

May Update!

Summer has arrived! Although we finished our last spiritual emphasis week last week, I've still been very busy with follow-up school visits, attending students' sports events, getting together with individuals or small groups for dinner, etc. It's also an intense time of preparation for the summer camp season!



In early May I went on my 16th class trip to Cape Cod! It's always an incredible week, and this year was no exception. The highlight for many of the students was spending 30 minutes separated from their classmates, with no technology, on the beach at night under a star-filled sky. It's amazing what can happen when we get away from the distractions of life and spend time with God in His creation!



A one-time pizza outing in 2008 with four 7th grade guys at Cornerstone Christian School (Manchester, CT) evolved into an annual tradition. Several years ago we broke it up into a middle school outing and a high school outing due to the number of students who participate. These senior guys have come almost every time for the past 6 years and will be greatly missed next year!



Dan (right), a high school senior who I've known since 3rd grade, came with me to lead worship on a 6th grade retreat that I was speaking at. It's so much fun to partner with young people like Dan that I've known for so many years!

"I would like to thank all of the members of the team for coming to our school to teach us more about God's Word. You guys really affected my spiritual life positively." – 8th Grade Guy



An increasing part of our ministry is to the high school and college students who join our team for a week or more. Not only do they usually LOVE it, they also make a big impact on the students at the schools! This year we had 32 high school students and 17 college students travel to schools with us, including these 2 groups who came to Cornerstone Christian School (Manchester, CT) and First Baptist Christian School (Weymouth, MA).



We journeyed to South Shore Christian Academy (Weymouth, MA) for our last spiritual emphasis week of the year. Peter Fitzroy, one of the Bible teachers there who coordinated our week, was one of my campers during my first summer at Camp Fireside in 2001! It was so encouraging to reconnect! I'm also proud to say that when he went in the dunk tank during the Family Fun night I got him on my first shot! 😊

"Thank you for being there for me and always caring about me." – 8th Grade Guy

"Thank you Mr. Huffman for taking the three of us to lunch. I had a great time! We were able to ask questions about our faith and we were able to also create stronger friendships." – 8th Grade Guy

"(In my journal) I got some great advice, Bible references, and was able to write about things that I normally wouldn't say to other people. I learned from this experience that any problem I might have can be answered by the Bible." – 7th Grade Girl