

Have you ever noticed that God can give Christians a peace about them? I experienced it. Before we started ministry with kids in YFC, Linda and I ran a small youth group for a local church. We tasted what it was like to pour into a group of kids to see them grow in Christ. Those kids were such an encouragement to us that God gave us a peace to change my career and pursue sharing Christ with kids. It wasn't all happy and in fact, we had some shaky times.

In the last 30 years I have stories that made me question my circumstances....

1. Being thrown by students into a hotel pool and they missed. But I found the ER.
2. Coming home to find a group of kids who broke into my house waiting for me.
3. Bringing a student to a retreat and finding his bag full of little bags of marijuana.
4. How about having a student pull out a machete to lop off the head of a snake during a wilderness retreat. (No knives or weapons were allowed and what about the poor snake)

But for every trouble, there were at least 10 blessings.

1. Praying with so many to receive Christ and seeing literally thousands come to Him.
2. Knowing several students and volunteers married a person they met at YFC.
3. Having a 16 year old foster care boy tell me that the award we just gave him was the first he had ever received in his life.
4. Attending the funeral of a teenager where a testimony of his faith in Christ was given. There is so much more to that story, it would take a 100 pages to tell.

Whether it's family, friends, church or work, peace is often a tough commodity to find. We have found that God gives us peace, not in our circumstances, but in our spirit.

That is why I am inviting you to our 30th anniversary banquet. If you need to know God's peace even through the difficult circumstances, you need to not be afraid and join us. You will not be disappointed. We will remember, laugh, and dream. That is our theme. Stories, laughter, and vision will give you a peace that passes understanding. What can you do?

1. Reserve tickets today
2. How about sponsoring a table or ...
3. Hosting a table by inviting 8 people to fill a table...
4. Or donating something new to the silent auction

When Jesus was promising the Holy Spirit to his disciples and us he said this: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* John 14: 27 NIV. **Our banquet is not about perfection, but Christ living in and through us in a real world.**



P.S. Please respond, we need financial, volunteer and prayer help. Use the insert to respond or call 301-663-0561 or www.yfccm.org. And the peace of Christ be with you.

Details:

YFC Banquets

Speaker:

David Dean, Comedian



Washington County

April 6,

Friday 6:30pm

Williamsport Fire Hall



Frederick County

April 7,

Saturday 6:30pm

Walkersville Social Hall



Tickets are
Complimentary

**Doors open at 5:30pm for
silent auction and hors
d'oeuvres**

Dinner at 6:30pm

Program includes student
testimonies, music, and
comedian.

Tables seat 8 people

Free Will Offering Taken

Catered by Leiters' Fine Catering



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Give life to your story.