

ya news

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Ya heard?

So, writing a letter for the Young Adults has become one of the most daunting undertakings. The reason being, I cannot think of words to express the excitement and joy I have for this group. The Lord has moved mountains I feel over the past year. At the center of it all has been us. To see the power and grace of the Lord at work has been truly inspiring and uplifting. My prayer for the coming months is that we continue to grow and strive to be bold for a big God. I have truly been amazed at the work and selflessness of the Young Adults. I am sorry if this letter becomes a cheer for the good deeds we have done, but its not. It's praise for the majesty of God. For through HIM all things are possible. The love and the humbleness of this group is simply amazing. The growth that this group has taken over the past couple of years is truly a testament to God. To see our numbers double in size and to have such a presence within the

Yearly Meeting is truly a blessing. Where we gather, HE gathers and this I feel is so true of this group. I am overwhelmed every time we gather at the amazing power of our God. It has been a struggle for me at times to step out of the boat, as I know it must be for most of us. This group however, always gives me strength though to be bold in the eyes of a big God. My prayer for all is that we continue to become humble in the eyes of the Lord. But, that we always remember His power and thus the power we have through HIM. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Young Adults for your willingness to share and to be bold through the light of Christ. Let us continue to strive to be the body of Christ.

Philippians 2:13

"For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

In Christ, Justin Plumlee

YA Committee Chairperson

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gathers..."*

Be the change this summer.

Check out a few of these ministry opportunities to see where the Lord wants you to spend your summer.

North Carolina Yearly Meeting has many different outlets for whatever kind of person you happen to be. Maybe you're someone who likes helping the needy- the SOUL (Serving Others, Unleashing Love) program in North Carolina and in Alabama are both aimed at helping disadvantaged children hear about Jesus while also having some summer fun. You could be a paid member of the SOUL Staff and stay at one of the locations for several weeks facilitating programs, leading worship, and ministering to the community.

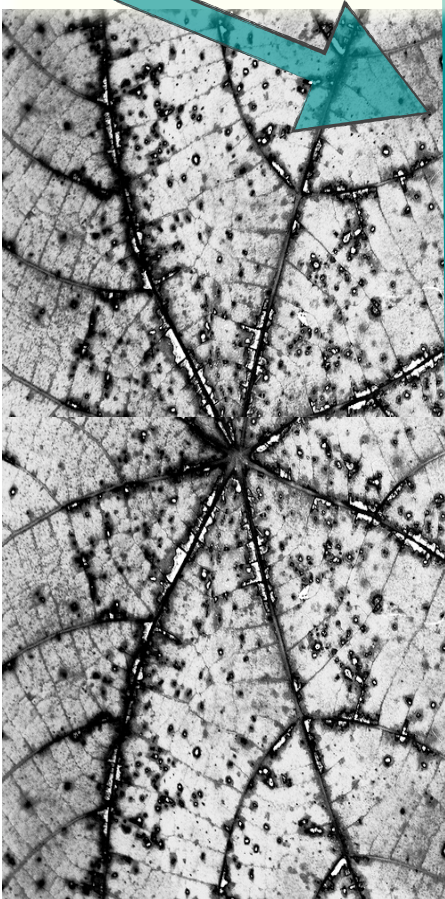
What if your burden lies with missions in foreign countries? Well we've got that too. Join us for our 21st year as we help Jamaica Yearly Meeting produce their Bible Schools around Meetings in Jamaica. Participants in this program always feel a sense of accomplishment and renewed leadership abilities after they come back from leading and assisting through this program. The smile on the children's faces at the end of the week that will make you want to come back next year!

If you're interested in vocational ministry and want to try your hand at it, check out the NCYM Intern program. Through this you can explore pastoring, youth pastoring, worship leading, and much more. If you have an interest, we can find a way to use it for the kingdom

Of course if you just can't get enough of those little kids you can always be a camp counselor at Quaker Lake Camp for the summer. Counselors are often there year after year because they just love it so much. If you think this is your niche, you would have the opportunity to lead crafts, sports, swimming, devotions, and worship, among other things.

For more information about these opportunities and others visit

www.ncym-fum.org/summeropps.html



FRIENDS CAMPUS MINISTRY

GROWING
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GONE

God has been so good to FCM-Greensboro this year! We have settled in to our new lounge at Spring Garden Friends Meeting and we truly have a home now. Our group is able to meet more often because of this meeting space; we fellowship throughout the day, at our regular Wednesday Bible Study nights, "Leftover Thursdays," and throughout the week. The Spirit is definitely moving us through music, our leader Sarah, and our special guests. He has something great in store for us in the coming semesters and we just can't wait to see Him work.

