

The Good News

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FEATURED STORY

Pastor Reece interviewed Mark Drake, Executive Director, YOUTH HOPE. YOUTH HOPE strives to make a difference in the lives of adolescents. Many of the children who come to YOUTH HOPE are from single parent families and that have no father presence. In 1998, YOUTH HOPE started Camp Summit which offers free overnight summer camp for 50 campers from kindergarten to high school. The eight week overnight camp and the daily Monday-Friday activities are located on 65 acres in New Windsor, Illinois. Eleven college students and a director are hired every summer to serve as mentors and monitors to the campers. In addition to three meals a day, campers also receive hygiene kits and days filled with fun. When sharing an experience about young people who have attended the camp and YOUTH HOPE, Mark reflected on Paul, who was a pre-teen, African immigrant, full of anger when he started coming to the center. While others were enjoying their time at camp, Paul would use pens and pencils to harm the counselors. As time went by, the anger dissipated and now with patience and love, Paul has changed. As a volunteer at YOUTH HOPE, Paul leads a work crew in the community and continues to spread the gospel. Another example of how God's love changes the hard-hearted is Chris Britton. Chris was member of the Gangsta Disciples. Though daily interaction and continuous grace and mercy at YOUTH HOPE, Chris came to know Jesus, left the gang, went to Bible College. He now works at YOUTH HOPE. Youth Hope is making a difference, one child at a time.



Be sure to tune in Mondays at 4:00 PM and Tuesdays at 2:00 AM!



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Matthew 5:14-16 *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Sasha Wolff's Story!

I was first diagnosed with depression and anxiety during my freshman year of college. The only thing I did at that time was start taking an anti-depressant. I didn't want to deal with the depression. Almost 10 years later my life came crashing down. My depression completely took over, and I spent a week at Pine Rest in their adult inpatient services getting treated for my depression. It took another year of letting my depression and anxiety take over before I could fully admit I had a mental illness and would need more than an anti-depressant pill to live a healthy life. It was then I noticed a pair of brightly colored running shoes in the corner of my room. I put them on, laced them up, and started dealing with my mental illness. Each day I put one foot in front of the other asking God to lead me. It wasn't always easy. Some days I wanted to stay curled up in my bedroom alone. But more than that I wanted others to know it's possible to manage their anxiety and depression, and being physically active will help that. In 2015, I ran my first marathon (and have run two others since then). Driven by wanting to share my story to help others, this November, I launched an organization and running group called Still I Run (lead by God of course!). The idea is to bring others together who suffer from a mental illness and to stop the stigma that comes with mental illness.

Boots ON THE
GROUND



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