

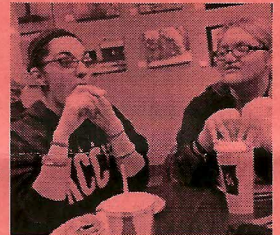


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Dear Friends and Family,

What are you doing Monday evening from 7:27pm-8:57pm? The Heritage High School Campus Life team NEEDS your prayers Monday. Will you commit to pray for 5 minutes or more during that time? If you will commit to pray for 5 minutes of that time will you please send me an email to jon.hartwick@gmail.com? I will add you to my weekly prayer list where you will get more detailed information about what our prayer needs are. God alone, can and will change the hearts of students. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” If you pray on a different day, thank you! If you would like to be added to the prayer list please send me an email and I will add you to the list.

The continual rain and cold weather means that Michigan springtime is upon us in full force. For High School students this means that school is almost over. Summertime means less contact with students who do not come to Campus Life and more one on one time with students who are involved with Campus Life. I am looking forward to backyard bonfires and baseball games with students! Campus Life club on Monday night is fantastic and fun, but I REALLY enjoy having students over to the house to “hang out.” Summertime provides more opportunity for less structured and spontaneous fun with kids.



We recently completed a series with the students titled, “Dear 16 Year Old Me.” We talked about choices they make at 16 and how they will impact their lives when they are 30. Students that we work with rarely look ahead when they decide to take their first drink of alcohol, smoke their first cigarette, smoke their first joint or have sex with someone they have been “dating” for three weeks, that they are certain they will marry. I know I didn’t think ahead when I was 16 years old and making bad choices! The four week series really got a lot of our students and volunteers thinking about choices they are making today and how they will impact their future.

Many of you may have just read right past a vital component to this ministry. Did you just stop reading, and look back to see what that key component is? If you found the word VOLUNTEER, you would be correct! There are seven volunteers that give of their time and money every week. They are all involved in different ways on Monday and throughout the week. You may have met some of them at one of our banquets or they may go to your church. Heather and I have the privilege of having them into our house for a meal almost every Friday. Volunteers: pick up students on Monday for Campus Life, they participate in CRAZY games, they take students out for coffee during the week, they text message students at ALL hours of the night, they hug kids when they need a hug and most of all they love kids the way that Jesus would. Will you take a minute NOW and pray for Stacey, Jen, Ryker, Josh, Chris, Dan and Rachel? Some of our volunteers are fresh out of high school and are also new Christians, which is AWESOME! This means a good chunk of my time is spent discipling volunteers as well as spending time with students.



Discipling volunteers and spending time with students is often done at the same time. The student isn’t aware of the volunteer’s discipleship process and often the volunteer isn’t aware they are “being disciplined.” Everyone involved is having a good time spending time together. Currently I spend at least three days a week with Dan. We hang out and spend time with kids, we practice parallel parking for his upcoming driving test, we go to a men’s bible study on Thursday night together, he comes with me to Heritage at lunchtime, and sometimes he just drops in to hang out. My family has grown to love Dan, and that is really cool! Three years ago Dan did not know Jesus and had zero direction in his life. Jesus is changing Dan’s heart one day at a time and I GET to be a part of that process. You are also the reason that I GET to be a part of that process. Your giving enables me to spend time with students and volunteers. I would love to sit down and share more life changing stories with you. God is using your hard earned money through YFC to change lives! I wish I could SHOW you how excited I am in this letter! Do you know someone who is tired of *just* keeping the seat warm on Sunday morning? Do you know someone who watches the news and is tired of tragedy after tragedy, but is at a loss for what THEY can do? Pass my name and number on to them or pass their information to me. I would love to talk to them. Did you do taxes and realize you need another write off for next year? Did you *actually* get a tax refund and you want to make it count for eternity? Call, text or email me, I would love to talk more about that with you. If you are giving and praying THANK YOU for ALL that you do!

God Bless,

Jon Hartwick

Hartwick Prayer Corner

- That Heather will have some relief from her back pain
- Increase in monthly financial support so my hours can increase
- That we honor God with balancing time during our busy summer