Abbie Inman
FCM Greensboro Student Leader



Campbell

FCM-Campbell has taken off! After our first semester, we have an average of 16 attendees. This is double the 8 that we had at our first meeting! Each week, we get together for food, fellowship, and digging! We started with examining God's love for us by reading *Crazy Love*, written by Francis Chan. So far, this has been a great journey into how simple, yet complex, God's love really is and how we can begin to love those around us in the same way. We are also actively seeking ways to reach the Campbell community. We began by collecting food for the local Beacon Mission and are looking forward to more opportunities in the new year. We are excited about finishing the book and seeing what else God has in store for us!

Alex Sikes FCM Campbell Campus Pastor

Greensboro

Raleigh

FCM-Raleigh has been an amazing faith test for me this semester, yet God has shown time after time his faithfulness to his promises. The students that attend weekly Bible study and worship have been so committed to the Lord and to meeting each week and despite location problems, God has blessed their commitment. We are growing in numbers and in faith, and I can't wait to see what God has planned for us next semester! Erin Summerlin, FCM Raleigh Campus Pastor

wounds in our lives that we need to surrender to Christ so we don't dwell on our pain but allow ourselves (especially our character) to be reborn into the new person Christ has for us. We have had some very difficult and challenging discussions as we wrestle with God's Word. It has been a huge blessing to see the work God has been doing in and through the students as Western FCM. They are hungry for the Word and ready for the Spirit to move in their lives and on their campus. God is doing great things at Western, and it is our hope and prayer that He will continue to be glorified through our meetings.

Lynsey Wall
FCM Mountains
Campus Pastor

Mountains

Charlotte

This was a transition semester for the FCM Charlotte group. We spent the better part of the semester as a small group getting to know each other and working out kinks. Next semester looks to be busier as we are going to try to become affiliated with UNCC, and make our group more official. Pray for us and our sister ministries across the state, and a big thanks to all who have supported not only myself, but all the campus pastors. God wants to do something special, and I am blessed to be a part of it. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I AM also" Matt. 18:20

Marcus Wall
FCM Charlotte Campus Pastor

All the believers
were together and
had everything in
common.
Acts 2:44

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- SOUL MOWA
 - June 22-29
 - July 13-20
- SOUL NC
 - July 7-13
 - July 21-27
- Jamaica VBS Team
 - July 20-29
- Serenity Choir
 - June 17-July 1

Perseverance.

Young Adult Winter Retreat 2012
January 27th-29th (Friday-Sunday)

Join the young adults for a weekend of service,
worship, and fellowship!

Dinner Friday at 7pm, First session at 9:30pm

Camp Rockmont

What to Bring
Bed linen/Sleeping Bag
Towels
Pillows
Bible
Comfortable Clothes

\$50 early registration
\$60 after January 21st

For more information and to register visit
www.ncym-tum.org



WHAT TO DO ON WINTER BREAK?

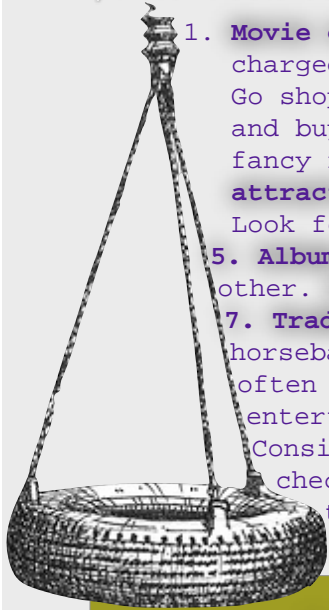
Take a look at these suggestions of
how to fill your time while school is out!

