

Central Pa Youth Ministries

This has been a great summer. Short term mission trips, bike trips, camping, gym nites, throw in some swimming and boating and we spent a lot of times with kids. Oh - I forgot, we ran a boat load of small group Bible Studies.

A quick story that came out of one of our summer Bible Studies. Several of teens in the study did not attend church nor any youth group. When asked why, one said "church is for old people and the talking (sermons) are boring." "Ok" our staff person said, "go with me next Sunday and let's see if you are correct".

Off to church this teen went. There he met the youth pastor who just happened to like basketball. This young man also loved basketball. The youth pastor asked him if he would like to play that afternoon. They hit it off and the teen has been going regularly ever since. Praise the Lord! Personal relationships make a big difference. This is why we do so many activities with teens. We are getting to know them and they us. Lives are changed when you let others into your life. For so many in this generation they have no real adult friends. Pray that we can be a friend to even more teens this school year.

Central Pa Youth Ministries is busy with the start of a new school year. But one thing will always stay the same, teenagers need Jesus and this present generation just maybe the most lost generation we have ever seen. Ask a young person if they believe in God and they will probably say, "which God are you talking about?". For a over whelming percent of today's teens, they do not know anything about our God.

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