

SPECIAL THANKS



Thank you to everyone who made our **Back to School Pancake and Ice Cream Float Breakfast and Backpack Giveaway** a HUGE success! We gave away **over 50 backpacks** and tons of school supplies! Thanks **to all who helped organize** for this event, **all who donated school supplies**, **Grace Church in Bath** for providing over 30 of the backpacks and many boxes of school supplies and **all who came and helped serve breakfast!**

A humongous thank you to **Claire** for coming in multiple times over the summer to organize, often with her mom, Barb, helping too! She did an amazing job of organizing our Teen Parents store, the teen clothing area, and the school supplies. Thank you!



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Outside the Box | Steve Pausch

Zion Industries is a Medina-based heat treating company that looks at the world around them differently than other businesses do. Owned by Bob Puls and his family, Zion has been a leader in their industry for many years and they are also leaders in several ministries.

On Monday August 19th, Zion hosted it's 7th annual Zion Charity Golf Tournament at the Elyria Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit 3 local ministries: American Policy Round Table, The Oaks Family Care Center, and Youth For Christ of Northern Ohio. We had an absolutely beautiful day for golf and all the golfers were excited to be on the course. The evening auction was well supported by those looking to help the ministries, and combined with sponsors, the day was a success.

There are many golf tournaments to benefit charities every day of the summer at golf courses everywhere but this one was different. Zion Industries has chosen to take it to the next level. They provided a great day out for business contacts and other friends, all with the purpose of furthering the Gospel. Zion looked at the model of the golf tournament that so many organizations use and found a way to make it have more of an impact. What a great day!

Thank you Zion and the Puls family for thinking outside the box and helping 3 ministries with the funds necessary to fulfill our missions. This type of collaboration should be what happens everyday in the body of Christ. It was good to be a part of a day where God was glorified and the His name was lifted high.



L to R: Beth & Bobby Puls, Bob & Dorothy Puls, Ben Puls, Susan & Randy Lane

Campus Life: An Update for a New Program | Matt Mountjoy

As many of you know, a primary focus of our ministry at The Garage seeks to serve more of the at risk teens in our community, and this falls under the YFC model of City Life. Last school year I wrote about a new venture that we would be launching that is called Campus Life, with a target audience of more mainstream kids. Why? The goal is simple, reach more kids with The Gospel! The second semester of last year we had several less formal meetings to try and form a base group of students for the foundation of the ministry. We even had the opportunity to take a crew of teens to a hockey game in Cleveland! Overall, we had around 15 different students who attended these various get-togethers, most of them being football players because I have a previous relationship established through coaching. Fast forward through summer to this past Wednesday and we have just launched our weekly meetings for Wadsworth Campus Life. While in football season I'm sure attendance from the football players will be tricky, but I am excited about the potential with the number of them that have expressed interest. For the first meeting we had 5 students, and all of them seemed excited and looking forward to continuing and bringing more people. They shared ideas of theme nights and other things they would like to do! Starting up a new program can be challenging and frustrating when we want to see growth, so please pray for patience on my part! Please pray for this ministry to become an effective source of truth for teens in our community! And finally, if you feel God calling you to get involved, please reach out to us. We would love to have you join us!

Thank You, Doug! | Steve Pausch

Five years ago, Doug and Cassie Bryant made the choice to join the YFC staff and packed up their lives in Medina and moved to Fremont. Since that time they have helped solidify our ministry in Fremont in many ways including getting the mentoring program going at the Juvenile Detention Center. Doug has sensed a new direction in his calling and is leaving the ministry in a better place to reach more kids going forward.

Please pray for the ministry as we seek to find someone to fill his role and look for more adult leaders to continue the work with teens in Fremont. Thank you, Doug, for all you have done for young people and for continuing to help teens learn to follow Jesus.

A New Ministry Year is Here! | Laurie Beal

We had a great summer doing family-type activities with the teens we get to hang out with! We are also very excited that fall is here and our regular club schedule has started back up. We are looking forward to getting to know these teens even better through small group activities and discussions in all of our groups, and we pray for many opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus with them.

If you'd like to join us in prayer, here are some specific ministries to keep in mind and pray for: teen parents group, our new Campus Life group (see Matt's article), Thursday night crew, Friday night Hang Out, addiction and recovery group, Juvenile Justice Ministry and our Project Impact events. Please also pray for the need for more adult mentors to join our team..... And if you feel a tugging by God to see where you might fit in, please call or email to schedule a time to come in for a tour, to attend a group meeting, or just to ask the questions you may have. We'd love to talk with YOU!

Teen Trends

The following information is taken from a February 21, 2018 online article from GlobeNewsWire.com entitled "45% of Teens Say They're Stressed 'All the Time'". An organization called AfterSchool conducted a poll of 35,878 teens throughout the United States. The questions included:

How often are you stressed?

What stresses you out the most?

What are you most likely to do when you're stressed?

What resources do you use to help?

The results showed that 45% of teens feel stressed "all the time". Relationships (27% and teachers (24%) were the most common answers to "What stresses you out the most?". Parents (13%), college (9%) and friends (4%) also made the list. 22% of teens said they dealt with stress by talking to friends. 20% said they cope by eating. 10% cited drugs or alcohol as what they used to cope with stress, while 34% responded that they did "nothing" to try to manage their stress.