

April Update!

Since early February we've provided spiritual emphasis weeks for **Mt. Hope** (Burlington, MA), **Concord Christian**, (Concord, NH), **Dayspring** (Attleboro, MA), **Penobscot Christian** (Bangor, ME), **Cornerstone** (Manchester, CT), and **First Baptist Christian School** (Weymouth, MA). In addition, we spent 2 weeks (one for grades K-6 and one for 7-12) at **Upton Lake Christian School** in Clinton Corners, NY.



In mid-April I also led Concord Christian's week-long 8th grade class trip to Cape Cod. Psalm 113:3: "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!"



Wherever the high schoolers on our team are...

An exciting development this winter and spring has been the large number of **high schoolers** (25), **college students** (11), and **older adults** (5) who've joined our team for a week at a time! Organizing and overseeing larger groups requires extra work and time for me, but it's a HUGE help in the ministry at the schools and we love having extra people with us. Please contact me if you or someone you know is interested in joining us for a week!



...is where you're likely to find several students. 😊

In addition to doing spiritual emphasis weeks and preparing 22 lessons for summer camp in July, I've also been spending a significant amount of time organizing a 12-person team for the **Cape Cod Ragnar Relay Race** on May 13-14. The team is running in the 192-mile relay race to help raise money to replace my high-mileage car. Any donations toward this cause are very welcome! 😊

Thanks for all your support and encouragement! Please pray for us as we finish up the next 4 weeks and as I prepare for 2 graduation speeches in early June. Thanks!



The 9th annual after-school pizza time!

I've watched these 3 young men grow up – it's hard to believe they go off to high school next year!



“THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE TIME YOU SPENT WITH US WHILE TEACHING US ALL ABOUT GROWING CLOSER TO GOD. YOU WERE VERY KIND TO ALL OF US MIDDLE SCHOOLERS. MOST OF THE BOYS LAST WEEK WERE SAYING HOW EXCITED THEY WERE TO PLAY SOCCER WITH MR. H. INSTEAD, WE GOT MR. HUFFMAN AND A BUNCH OF TEENAGERS! THANK YOU ALL.”

- A middle school guy on having high schoolers on the team.



Dinner with 5 high schoolers on our team

“Thank you for spending a week at our school! You are all amazing and make learning about God fun! Whenever you guys come it’s always the best week of my school year. Your coming has really helped me because it’s happened to me a lot when right after you leave one of the situations you talk about happens in my life. I always think of you guys and remember what to do. Thanks again for coming, I look forward to seeing you next year.” – A Middle School Guy

WHAT ONE HIGH SCHOOLER SAID AFTER HIS WEEK WITH COASTLANDS...

“This week has been the best in my life, even better than Hawaii. Though I came to minister to others just like you guys did, you all ministered to me still. And it’s exciting to be able to lead, even if I’m leading people close to my age. It can be difficult to grow in leadership because I’ve always been ‘the new kid.’ I feel like I can really grow in that gift when I’m a part of the team. Thank you guys so much. Right when I met y’all I knew I could trust you and be friends. You’re all fun, cool, awesome, and you are legit about your faith. I love you guys. Hopefully I can come out next year (if it’s God’s will, I would even work full time out of high school or college).”

Do you know a high school or college student who could join us for a week next year?

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