

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - CROSS CHURCH OF NORMAN

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RELENTLESS

June is here — and that means it's time for Together Week, our youth ministry's biggest event of the year! This year will be different for us for several reasons, and my goal with this year's theme is to spark a deep love and pursuit of Christ above all else in our students.

We have the most students we've ever had — as of Sunday night, when registration closed, we had a whopping 42 students registered. This is the most students we've ever had at camp. What an opportunity! We also have many younger students attending. This age is critical. Around 80% to 85% of believers decide to follow Christ before age 18, with the median age of conversion between 11 and 16. Again, what an opportunity! These are the reasons I'm so excited for our theme: Relentless.

Too often, we communicate a version of Christianity without trials, persecution, or problems. Teenagers are told that following Christ is the most important decision in their lives. And in faith, they trust Christ. Instead of being told "all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Tim. 3:12), many assume that everything in their world will be fixed. Except that doesn't happen. And so many of our students question the love of Jesus and His plan for their lives. Why? Because what loving God would allow His children to face trials and persecution?

Does this cycle sound familiar? If so, it's because it plays out in the lives of teenagers every day. The challenge, therefore, is to redefine the cost of following Christ in a world that opposes Him and His followers.

God's love for His people can't be viewed through what happens to us, but instead through what happened to Him. The measurement of God's love for us starts on the cross, not in the trying circumstances we find ourselves in.

Relentless uses four key phrases to help your students boldly face the world: Praise, Personal-Evangelism, Prayer, and Persecution.

As we get closer to camp, be praying for our students, our volunteers, and the entire week. And thank you, church, because we couldn't make Together Week happen without you.

Zach Kordic

Youth Pastor

LAST WEEK @ CROSS CHURCH:

WEEKLY NEEDS: \$9,986.55

OFFERING: \$14,999.35

DIFFERENCE: +\$5,012.80

BUILDING FUND: \$276,573.60

ATTENDANCE:

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH
265

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
13

YOUTH NIGHT/SUMMER PLAYDATES
40/29

COMING UP:

YOUTH POOL PARTY
JUNE 10TH, 6-8 PM

TOGETHER WEEK
JUNE 22ND - JUNE 26TH

FATHER'S DAY SERVICES
JUNE 21ST

TOGETHER WEEK PARENT MEETING
JUNE 21ST, 12:30 PM

