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Dear GLBYFC Supporters,

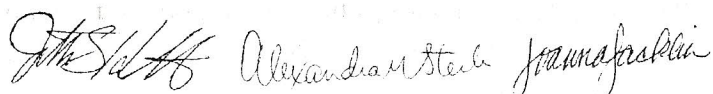
You may have noticed the new logo above, with a new tagline at the bottom. This was done to unify YFC across the country. YFC chapters in the past have been making their own logos to suit their individual needs and it was causing confusion when YFC was "googled," among other things. Regardless of the logo or the tagline YFC remains committed to the same purpose and vision. That purpose is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sharing Jesus with the lost is what we do, and by we, I mean you and I.

The new ways we continue to touch the lives of area teens is amazing! Recently Jon took some students and staff from Saginaw to Winter Jam (a four hour Christian rock concert in Detroit). They stood in the cold for three hours hoping to get tickets. The students are there for the music and fun. We on the other hand spent the time knowing that the Gospel was being clearly presented by many famous people. During the concert it was presented as a challenge to trust Jesus Christ. They asked everyone who took the challenge to STAND. One of our students STOOD UP in front of his peers and 30,000 people! Cold lines, long waits, loud music and a long car ride home... ALL WORTH IT! For Michael it is just the beginning and we will be with him every step of the way. Our prayer for you as you write that check every month, when the bank account is COLD and the LONG LINES for money are demanding that you STAND with GLBYFC you can say with us, "IT'S ALL WORTH IT!"

Last week in Bay City Allie discussed the way media and culture expects people to look and looked at celebrities like Jennifer Lawrence, who refuse to reinforce those standards. Staff and students shared intimate details about their struggles with self image. After club a student approached Allie, crying, as she explained the drastic measures she had recently taken to get a boy to like her. We had an awesome opportunity to share the beautiful truth that each of us is a masterpiece handcrafted by God. That He loves each of us just as we are and only "chisels" away at the things that hold us back like envy, greed and lust.

Next week both clubs will be taking a look at unconditional love. That discussion will lead them into the story of the Prodigal Son and what it means to have a Father who is waiting for you to come home to embrace you with loving arms. Would you pray for students as they respond to the Gospel? Would you also pray for staff as we support and challenge students in their decisions? Together, we can bring great glory by showing these students the way to the Kingdom. Thank you for all you do!

God Bless,


Jon Hartwick, Allie Steele & Joanna Jacklin