch to the students. They are always very thankful for the food that provides a break from the school lunch program menu and it gives us a chance to just talk and get to know each other over a meal. Next we share a lesson about being a parent with a focus on creating an environment where they can share their real concerns, struggles and questions.



The reality of being pregnant, or a parent, while still in high school, is difficult on many levels. I was recently struck by the clear statement of this truth from one of the students who said, "I feel like a child trying to raise a baby." Another student shared, "It helps to know that someone cares about me and my baby." When the students were asked what they are thankful for, one student simply said, "I am thankful you come back each week." The stability of knowing that we will be there to listen, share resources and encourage them each week, without judging, is what they seem to appreciate the most.

In addition to the weekly meetings, twice a month on Saturdays, there is an opportunity for the students to attend a church event where they can get free diapers and clothes and, more importantly, hear a short lesson on how much God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them.



GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY™

BOLD AND COURAGEOUS

by Gregory Shade



Hello Friends,

Please let me introduce you to a young lady in our Brooklyn City Life Group named Shyanne! Shy is such a huge part of our family! She has been coming to our youth program for about 2 years now and is SO full of love and energy! She has also invited SEVERAL of her friends to become a part of our group as well! God has truly blessed us by bringing her to us!

Shyanne was not a Christian when she first came to our group and knew very little about Jesus. Last night she posted something on my Facebook page that was such a huge blessing to me! I'd like to share it with all of you.

"Ok, i am proud to be a Christian. i am proud to believe in a father who loves me. i wont hide that. i learned to not be ashamed of who i am so if u have a problem with me being Christian that's just your opinion. i will not care about your opinion because i have a father who loves and cares for me. i have a family who loves me. i have friends who love me so ur input is not needed and i thank Gregory Daniel Shade for showing me how much God loves me. greg u have always been a father figure to me. u have been there to help and support me. thank you for that. -mom, i love you and thank you for being my mother, doctor, and more but most importantly the best person in my life. thank you mom and greg. i love u both."



Although I don't feel worthy of such praise, I was so touched and grateful to God for such a sweet message! We recently gave Shy the very first Bible she has ever owned and she has

been posting some of her favorite Bible verses to her Instagram page! On top of everything else, Shy even led one of her classmates to Christ! PLEASE keep Shyanne in your prayers! Pray she will continue to grow in her new faith in Christ. Also pray for her as she and her family are currently enduring several significant trials.

Thank you all so much for partnering with me to reach these kids for Jesus! Its an honor to serve along side of you!



LIFELONG PARTNERSHIP

by Tary Dalpini

Just after my 16th birthday, Stephen Kaiss invited me, and some friends, to go on a Campus Life weekend retreat. Little did I know that God had a life changing moment waiting for me that weekend. There were a series of talks and small group discussions throughout the weekend. I don't remember anything about the talk Friday night but Saturday afternoon the talk focused on 2 Corinthians 5:20:

We are therefore, Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you, on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God.

After the talk we were instructed to find a quiet place for some personal time to think about and pray about what we had heard That night, alone with God, I put a figurative stake in the ground and vowed, from that point on, to be the ambassador God wants me to be. That was over 35 years ago.



Over the course of my adult life I have volunteered for Metro Maryland Youth for Christ in a host of different ways. I have worked with students, served as a Sign-Language interpreter at conferences, and am currently a member of the Board of Directors. In addition, my husband, Tom and I have been monthly financial donors and banquet sponsors for most of our thirty-two year marriage. We count it a privilege and an honor to be a small part of what God is doing through MMYFC. Between the Campus Life middle school and high school clubs, the City Life clubs, the Juvenile Justice Ministry, the Parent Life groups, Deaf Teen Quest ministry, the Point Break anti-bullying assemblies, annual Project Serve mission trips to the Dominican Republic and more, MMYFC is bringing the life changing message of Jesus to young people and their families throughout the Baltimore area. There is no greater investment! We have even started thinking about YFC's legacy giving that will allow us to invest in the future of MMYFC after we are gone!

FAITHFUL. AVAILABLE. RELIABLE. TEACHABLE

by Jake Helms

One evening I was having a conversation with one of our leaders. I was attempting to gauge his commitment level as I tiptoed around specific questions. About five minutes into the conversation this leader informed me that when he began serving with the Campus Life ministry he made a three-year commitment. He has now been serving for just over seven years.



Mike is a leader you want on your team. He is always on time, and for us youth ministry folks, that's a big deal. His relationship with Jesus is continuing to mature, and his love for the Campus Life ministry continues to grow.

Mike has spent hours serving, leading, hosting, praying, supporting, loving, and pouring into lost young people in Anne Arundel County. He is faithful every single week. He brings creativity to all he does. The young people who have grown close to Mike refer to him as the father they never had. He is humble (and is most likely rolling his eyes as he reads this), but the impact that God is making through Mike's servant leadership, is shaping many young (and old) peoples lives.

"I have been blessed by it all. The more I pour into it, the more I seem to be blessed by the Campus Life ministry."

Mike, thank you for your continued service. Thank you for keeping your eyes focused on Jesus, your heart aligned with His will for your life, and for your dedication to seeing lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are so grateful for you and your wife.