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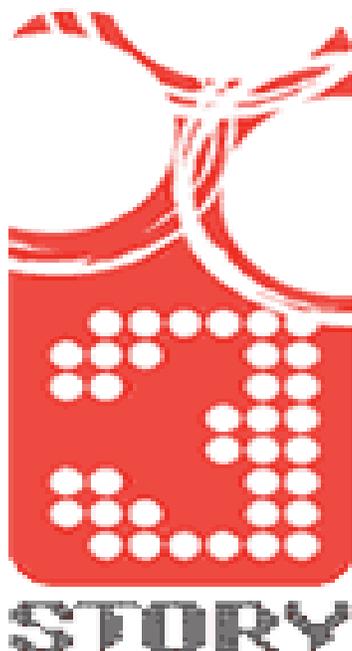
GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

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Top Photo: New Executive Director, Zach Lewis, and spouse, Candice Lewis.

Bottom Photo: This summer our programs will be focused on YFC's 3 Story model: My Story, Their Story, and God's Story.



## *A New Adventure Begins*

Greetings! We are about to enter July and things at Youth for Christ are already off to a busy start!

For those of you who don't know, and may have missed the news, my name is Zach Lewis and I am the new Executive Director. After five years of faithful and dedicated service, Zak Caldwell accepted a position with Olympic View Friends Church in Washington. His final day was on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Zak accomplished a great deal during his time here, so going forward, our ministry walks on ground laid by his efforts. We could not be more grateful for all God has done through him.

I spoke with Zak the other day about how the transition has been. Seems like all is going well, kids adjusting, learning the ropes of a new job, and getting used to a new location. We know the church there will be blessed to have Zak alongside them. Please continue to pray for their transition.

Now, to tell you a bit about me. I moved from Middleton, Idaho with my wife, Candice, and our dog, Loki. I graduated from Boise Bible College in 2013 with a major in Inter-Cultural Studies, and have spent the last four years working at a hospital. For 18 months, we have prayed and sought God's direction in where He could use us most. We always wanted to work in ministry, but the opportunity never presented itself. So, we waited and prayed, which brought us to Youth for Christ.

It has been an exciting journey, and I am ecstatic to be here in Central Oregon to work with the youth God has brought to us! I only started June 20<sup>th</sup>, but even amidst the business of learning a new job I am extremely excited and thankful for this position and opportunity God has blessed me with.

Also, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, our Redmond Site Director, Kyle Vandenbroucke spent his last day with us. Kyle has been with us since September 2016 and has given much to the youth. We spent the evening at our weekly program with the kids, who got to pray over him, laugh with him, eat frozen yogurt with him, and say farewell. We hope for the best for Kyle, and we hope to see him again. Please keep Kyle in your prayers as he ventures forth to his next adventure. At this time we have not decided whether there will continue to be a Redmond Site Director, but we hope to have that decided by Summer's end.

As you can tell, there has been much change.

You may be wondering, what is going to happen with all that has changed? The answer: nothing. Our goal remains clear and we will not back away from what God has blessed us with. All our existing programs will remain in place and we will continue to reach young people everywhere, working together with the local church and like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

Together with our amazing volunteers, I will keep our programs at all our locations running. In Redmond, youth will continue to meet every Wednesday, in addition to upcoming Summer activities. In Madras, Culver, and Metolius, we are taking a break from our weekly meetings for the Summer, as previously decided. However, our family groups are still meeting and we will be hosting multiple events during Summer to connect and engage the youth. We will be starting a Summer series focused on stories, based off Youth for Christ's 3 Story model: your story, their story, and God's Story. Youth will be learning why their story matters, why other's matters, and how God meets them in those stories.

I am excited for all that is coming this Summer and I wish I had more space to share it all with you. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to stand with us as we move through this period of change. Our ministry is built upon your support, and we need you now as much as ever. I ask that you pray for my relationship with the youth, to connect and bond healthily over this transition. Also, please pray for continued donations, volunteers, and discernment in deciding in handling the gap left in Redmond. I am so thankful for each and every one of you, our supporters, and I look forward to sharing with you again next month about how God has been using YFC.

Grace and Peace,

*Zach Lewis*

Executive Director of Central Oregon Youth For Christ



## Redmond

Every Wednesday night from 6-7:30, join us at Mountain View Fellowship. Our goal is to mentor and encourage students in the abundant life that Christ offers. The church is located at 1475 SW 35th Street in Redmond. We will have fellowship, fun, and more!



## Drop-In

Starting September 7th, from 3:45-5:15, join us at the Madras Drop-In Center located at 18 SE D Street in Madras. Come try out our mini Rock Wall, shoot some pool, play air-hockey, play video games, and do homework. It is a great time to hang out and relax after the school day.



## CLUB:Life

Starting September 10th, every Monday night from 3:45-6, join us at the Free Methodist Church. There is a meal served at 5:30, there are group games, and a discussion about God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story today. The church is located at 976 S. Adams Drive in Madras.



## CAMPUS LIFE

Starting September 12th, every Wednesday night from 3:30-4:30, join us in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Culver High School. There are snacks available, we play some wild and crazy games, and we discuss God, His Word, and how we fit into God's story today. The school is located

This summer we will have many exciting things going on, such as, geocache days, community in the park event, day on the lake, and more! Join us the 1st Wednesday of each month at Mountain View Fellowship in Redmond to celebrate together, worship God, and give thanks for the story God has given us.

Connect with us on social media to see all that is going on during the Summer!

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