

An Announcement

As of June 21 I am resigning from youth ministry in general and CSSM specifically.

Why June 21st? I picked the date solely because it is the last day of school and since my ministry is based on the school calendar it made sense.

Later I realized that June 21 will mark 20 years of following Jesus to the day. As a 9 year old on June 21, 1993 I was sitting by the creek behind our house thinking and I realized that I couldn't 'do' Christianity on my own; I couldn't be good enough. So I prayed a simple prayer asking Jesus to do it for me then went inside and read Psalm 62. "He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken." (v.2)

Not much changed physically or even how I felt emotionally but in the cosmic realms I was transferred from "the domain of darkness" into "the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13,14

As of June, almost half of my Christian life will have been spent in vocational youth ministry (9 years, almost 6 with CSSM Ministries). It is bittersweet to move on.

Because 'ministry' has been such a big part of my life it's a little hard to think of 'not doing ministry' anymore. But regardless of my occupation, one thing hasn't changed: I'm an ordinary person getting to know an extraordinary God and wanting to point others to Him.

The Happenings

Spring 2013

Please pray...

- ❖ For myself and other leaders as we make plans for leadership for Fall 2013. Pray also that passionate leaders would rise up, not only to fill the space I'll be leaving, but to do even more to reach teens in this area with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ For the Christian teens I have contact with, that their faith and love for truth would keep growing.
- ❖ For the non-Christian teens I have contact with, that God would use me in these last few months to speak truth into their lives.
- ❖ That I would end well. As I pass on more and more responsibility it's easy to want to 'check out' early. But there are still things for me to do before June 21.

Thankful...

- ❖ When I think of all the young people I have rubbed shoulders with in 9 years I am amazed that God would allow me to have so much influence. And I'm humbled knowing that somehow, God has used that influence to bring some closer to Him.
- ❖ For the teams I have been privileged to lead with over the years. I have been blessed to work with many passionate and gifted people.