

Every Young Person - One at a Time



NEW YEAR, NEW LOOK, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

If you have been reading our newsletters or getting our emails for very long you know that there is always something new happening at YFC Wadsworth. It is an exciting place! We have determined that our timing for new things is God’s timing. Our team is careful and prayerful in the way we start something different. We believe that we should follow God’s lead rather than ask him to bless ours. With that in mind and heart, we determine to be sensitive to where God is working and how he is developing our team as indicators to what is next. We are also careful to not decide how we will do new things by the way we have done things in the past. We want to constantly be making our plans based on the best strategy for “this teen, in this place, in this time”.

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43: 19*

So, we did not intentionally plan new ministry for the start of the new year but that’s the way it is unfolding. Great! What better timing.

Last year we took up office space in the building where the Garage is. Then, we purchased the building, and now we are taking over the rest of the space. I has always been our hope that someday we would be able to have a place where our teens could come every day and find a safe place to hang out, be fed, and build relationships with caring volunteers. This is now a reality with the opening of the new space. We have begun taking down walls and remodeling to create a coffee shop environment. How exciting to watch the teams of people and projects come together.

We anticipate opening in March. That is only seven weeks away so there is still much to be done. First, we need a new team of volunteers to operate the coffee shop. If you are interested in volunteering check out our volunteer video at www.yfcwadsworth.com/volunteer. Here you will see some of our volunteers speak from their hearts about what it means to volunteer at the Garage. There is a volunteer orientation scheduled for February 12th at 9 am. If you are curious about what will be involved in this new ministry please come.

We also need all the supplies and equipment to make the coffee shop operational as well as regular donations of food and snacks to serve.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

If you are interested in what it means to volunteer with the various ministries of YFC Wadsworth or the new coffee shop, Please attend our **Volunteer Orientation Saturday February 12th 9:00 - 11:00 am** 126 N. Pardee Street Wadsworth, OH 44281



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The Grace of Giving

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. (2 Corinthians 8: 1-5 ESV)

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All contributions are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Should any project be over subscribed, excess funds will be channeled to other essential ministry needs.

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EIGHTEEN, NOW WHAT?

The opportunities to learn and grow don't stop when students get out of high school. Last year, some of the teens who had become too old for the Garage began our own group. We just call ourselves "18+".

We have a lot of fun but the focus is mainly to learn more about God and how to have a good relationship with Him. We take time for fellowship and talking about what is going on in each other's lives and pray together.

I serve as the group's leader. I feel so blessed that God took someone like me and gave me the opportunity to learn and work with these students and watch them grow in their relationship with God. I know only God could make this possible. I also know that many of you have been praying for me and this group Thank You!

Some of my favorite passages in the Bible are written by Paul. I especially like when he sends grace and peace to the people he is writing to. I send this same grace and peace to you. Please continue to pray for our 18+ group.

- Elijah Straub



Every Thursday night we meet and dive into a topic. Several in the group are new Christians. This past month it was awesome to see them learn the real story of Christmas as told directly from the Bible.

I can really see our growth during our prayer time. There are many struggles that individuals are dealing with in our group from trying to strengthen their marriage, not drifting away from God, financial troubles, relationships, and simply where they are going next in their lives. It is very encouraging to be part of a group and feel comfortable praying out loud about these personal struggles. We pray so intensely for each other that it is not uncommon for us to cry as we pray for each other.

A few months ago, a girl in our group said she was thankful for this group because it was "the highlight of her week" and "a nice break from reality". While that was good to hear it was even better to hear her a few weeks later say that she was realizing that this realness she felt on Thursday nights is the way everyday should be. Seeing her breakthrough and realize that she wants God to lead her all week was so meaningful to me. God is using this group to change lives.



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FRIDAY JANUARY 21 ST

- Card playing munchies and beverages will be served.
- No partner necessary, rotate partners each round.
- No Cost, we ask you make a donation.
- Lots of fantastic prizes for participating.
- RSVP required by 1/19 to Kristin Opsincs at Opsincsk@gmail.com or 330.608.0206

Doors open
6:30 pm

Play begins
7:00 pm

Takes place at Retirement First
(1197 High St., Wadsworth)

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SNACK & COFFEE SHOP WISH LIST



Equipment

- Volunteers
- Donations of food and snacks
- Financial support
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Kitchen Sink
- Microwave
- Countertops
- Commercial Espresso Machine

We also need new financial support for this new venue. Please use the other side of this tab to designate a monetary gift. Thank You!