

# Social Media Ministry

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## Praises

\*Praise God that we got the new credit card system implemented and working before the fundraising breakfast for Campus Life that was held March 11. Donors that wanted to give on their phone at the breakfast were able to do it quickly and easily! The breakfast was also a great success!

## Prayer requests

- \* Pray for our 2 banquets coming up this month- pray for a thoughtful program displaying God's work through YFC, for funds to be raised to continue the work, and for God to be glorified in all of it!
- \* Pray for the students who accepted Christ at Impact, and for those who were challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with Him!

## Welcome Spring!

Spring is always a busy time of year at Central Maryland Youth For Christ! By the time you get this letter, **Impact Youth Conference** will be over. But as I'm writing we're still a week away from sending a busload of students, staff and volunteers down to Ocean City, MD for a weekend filled with worship, teaching and fun! This year we've challenged our high school student leaders to invite friends who don't yet know Jesus to come along. I am really excited to see what God will do this weekend!

We are also in the midst of preparing for our **Annual Banquets!** We are doing 2 this year: one in Washington County on April 28 and one in Frederick County on April 29. Both events will also include silent auctions. These events are a lot of work for the staff to put together, but they are our best chance of sharing with all of you what God has been doing through the entire ministry this year and what we are praying for Him to do through us in the coming year! **You are invited to come-** just let us know in the office how many tickets you will need.

## Online Giving Update

I have spent the last 3 months working on finding a better way for our ministry to accept credit card donations. Our old way was to collect credit card information on a response card, manually enter the card information each month into Paypal, and then manually enter each donation into Quickbooks. It was a tedious process that took our office a full day to deal with each month. We've been doing it this way for years, and everyone who ever worked in the office has felt there must be a better way!

We can now enter credit card information once, and set up automatic monthly or quarterly payments through a system called Click & Pledge. The program also allows us to download a report that can be uploaded into Quickbooks, which will greatly reduce the tedious data entry for the office. The program enables us to embed secure donation forms directly into our website, so you can donate to a ministry or an event while you're on the page that's telling you about that ministry or event! We will also hopefully be adding a crowdfunding feature soon! I'm excited to see how this will help us to expand our ministry and reach more youth for Christ!

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