

Central Oregon



**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

For every kid... one at a time.

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Mission Statement:

Central Oregon YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.



This summer seems to be flying by! It's already July and yet it feels like summer just started yesterday. June certainly was busy and things look to keep up their pace as we continue through this season. Our main goal this summer is to raise the financial support we need to grow this ministry step by step into all corners of our community here in Central Oregon. One of the ways we will be doing this is described on the back page of this newsletter. Please take a moment to read it over.

I recently read a book that talked about the spiritual side of fundraising. This book was a breath of fresh air in a world where most people say that fundraising is their least favorite part of their job. The author challenged readers to change their perspective to a Kingdom one, understanding that God has given what He wills to all, and that He also has called some to partner financially with ministries to reach people with the love of Christ.

The book also clearly reminds us that fundraising is always meant to be done with a platform of relationship. We don't simply want to ask people for money, but we want to declare the vision that God has given us for

our ministry, and build a relationship with people who have similar vision so that we can share resources and grow in the direction God wants us to. It is important to have authenticity in these relationships and understand that the bottom line is souls saved, and not trying to put on a certain program or event, but to have real and genuine relationships with each other, as we do with our Lord and Savior.

It is from this mindset that I am approaching individuals and churches to partner with them in the vision and mission that God has called us to. We believe that Youth for Christ serves a unique role in reaching young people to draw them into the local church and ultimately into relationship with Jesus Christ. If you would like to meet to continue to build that genuine relationship, please contact me. I thrive on getting to know each and every one of you who partner with us, regardless of ability to give financially. After all, this is part of what it means to be the body of Christ.

Blessings,

Curtis Fox
Ministry Director

Public Service Announcement:

It has been reported that Central Oregon will be experiencing a migration of flamingos this month. Thankfully they're really quite harmless. The main areas affected by this migration are Madras, Metolius, and Culver. This year they will be partnering with us to raise funds for our local chapter of Youth for Christ.

The way this works is that they will fly overnight into a local yard of someone we most likely know, and will decorate their yard for a day. The person taking care of that yard will be presented with an envelope and have the option of participating in our fundraiser by choosing to donate to have them removed (they will be removed either way). Additionally, they could donate to have the flock moved to someone else's home as well as donate for insurance so that they don't see these pink birds decorate their lawn again. Obviously, there is no requirement to donate.

This is meant to be a fun fundraiser (is that the real root word there?) that the youth can participate in and enjoy as well hopefully those being "flocked" by these flamingos. If you live in one of the migration areas and would like to contact us to either volunteer to be flocked or state your preference to be left out of the fundraiser, please feel free to contact us! We would be happy to note your preference either way. In the past this has been a very successful fundraiser for other youth groups and we have checked to make sure that we won't interfere with other groups' fundraising efforts this year. We hope that you will join us if you are able in this effort as we try to creatively raise support and we wish you the best this summer!



CITY LIFE @ Madras, OR

COYFC is currently partnering with the youth ministry at Metolius Friends Community Church and taking the youth on an event almost every Thursday. These involve hiking, swimming, and more. If you would like more information we have a Summer Events packet online. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other questions.

Financial Support:



Central Oregon's Youth for Christ is 100% dependent on donor support. Everything we do is because of people's partnership with this ministry. If you are currently supporting us I want to take this opportunity and say thank you. Because of your generosity *you* are able to impact lives of young people. Our vision is to be a vibrant light in our youth culture today. Please pray with us as we pursue making this dream a reality.