

## Youth Report Spring 2017

### Youth Group Activities

December – We held our annual white elephant Christmas party. I took several of the boys from youth group snow tubing at Seven Springs with FCA. In total there were about 10 youth from Windber and around 170 from all the FCA groups in the area.

January – Youth group served the W.A.C.K. meal.

February – Had our annual lock-in which went really well and was a great opportunity to share the gospel. A group of 14 adults and 4 youth went to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark Encounter in Kentucky. This was a great experience for the youth to encounter the Living God and the Truth of the Bible.

March – Held the youth spaghetti dinner @ Scalp Level COB on March 4<sup>th</sup> to support this summer's mission trip. Began preparing and planning the Easter Sunrise Service. Attended the Terri Roberts testimony @ Morrellville COB with the youth. Attended the Silver Ring Thing event at Conemaugh Township with a couple of youth. Attended the Tomahawks Faith & Family night with the youth.

April – Youth ran the Sunrise Service. Our youth group is sponsoring one of the United Youth Network services on April 19 which is being held at the Windber Area High School gym. This is a service for youth throughout our region.

Upcoming events – Mission Trip will be from June 25 - 30. We are going to Grand Rapids, MI. We will be having several meetings to prepare for it. **We are still in need of a male chaperone. Please pray about this and consider going.** Youth Group will wrap up by late May.

### Beyond the whole youth group activities:

- Weekly Guys Bible Study – we have been studying the book of I Kings. The Lord has really been blessing this time and answering prayers.
- Attending Youth sports and activities as much as possible.
- Getting together with youth one on one.

### Other ministry opportunities

- New Day youth drop-in center – still involved regularly with the ministry. It has continued to be a great place to develop relationships with youth. Pray for this ministry and for new youth to come in to hear the gospel. Please consider supporting them financially if the Lord leads you as there is a great need.

- Character Development Club – Started this in March due to the school construction. It has been going well so far.

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes – The student speakers have done a great job throughout the year. FCA (and some of our youth) served the W.A.C.K. meal in March. It has provided opportunities to share the gospel with some of the athletes that I coach.

- Completed the Soccer season and I am in the middle of coaching Track. Pray for opportunities to minister to the athletes on the teams.

- Windber Ministerium – I am still serving as the Secretary.

- Pastor Joe Brown and I are going to be beginning an addiction program at Windber COB in the coming months. We will be starting a chapter of Reformers Unanimous (RU) which is a Christ centered addiction program. Please keep this in your prayers.

- Also, I am beginning the process of becoming a licensed minister in the Church of the Brethren.

Keep the youth, the youth ministry, and Ashley & I in your prayers. The youth need your prayers and influence in their lives. Pray that they would be rooted in the Word, praying, and fixing their eyes on Jesus, and living by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,  
Mark Murchie