- 1. Volunteer** Giving back to others can be the biggest reward, and Winter Break is a wonderful time to do that giving. If you are not headed to any special destination for your break, why not try to make it special by joining an outreach team or contacting someone to volunteer? Volunteer possibilities are endless.
- 2. Start a Devotional** Spend some time in the Word during your break. Head out to the bookstore and see if there is a new devotional that interests you. There are plenty of devotionals geared toward Christian young adults, and this is a great time to get started on a new one.
- 3. Movie Marathon** Got a list of movies that you are just dying to see? Have some friends over and watch them one after another. Whether you want to watch the *Lord of the Rings* movies back to back or all the chick-flicks that make you cry, a movie marathon can be a fun time together.
- 4. Read a Book** If you are a reader, Winter Breaks and Summer Vacations are great times to catch up on your non-school reading. You have the free time to immerse yourself in your favorite authors' books. Head to the library or the bookstore to pick one up.
- 5. Try Something New** Got something that you wish you had time to try? For some Christian young adults the "something new" can be an adventure like rock climbing or skiing. For others it could involve learning to sew or cook. Take the time this week to learn a new skill or try a new activity.
- 6. Just "Veg"** Many Christian young adults are fairly busy people during the school year. Between school, school activities, homework, church, youth group activities, and more, a student's life can be pretty non-stop. Take an hour or two during your Winter Break to actually take a break. Spend some time relaxing.
- 7. Family Time** Spend some quality time with your family during your Winter Break. Again, many Christian young adults get so busy that they are lucky to have time to eat a meal with their families. Try to fit in some time to relax and "hang out" with your family members.
- 8. Go Hunting** Is there something you've been wanting for a while and you just can't seem to find it? Or are you a vintage clothing or music lover? Think about something that you really enjoy and then go hunting for it. Spend some time heading out to vintage clothing stores, used booksellers, flea markets, etc. See if you can't find that ever-elusive thing on your mind.
- 9. Get Organized** When Christian young adults get really busy, things tend to get a little disorganized. Spend some time on your break cleaning up and putting things in order. Take those files on your computer and put them into easy-to-find folders. Hang up your clothes and put things away. It may not sound like the most exciting activity, but you will be pretty proud of your organization when you are done.
- 10. Pray** Winter Break and Summer Vacation mean that you have more down time, meaning you have more time to devote to prayer. Are there some burning items you wish you could focus on more in your prayer times? Make a list of the things you wish you could spend more time praying about and devote some significant break time in prayer about those things.

Adapted from Kelli Mahoney, About.com

TEN DATES UNDER \$10

Try these 10 date ideas that can be pulled off for under \$10.



- 1. Movie on the lawn.** Things you need: dollar menu dinner, a rented movie, a fully charged laptop, a blanket, and a patch of grass somewhere.
- 2. Shop 'til you drop.** Go shopping somewhere out of the ordinary (like an antique mall or thrift store) and buy each other the tackiest gift you can find.
- 3. Dessert for two.** Go to a fancy restaurant for dessert. Portions are big enough to share.
- 4. Roadside attractions.** Search a state map for out-of-the-ordinary sites near your campus. Look for state parks, weird museums, or your local "world's largest something."
- 5. Album swap.** Browse the aisles at a used CD store, and buy an album for each other.
- 6. Picasso party.** Buy a large canvas and some cheap paint and have a party.
- 7. Trade secrets.** Look for free lessons of something new, like rock climbing, horseback riding, or building furniture.
- 8. Concerts and coffee.** Coffee shops often feature free concerts of local artists. Splurge on coffee and be entertained.
- 9. Servant hearts.** Make a date out of volunteering together. Consider a soup kitchen, tutoring kids, or a Habitat build.
- 10. Museum mania.** Check for student discounts and free days at local museums, zoos, and tourist traps.

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"Be entergetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God's energy, an energy deep with in you, God Himself willing and working at what will give Him the most pleasure." Philipians 2:13 The Message



Dear NCYM-FUM,

Guilford College and I would like to thank you all for supporting "Quaker Youth Day," on October 29, 2011. We sincerely thank each and every one of you that attended, as well as those who volunteered their time to help make the event a great success. We enjoyed having fellowship and fun together, despite the cold and wet weather. Guilford College would love to see you all come out to any of our athletics events again. And we know that your support helped those from the NCYM-FUM who play sports at Guilford feel more confident on the field and basketball court October 29. Once again, God bless you all and thank you for making "Quaker Youth Day" a day of fellowship and fun at Guilford College. Feel free to contact myself or the Admissions office with any questions you all might have, or if you would like to come back on campus.

In His Light,

Brittany Varner, Quaker Liaison - Guilford College

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Over 40 Young Adults are attending Passion 2012 in the Georgia Dome at the beginning of the new year! Pray that God will set a fire in their souls while they are there, and that they will use it to change NCYM and their communities for His renown!

*Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;
Isaiah 26:8
your name and renown
are the desire of our hearts.*



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