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Meeting Times

Teen Center	Saturdays (6:00-9:00pm)
Laurens	Wednesdays (6:30-8:00pm)
Unadilla	Thursdays (6:30-8:30pm)
Walton	Tuesdays (6:30-8:20pm)

Upcoming Events

Annual Catalog containing information about specific needs.	Mailing at the end of Nov. to Beg. of Dec.
Thanksgiving Dinner + Operation Christmas Child-Teen Center-Unadilla	Nov. 16th , Dinner 6pm Shoeboxes- After Dinner
ABC Cooking-Jefferson	TBD-Jan.
Book Sale-Teen Center	Feb. 7-8

October/November 2019 Newsletter

My Life-Changing Decision

It all started last year when my mom asked me to join her on the lunch crew of the Bike Trip. I thought, "Sure this would be a lot of fun." At first it was a lot of work: prepping lunch, serving and cleaning up every day. So much work! But there was also a lot of fun activities: hanging out with a lot of fun people, "Devos" in the morning, "the gathering" in the evening when the whole bike trip group comes together for singing, listening to speakers and watching skits. So this year I was eager to go again.

One day during the trip Julianne Grant came up to me and asked if we could be partners during "Devos" and that's when I heard it! She asked me if I wanted to take a present from God and accept Jesus Christ in my life. At this point, after seeing all the love God has for us and how he has made my family better, I could not say no. I wanted to take his present, let him into my life and cross the bridge to be with Him. The thing to understand about me is that I'm shy and it is difficult to talk to those I don't know well. Julianne helped me tell my mom and Pastor Jerod. Even though I was scared to tell anyone, I did. I was so happy afterwards and now I'm sharing my decision with you. My life-changing decision!

AnnaBella Decker



Upcoming Events Cont'

Talent Show- March 21
Teen Center

Joker Run April 4

Praises:

For a smooth beginning for our Campus Life Programs.

The YFC staff are renewed and ready to serve.

A safe and fun day for the Show Team at the Columbus Day horse show.

For our new volunteers and the faithful ones that have been with YFC for years.

Prayer Requests:

For Helena as she plans and organizes the Jefferson Campus Life program that has begun.

Also pray for Helena as she begins the process of starting student led groups in local schools

CNYFC Staff:

Dorothy Davidson,
Executive Director

Mike Knowlton,
Ministry Staff

Helena Salati,
Ministry Staff

Jody Wisse,
Office Manager



A Brighter Future

Rain, cold, rain, cold, more rain, more cold. Ten miles of uphill in the rain and the cold. The shhk, shhkh, click, shhk, shhkh, click of my bike chain and its one dysfunctional link. But the stars were out last night, and the tents were dry this morning despite the wet grass, and though my clothes are heavy with rainwater, my heart is a thousand times lighter. But I'm getting ahead of myself. Last year was my first bike trip, and I thought I'd never make it to the end in one piece! Somehow, that didn't deter me from going. I wanted the ability to make deep, meaningful connections. I wanted it so badly I'd do anything to get it, even get on a bike and pedal across the state just because my brother did it the previous year and made some great friends. Worth a try, right? Although I expected it to work, I was surprised when it actually did. There's something about being thrown together with a group of absolute strangers, biking 170-something miles with them, sharing your demons in small groups and then going to sleep in wet tents just to do it all over again the next day. You can't help but bond with people and open up. Open up? Actually talking about the things you usually bury? It works. By the end of the week, I had let go of more than I ever thought possible. Instead of a desperate effort to find something meaningful, it became a new start to a brighter future. I'm still thanking God for it, a year and a half later.

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Operation Christmas Child

We would appreciate financial help to buy items and pay for shipping. We have averaged thirty boxes for the last couple of years. Our Christmas Shoebox Packing Party at the Unadilla Teen Center will be

November 16th around 7pm, after the Thanksgiving Dinner at 6pm.
Donations of Items Needed for Shoeboxes and for Shipping-\$9.00/box