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November was the last month of heavy traveling before we shift gears a bit for the holiday season.



Hundreds of people came to hear Joel and Ryan share the Gospel at Wheelersburg High School

Wheelersburg Evening Event

On Nov. 17th, Joel, Ryan and I ventured down to Wheelersburg High School for a great opportunity. Joel and Ryan had held a high school assembly there earlier this fall. When we returned, we were able to do an assembly for the middle school as well as one of our “comeback” events in the high school that same evening. We were so impressed with this school at the high school and middle school assemblies that we were not surprised to see hundreds of well-behaved and polite students eager to hear more in the evening. Joel and Ryan unveiled a new presentation that began with a small “concert” from Ryan with some student participation. It was followed by an in-depth but culturally relevant talk on Jesus given by Joel. The students were impacted greatly. One stated,

“I really think what you two are doing is very helpful; at least it is to me. Your words really made me think of what I need to (do to) get into focus. Thanks again for all the help, here lately that is what I need.”



FCA Weekend of Champions

Near the beginning of November, Joel was able to speak to hundreds of students about Christ at an FCA camp in Bellefontaine, OH. Joel loves this type of ministry as he gets a chance to build relationships with the youth and go deeper in his talks with them. Joel shared his most recent series: He Came, He Died, and He Rose. These three talks focus on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Preaching solely about Jesus always seems to impact the listeners in a great way.

Just for Jesus

Speaking of Jesus, at the end of the month, Joel and I had an opportunity to witness the beauty of the Body of Christ. We travelled to Lewis Center, OH for their annual “Just for Jesus” event. This event brought together many area churches to worship Jesus as one Body. Joel and I were blown away by the dedication of so many volunteers who only had One to please – our Lord. We left Berlin church with two Cheryl’s cookies and an uplifting outlook on the unity of the Body of Christ. Surely worshipping together despite our differences in preference pleases our Father, and we felt blessed to be a part of it.

Until next month, God Bless.

-Bethany Penton

Please Pray For...

- Planning for 2009
- The Main Event (below)
- Increase of consistent monthly/annual supporters

Message From Joel

Teammates,

You are probably tired of hearing us talk about The Main Event but once again I want to update you on our progress and ask for your prayers. As we were planning the event this fall, I was contacted by a few individuals at other universities who were interested in doing something like The Main Event on their campuses. At the same time I was contacted by a family who told me that it has been one of their dreams since 2006, to use their family foundation to help finance events like The Main Event all across the nation. All of this came completely out of the blue and kind of caught me off guard. Please pray for us as we pray, think and talk through what taking The Main Event nationwide would look like and what our next steps are. Pray that God would do whatever He wants for His glory and that if He wills to use us, that we would not get in the way. Please join us in praising God for who He is and all He is doing. Pray that His Gospel would continue to go forward boldly and the lives would continued to be changed eternally. Thank you so much for your support.

God Bless,

- Joel

