

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you Matt 6:33 ESV

I'm discovering encouragement in small things. I passed the background check to work with juvenile offenders. That's not a big thing, but it's a step toward restoring one ministry. I'm giving thanks to God.

Giving thanks in all things big or small is something I need to do. Considering where they were when I started exactly one month and 24 days ago, I am seeing the first signs of light in the dark tunnel.

When I walked into this job, there was a golf tournament planned less than two months out and it was planned in Pennsylvania. Most of my friends are from Maryland and in the past I started recruiting four months before the event. I also had very high priorities besides golf that needed attention. We had two foursomes join the tournament, good responses to the fundraising, and Nancy Pontius helped immensely in securing prizes for our golfers. Every dollar raised for the tournament was matched by a very special person. Another **small thing** given by God to me.



I've continued to meet with people who were hurt by the ministry. They have told me their stories of being fired, dismissed, or ignored. I have apologized on behalf of the ministry. With some, I had to pray through the meeting in my spirit because it was so disturbing to hear. I've explained that what they experienced was not behavior condoned by YFC. There were tears. Their stories have reached the desk of the highest levels of YFC/USA. Another **small thing** that needed to be done.

I am giving thanks for some small things. I'm taking heart in:

1. Joel said he will help me with Cedar Ridge Boys Home Ministry.
2. Joe said he will help me with Cedar Ridge Boys Home Ministry.
3. Nancy helped me by collecting prizes for the golf tournament.
4. Kelly agreed to lead a school based Youth for Christ Club.
5. A woman named Jessica is considering restarting one of our clubs.
6. A woman who wants to remain anonymous matched all the donations given for golf.

**Its often the small things
that no one sees that result
in the big things that
everyone wants.**

Craig Groeschel

Rev. Billy Graham tells the story of a time he went to a small town to preach a revival and a small thing he said had an interesting response.

*He had written a letter to his wife, Ruth, and he wanted to **mail it**. He stopped a young man on the street and asked him for directions to the post office. The boy told him the way to go. Then Dr. Graham said to the boy: "By the way, son, I am preaching at the Baptist church tonight, and if you will come and hear me, I will tell you how to get to heaven." The little boy thought about it for a second and replied: "I don't think I'll be there. You don't even know your way to the post office!"*

It's a humble start so far. I know who I'm following. I believe the rest will be added if we stay focused and obedient to Him. Would you be so kind as to pray?

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

P.S. If you are able to support us, it is greatly appreciated (and needed). If you need directions to the post office, ask a young man on the street.




















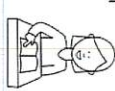





**Isn't it funny how
day by day
nothing changes
but when you look back
everything is different.**

- C.S. Lewis

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PRAYER CALENDAR

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Be in awe of God's holiness and praise Him with a humble heart</p> 	<p>Lift up Shiloh Middle Club</p> 	<p>Pray for our Board of Directors as they meet</p> 	<p>Thank God for Art Smith, Chair of our Board of Directors</p> 	<p>Pray for Manchester Valley High Club and Girl Talk</p> 	<p>Pray for Northwest Middle Club</p> 	<p>Seek the Lord as we serve Him with all our heart and talents</p> 
<p>Praise God for His provision 2 Cor 9:8</p> 	<p>Pray for Westminster Area High Club</p> 	<p>Lift up Hanover Girl Talk</p> 	<p>Thank God for Cindy Weas, who cleans the office</p> 	<p>Ask God to work through the Barn Blast outreach</p> 	<p>Lift up students as they attend Barn Blast</p> 	<p>Pray for students living in a tough home life</p> 
<p>Thank God for new life in Him! 2 Cor 5:17</p> 	<p>Lift up Westminster Area Middle Club</p> 	<p>Pray for North Carroll Middle Club</p> 	<p>Ask God for the students to have hope for the future</p> 	<p>Pray for Hanover Area High Club</p> 	<p>Lift up students struggling to know their worth</p> 	<p>Ask God to free those struggling with addictions</p> 
<p>Humbly submit to God and seek Him James 4:7</p> 	<p>Ask God to guide the Leadership</p> 	<p>Pray for Bermudian Springs Middle Club</p> 	<p>Praise God for every financial donation invested in ministry</p> 	<p>Lift up new opportunities to reach students</p> 