

# Found MINISTRIES

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Blessings to my fellow followers of The Way!

Only days ago I returned from a week in southern Indiana with teenagers who came from as far as Alaska to attend Fellowship Youth Camp.

I want to begin this newsletter by saying **thank you!** Thank you if you gave to support a camper or multiple campers so they could attend. Thank you if you gave of your time to come to camp and work. Thank you if you sent a camper! I am unable to adequately express how grateful I truly am for all of this; however, the biggest thank-you must be extended to those who prayed.

One saint of God said it so aptly, “prayer is the railroad track of God’s work. What tracks are to a train, prayer is to God’s will. A locomotive does have great power and ability; it is able to run thousands of miles in one day, But if there are no tracks, the locomotive will not be able to move one inch.” This was so true for our experience at camp.

The Lord moved powerfully in the lives of those who were in attendance—campers and staff. We felt the God’s presence regularly as we turned our faces to worship, and lean in to hear what he was saying to us. Most importantly, our verse of the week was Luke 11:1, and I believe for many who were present the request in that verse was granted.

Blessings,  
Spencer

## Testimonies from Camp

Camp was pretty good and I really feel more free and different than who I was when I left for camp. Monday, one of the staff, Sawyer, told me he heard the Lord for the first time, which made me cry because I knew there were those who had been praying for him to hear and truly see God.

On Tuesday during the songs before the message that was preached I can only describe what I felt by saying I was in a house looking out my front window and watching God break all the chains that were keeping him out that I selfishly put in front of the door. Tuesday I also prayed for other people to have their chains broke as well as I did have mine.

Wednesday I held a sword and had prayer with a wonderful man named James Doss, to be free of the addictions. After I prayed with him I asked God to give me strength and courage to look the devil in the eyes and tell him to not tempt me and rebuke his name, as I was praying that by myself I witnessed God moving two clouds to make an outline of two angels standing by each other watching over us. I told James what I saw and he told me to read Psalms 91. I did and verse 11-12 stuck out to me and they said, “[11] For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; [12] they will lift you up in their

hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." So when God allowed me to see those angels that was him promising me that he will send me help when I ask for it.

On Thursday I did something I never thought I would do, I was sitting in the front row praising God how I usually would just quietly, in my head or singing the songs they sing in worship, but this time I had my hands in the air and I was loudly praising God. At first I started in the front row but moved towards Zadok and Sam and once the three of us were there we didn't stop for about 30 minutes. When one of us got loud the others got loud and when we started to get quite one of us would get loud again because we didn't want the praise to end. I believe that helped a lot of people and was a great encouragement to others.

Friday was kind of a rough day for me, because the devil was really fighting me and was trying to tell me I was wrong and misinterpreted what I was being told; however, with God's grace and through prayer I was able to get through it. I was baptized by Spencer and James and before I was baptized I spoke to everyone and don't remember a word I said but know it was God speaking through me.

During the service we were told to move and pray or praise God but do it in a way that we are not used to, because sometimes we have to be uncomfortable so that we can't hide from what we need to see or be told. So I got on my knees for about 45 minutes to an hour and in that time God showed me that all those times that I prayed for him to act in my life and I asked him to show me what he has planned for me, he did within that week.

Ethan  
Clare, MI

I recently attended FYC for the first time. I was the only person from my church to go, but after praying with my Dad, we felt that God was leading me to attend. Over the course of the week, it was a blessing to get to know the staff and other campers. We had fun playing games, with ultimate frisbee being my favorite, and worshiping God.

The most impactful part of the experience was the worship time, where I felt the presence of God. The experience was deeply reassuring and inspiring. All in all, I had a great time and will be praying about going back next year.

Alex  
Kokomo, IN

Prayer was the main topic for the week. An area of the Christian walk that can be both the easiest and hardest. I went into camp wanting to know all the answers. The answers to all the questions about my family's walk with Christ. I've been praying for so long that they would know God. I haven't seen an answer to prayer yet. So I started to get lazy in prayer.

This week God turned that around for me. He lead me to know to be consistent in prayer. He helped me to know it's His job to be consistent in prayer and to know that he is good.

