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Regional Assembly 2018

November 2-4, 2018
Kings Highway Christian Church,
Shreveport, LA
Host Pastor: Rev. David Brice



Ryan continues to serve on the Regional Board as our Youth Representative, while attending college in Wyoming!

What A Way to End the Summer!

With an appreciation and celebration of our camp and conference ministries, it is wonderful to know that we are blessed with wonderful campers who love Jesus Christ? They display it in their commitment to venture out every summer (and fall and winter) to camp to explore their spiritual walk, build relationships, and develop leadership skills. Camp provides the holy space that children and youth can explore spiritual journey. The GRR has the responsibility to equip, train, nurture, and plant seeds for an authentic spirituality, that will prepare them for what is ahead. You know, people often say that our youth are the leaders of the future. We say that they are the leaders of today! They inspire us to be church in new ways, they have the courage to face the world they live in (which is different from us boomers and gen Xers), and they desire to serve a God who loves all. I visited FCC, Jonesboro this past Sunday. Their steps in front of the pulpit was not big enough for the kids to sit and hear the children's sermon! David Hurley, worship leader shared, "what a wonderful problem to have!"

Did you know that we have a Youth Task Force who has worked over the past several years, paving the way for the camping ministry to thrive? I want to give a shout out to Ronny, Cody, Renee, Stacey, Josie, Betty, and Steven, for their passion and commitment to serve our kids! We continue to work with and experience a variety of campers, geographically located through the GRR! Our vision is to develop a camping model that strengthens and support camping opportunities all over the region. While we do not own a camp site, we have resources and partners willing to provide holy and fun spaces for camp to happen. Plans are forthcoming, as we seek to build on the foundations already in place. We ask that you pray for our camping

ministry, for new campers, for programming, and for a future vision what will allow campers to “soar and grow.”

We want you to meet a wonderful group of new leaders who will serve as the 2018-2019 Youth Commission Leaders!

We thank God for Emma Crider, FCC Fayetteville; Emily Smith, FCC, Lake Charles; and Clint Parr, FCC Sulphur, LA (who served as Youth Commission Members for the 2017- 2018 school year). We wish them well in their future endeavors. We pray that they would “Stretch your wings and soar to new heights.”

Fall Fandango Update:

This year we are combining the Fall Fandango Youth event and Regional Assembly – Youth, grades 6-12, please join us at Regional Assembly for a NEW youth experience!! The registration fee for Youth, grades 6-12, will be \$60 per youth and will cover their registration fee, activities and meals at Regional Assembly. Registration information coming soon.

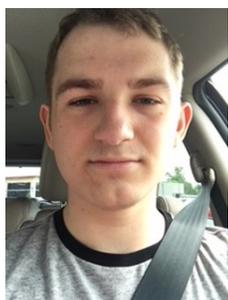
Great River Region Youth Commission 2018-2019



Martha Arambel

My church family has always been a part of my life from day one, they watched me grow and helped form me into who I am. I've had lots of experience of leadership through my church from

being worship leader to help put together Youth Sunday, as well as helping out in the nursery and helping organize and lead VBS.



Cole Langham

“Cole is a young man who is continuing to grow in his faith and maturity. The experience of serving the regional church as a youth commissioner would allow him the opportunity to grow as well as the ability to give

back. His personality is playful and caring which are attributes that allow others to want to participate when the commission leads in worship and other activities.” *(Ryan Pfeiffer, Senior Pastor, FCC Fayetteville)*



Mackenzie McTier

Another goal I have is to strengthen my relationship with the Lord. When Ronny handed me the application for Youth Commission, I was like “what does this entail?” When I read the first page, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the Youth Commission.” The last goal I want to reach is to bringing the Lord to many more people.”



Lark Sybrant

“I believe that by being emerged with others striving for wholeness, creates a comfortable setting to ask questions and grow together. Youth Commission is an opportunity like no other in this aspect. Along with growing my connection with God, I would also be creating a greater connection with my fellow peers and leaders.”

Adult Leaders: Betty Arambel, Stacy Eastwood, Ronny Nowell, Cody Robertson & Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton

The CYLS (Christian Youth Leadership Summit) is an annual conference that brings together youth from the Southwest and Great River Regions to mentor and train our youth with the tools, the sharing of ideas, and helps them to build confidence to provide leadership throughout our Region. Martha Arambel and Lark Sybrant (Youth Commission Members) got the opportunity to attend this conference in July.

Here is what Lark shared about her experience at CYLS:

My name is Lark Sybrant and I'm from First Christian Church of Fayetteville. When I first heard about this conference, I was really excited. As it got closer though, I began to get nervous. I wasn't sure what to expect and the added flight down to Dallas wasn't helping either. I'd never been to the leadership conference or on a plane! However, everything went smooth and when I arrived in Texas with my friend Martha, we were well provided for and got where we needed to go. The camp experience itself was amazing. Everyone there was unique and fun to be around. I met so many people and made so many friends. I'm very grateful that I was able to attend and got the opportunity to learn more about being a leader. I come back feeling empowered, excited, and ready to have a great year!

Pics from some of our campers:



Peaceful moment at Disciples Crossing



Magnolia Camp & Conference Coronation



CYF Youth small groups at Disciples Crossing, Athens TX



Disciples of all ages enjoying Magnolia Camp & Conference



Communion at this one-of-a-kind Communion table created at CYF conference 2018