



You are invited to the 2013 Report to the People

Join us for a fantastic dessert night on
November 19, 2013
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Come “Be the Story”

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Dear GLBYFC Supporters,

Last night, we wrapped up our first series of the year. Our theme at Campus Life this year is, “More to the Story.” We talked with kids a couple weeks ago about Facebook and how that fits into their story. It was interesting to see 50 kids draw a blank when I asked why Facebook is so popular. The games we played that night should have cued them in to the answer! We played a game of “Human Knots” to get them connected, we played a question and answer game to get them noticed, yet they still could not figure out why Facebook was so popular. Facebook is popular because people want to be “requested” to be a friend, or be “invited” to an event. Facebook is popular because I post a picture of myself online and someone will “like” what I post, hopefully all 525 of my “friends” will like that picture! The sad part is that 525 friends would be a low number of “friends” to have on Facebook as far as the students are concerned. Some of the students have 1,000 plus friends listed on Facebook yet they feel completely alone, and have no one to talk to. If they post what they are thinking or why they are hurting their friends will attack them openly on Facebook. When I ask students why they come to Campus Life their responses are always similar in nature: “I can be myself and nobody judges me,” or “the volunteers are helpful and listen to what I have to say.” Those are responses that Facebook can’t provide.

As the Gospel was shared with Bay City students, I looked around the room to see several responses. I saw staff pacing, watching intently and praying. I saw students with their eyes glued to me, students with somber looks, eyes cast at the floor, and students trying their best to ignore me. With 25 students in attendance, we shared that even though we are all sinners and resist God, Jesus came so that we could be saved if we choose to begin a relationship with Him. We may not have had any students choose to follow Jesus for the first time, but every student responded. Please be praying for each and every one of those responses, and praise God for the students who were able to hear the best truth to ever be told.



Students really got into dressing up!

After the gospel was shared with Saginaw students we handed out response cards to them to see what they thought. I get really excited when those cards are turned in. Are there some cards that have the box checked that says, “Tonight I trusted Jesus to be my Lord and Savior?” Last night I went through the cards and NONE of them had that box checked. I can honestly say some of the wind went out of my figurative sails. Did I not say the right thing? Did I not pray enough? What did I do wrong? What could I have said to MAKE Jesus be more attractive to the students? I spent some time praying last night when I got home from dropping the last student off. The verses that came to mind were these from Habakkuk 3:17-19, “*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.*” God does the saving, not me. While I was disappointed that nobody checked the box on the response card, I am grateful for a God who has EVERYTHING under control. My job is not to save people, my

job is to be obedient and go and tell people the good news of Jesus Christ. I can rejoice in the LORD as Habakkuk did. I can rejoice that our God has placed us together in a ministry that wants people to truly know Jesus. Our work is not done, are you ready to help?

Next week, we are continuing the fun with a joint club in Saginaw for our annual Costume Dodgeball Tournament! Students and staff look forward to this every year, and it will be nice to get students into a laid back, fun environment to just have some fun!

Great Lakes Bay Youth for Christ NEEDS a new printer. We are limping by with a very tired laser printer that was pretty tired when it was donated to us a year ago. Maybe it has been a while since you gave financially? Would you like to buy a printer? Maybe you don’t have the funds to buy the whole printer? Would you please consider buying part of a printer? Just write PRINTER in the memo field on your check or put in the memo field on Paypal and we will do the rest! Thank you for meeting this need.

God Bless,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink, written in a cursive style. The first signature is 'Jon Hartwick', the second is 'Allie Steele', and the third is 'Joanna Jacklin'.

Jon Hartwick, Allie Steele & Joanna Jacklin