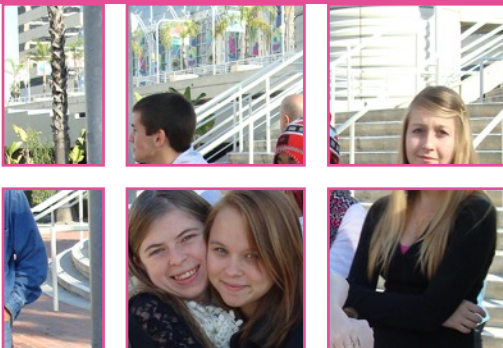


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Ministry Update

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Last month we had the first meeting with some of the youth and collegiate workers in the Sacramento association. It was encouraging to see ten of us together collaborating and setting our sights on trying to solve the high drop out rate of students in our churches. We have some exciting events planned for the months ahead to bring our groups together and form one united community.

This month I will be hosting the first Sacramento Association College Mixer. I'm very excited to see our local college students come together to meet and join to impact their campuses for Christ. I have heard from several of our students who are excited as well! Can't wait to see what they can do together! I'm heading to Southern California this month to an Evangelism Conference as well as to raise some support in the Riverside area. I'm looking forward to seeing God work!

Please Pray:

- I would have more opportunities to share this ministry with churches and individuals.
- That the monthly funding will be provided to enable me to focus full-time on the ministry.
- Sac State Administration would have open hearts to allowing me on campus this semester to survey students.

Needs:

Prayer Warriors

Wednesdays
1:30 pm

Fridays
11:00 am

Come and Drive
or Walk campus
praying with me!
Meet at
Fourteenth
Avenue Baptist
Church

Ministry Partners

Please pass this
newsletter on to
your friends,
family, and
churches so we
can grow the
influence of this
ministry.

Personal Thoughts

Personal Needs:

- Consistent financial provision
- Direction and Vision in developing a strategy
- A ministry partner who will work alongside me on campuses and in our churches
- Encouragement



During my studying, recently I stumbled upon what might be the key to reaching this age group; low versus high expectations. Nowhere in the Bible does God distinguish the time period we call teenagers, or even a difference between young adult and adult. This is a relatively new development in just the past century. According to 1 Cor. 13:11 and 1 Tim 4:12, God doesn't just expect this age group to rise to the challenge, but instead expects young adults to be the example to others.

Unfortunately, our society and media has taught us to expect very little from teens and young adults, placing them in a box that leaves very little room for Christlike character and competence. But are we then disappointed when they sit there and don't rise to a challenge or greatness? When did it become acceptable that teens and young adults were the black holes on our church campuses?

I've been thinking of this and wondering what would happen if we raised our expectations of this age group? Instead of seeing apathetic and lazy child-like people, would this generation rise to that challenge? Would we see adult actions from these students that would bring us back to the beginnings of heroes like David, Esther, Mary, George Washington, Clara Barton, and the many others who did great things throughout history when they were adolescents?

I have decided this will not be easy as there are too many years supporting this decline, but it's not impossible. I'm striking these terms from my vocabulary and encouraging the students I work with to not settle for society's low expectations of them. I did this in the classroom and my students rose to the challenge, so I know it will work outside of academics. After all, the easiest way to rebel is do the opposite of the expected!