Kloe  
Parker City, IN

I was super excited coming into camp this year because it was my last year as a camper due to me graduating last May. I set high expectations and they were definitely met. My counselors were Peter and Abigail, and my tribe was filled with

amazing people I did not know that well. I got to know everyone and create some great friendships.

I had a blast playing all the sports with Daniel Jones and participating in the arts and crafts with Elizabeth Doss. I am very glad that the weather was decent, it was hot some days and it was raining others, but that didn't stop anyone from having a great time.

I got to sing on stage a few nights and it was amazing looking in the crowd and seeing God work in so many people at the same time, I got prayed for and prayed for many people. Because of prayer I was able to determine which college I'm going to this fall.

I saw many faces change from the start of the week to the end. In the best way possible. James Doss encouraged me and confirmed that God was speaking with me. After I told him I was having trouble determining God's will, and what God was trying to tell me, James reminded me not to worry and that God had it all planned out. I grew in confidence with my faithfulness, and I can't wait to start college and have the opportunity to make new friends and speak Jesus to everyone around me.

I know that God's will is the only way, and I trust that he will guide me to the right path. I will never forget this year of camp. God is good!

Kassidy  
Clare, MI

**A** few weeks before camp Spencer had asked me what I hoped to get out of camp. My honest reply was, "Nothing. I'm coming in hopes that the young people get all that the Lord has for them." While the Lord ultimately answered that earnest hope, He went even further to pour much more into me than I thought even could be.

I saw the love of community that formed quickly among the campers. They cried out in prayer for one another and praise to God. They declared the goodness of God and desired to have a fire of the Kingdom of God to burn within them. I bore witness to some of those prayers being answered as many stepped into salvation for the first time, including one member of staff. I witnessed many – and I mean many – that called out bondages in their lives, and Jesus broke those chains in a moment.

Most hearts were tender and ready respond to the Holy Spirit in a moment. Conviction filled me as I recalled times of hesitation in my own life. These young people were leading in loving on the local body of believers far faster than I typically did. Their response and love for one another put a determination within me to be different --- to respond with the love and character of Jesus first and ask questions later.

The biggest deposit I received was a great love that the Lord put in my heart for this group of campers and staff. Yes, that was a gift to me from the Lord. It's not often that a door of love for someone opens in our lives quite like this, and yet here I walk away from a week of camp with a love within me that I did not have before. It has been an overwhelming blessing to me, and words are too feeble to describe it.

These campers are stepping into the beginnings of real life and adulthood. It is a great honor that the Lord has filled my heart with thoughts toward them, and will be my privilege to pray for them as the Lord guides them into who they will become. Just wait till you see who these campers will be.

James Doss  
Travelers Rest, SC

It was such a privilege to be at FYC 2024! The Lord helped in so many ways. The theme, "Lord, teach us to pray," was so evident throughout the whole week. Morning prayer times became like prayer workshops as the Holy Spirit helped James and Elizabeth Doss to share about prayer, and then the youth would practice what they were taught. Some youth testified that it was the first time they had prayed in a public setting, and it was a tremendous thing to witness this growth in their lives.

The services were amazing! The Holy Spirit helped the youth to be free in praise and worship. Sometimes arms would be raised in praise as tears of joy would roll down their cheeks. Other times there would be weeping and different ones would gather around and pray. The youth were truly bearing one another's burdens and were speaking life into each other. One time a group of young men stood declaring praises to Jesus out-loud for at least 25 minutes. It was such a sacred time as I watched the Lord setting them free to be who God created them to be.

I truly believe that God did an amazing work at FYC. I am looking forward to how God is going to help the youth to unpack all that He started at camp.

Becky Bailey  
Parker City, IN



## A Couple Notes from the Executive Director

I trust you have been encouraged as you read these testimonies from both campers and staff. The Lord truly met us in a wonderful way this summer at FYC. If your heart is stirred to financially support this effort, you can send checks to Found Ministries using the return envelope or navigate to [foundministry.org/give](http://foundministry.org/give) and select Fellowship Youth Camp from the dropdown menu. As always, we appreciate the prayer support for camp as the most significant contribution any can offer. From the bottom of my heart, **thank you!**

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