

Yorkshire Inspire August 2026

Dear Yorkshire Friends,

Recent conversations I have had around the church have addressed the topic of church growth here at Yorkshire Church. What will it take? And I want to spend a few moments on that question. Some years ago I read a book by James Adams called, *So You Can't Stand Evangelism? A Thinking Person's Guide to Church Growth*. It is an interesting read.

Over the years, I don't think it is too hard to admit that evangelism has gotten a bad name. We have watched our share of Televangelists with their big hair, women and men, pushing people around, even manipulating them as though they are trying to close a sales deal rather than build a relationship. Even normal religious people are guilty by association.

How did we get to the place where "evangelism," a word that means, "Communicating Good News" has gotten such a bad reputation? Can we redeem the word? Can we redeem the practice of evangelism? The era of Billy Graham Crusades lives on in us, along with other revival meetings. We watched from stadium seats as great musicians and singers brought people into the presence of God by their song. Then often, there was stirring preaching, followed by an altar call, which brought people forward as verse after verse of "Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me...

O lamb of God, I come... I come."

The time is now that we put away old pictures and practices. They aren't working well. People in our culture are not responding. And frankly, church folk do not get all jazzed up whenever they hear the word evangelism. In fact they often run the other way out of their discomfort. As mentioned, it is not always good to see evangelism as closing the deal as in a sales call. We feel increasingly as though we are selling a product that people do not want. Culture is changing, and so evangelism – the way we share good news – is changing, too. The gospel has not changed. It is still "the power of God for salvation."

So what does a new evangelism look like? How do we tell the story of God's ultimate victory over the darkness in our world and our own soul.

Rick Richardson suggests, it is all about INVITATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. "What if we saw ourselves as collaborators rather than activists, looking for clues about where God is already at work, expecting God to nudge us, being in an attitude of prayer whenever we were with un-churched people? Evangelism could become an adventure in detection rather than a burden of making it all happen."

But what I really like about what Richardson says is, "God is far more committed to raising up witnessing communities than to raising up witnessing individuals." "The Holy Spirit fills a Christian community and uses the community as a body in witness."

I thank God that our church community is moving toward the new model. People come to Christ in the context of community... in invitational relationships. Belonging often happens before believing. So Evangelism is about connecting people. It is about helping people belong so that they can come to believe. We are in this together. So invite people to belong. Lift up a Christian lifestyle, then connect people to our community. God smiles when we understand that clearly.

Better Disciples, More Disciples,

Yours in Christ's love,
Pastor Roger

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 5pm Youth Group Pool Party @ Focht's	3	4 5pm National Night Out Springettsbury Park	5 6am Men @ the Sixes	6 8am Prayer Breakfast @Two Brothers	7	8
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23	24 7pm Preschool Parent Meeting Fellowship Hall	25	26 6am Men @the Sixes 5pm Preschool 2's Meet the Teacher	27 8am Prayer Breakfast @Two Brothers 5pm Preschool 3's & 4's Meet the Teacher	28	29
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EVENTS



Youth Group - Aug Event

Pool Party

August 2nd @5pm

The Focht's



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4th

5pm-8pm @Springettsbury Park



**The Springettsbury Police Department holds National Night Out
and local businesses offer a variety of
activities and handouts for those who attend.**

Yorkshire Church and JNCP will have a booth at this event.

We will need a few church members to assist in making this night a success.

Community Fest

Sept 13th - Combined Church Service @10am

Community Fest 11:30-2:00pm

Church service will be at 10am.

Bibles will be given to 1st & 6th graders during the service.

The theme this year is Animal Kingdom.

There will be a bubble station, decorate your own treat, face painting, tattoos, games, obstacle course, and a bounce house.

Everyone who attends will get a free hot dog, chips, bottle of water & bag of animal crackers.

Kona Ice will be there too!



We will have invitations in the Aug 16th bulletin as well as in the Narthex.

Please share these with family & friends.

This is a great opportunity to tell everyone all the wonderful things Yorkshire Church as to offer!

Mark YOUR Calendar

New Video Series in the Sanctuary

The new five-week video series in the sanctuary entitled,

“Where is God When Life Hurts?”

will start July 26 through August 23.

Joni Eareckson Tada and Dr. Michael Easley

are no strangers to pain and suffering.

Joni has spent nearly 50 years in a wheelchair while

Michael has endured numerous back surgeries

and lives with chronic pain.

In “Where is God When Life Hurts?”

Joni and Michael explain how they have learned

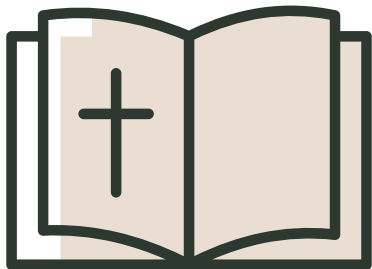
to trust God in the midst of their suffering and

how they continue to believe in Him

as a good and loving Father.



Men @ The Sixes



A new video series started July 22nd
on the study of the book of Acts called

Acts: The Revolution of Faith.

This group meets every Wednesday morning at 6am.

We are always looking for new faces to join us!

REMINDER

**With summer coming to an end
our fall schedule and group meetings will start back up.
Please mark your calendars accordingly.**

Choir Rehearsal

**Extra Rehearsal - Saturday, Aug 29th @ 10am
Normal Rehearsal will resume Thurs Sept 3rd @ 6pm**

Women's Bible Study

Mon Sept 14th - Pot Luck @6pm in Fellowship Hall

Bible Study

Weds Sept 9th @ 6p in the Youth Room

Youth Group

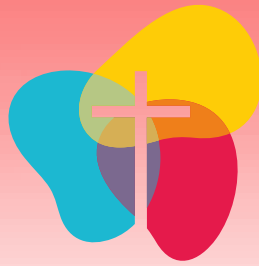
Sunday, Sept 20th @ 5:30pm



**Men @The Sixes - will continue on
Wednesday @6am in Fellowship Hall**

**Prayer Breakfast will continue on
Thursday at 8:30am - Three Brothers Restuarant**

Sunday



School



New LifePath Facility

A new LifePath facility is coming to be at 475 West Philadelphia Street.
As a part of the "Rooted in Stability" Campaign, there was recently a tour of the facility
along with questions, and discussion
which also resulted in over \$30,000 of pledges!
The campaign is off to a great start!
Below are pictures of the tour and the current building condition.



LifePath Donation Bin

**We have partnered with LifePath to have a donation bin placed in the church parking lot.
Start cleaning out those closets and donating clothing/shoes!**



YORKSHIRE CHURCH CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

(APPROVED 2023)

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST - We value a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistently strengthening. Goal: Help all believers grow into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION - We value Biblical instruction that teaches the Bible as the inspired written revelation of the inerrant Word of God. Goal: Base all instruction and educational opportunities on the Bible's authority so that seekers find Christ and believers mature in Him.

PRAYER - We value prayer that deepens our spiritual intimacy with God. Goal: Become a church characterized by prayer relying on private and corporate prayer in the conception, planning, and execution of all the ministries and activities of this church.

WORSHIP - We value worship that is focused on God and is spiritually enriching. Goal: Share in worship that welcomes participation and strengthens our personal worship as well.

MINISTRY/ SERVICE - We value ministry / service that seeks to honor God in all ministries and activities of the church. Goal: Maintain a high standard of excellence and encourage congregational participation in all ministries and activities.

FELLOWSHIP - We value the importance of fellowship that is joyful, inviting, inclusive, and enhances our relationships. Goal: Foster a community that encourages, comforts, and cares for one another.

Reference Acts 2:42-47