

Ministry Update - Kai Johnson



Fellowship Bible Church December 1st

Hello SCA!

This last month God has blessed me very much with my relationships at FBC!

This month I took a small group of volunteers to help out with Operation Christmas Child. We helped receive the boxes churches have gathered and put them into bigger boxes to be shipped off. It was an absolute blast and it was a great opportunity to get to know those who came! A couple of students came from our youth group and it gave me a good opportunity to get to know them. While we waited for boxes to come we killed time by eating snacks and reading the old church pamphlets of the church we were at. We had a good time sharing coffee and laughs that helped them see me as not just someone who shares a Bible story with them Wednesday night, but a friend.

Another fun event was the Talent Show night at Youth! A volunteer at Youth shared his glow stick

swinging

skills, a few displayed their juggling skills, a young man played us a song on the trombone, and I was able to block the dust off of my yoyos and show the students an old hobby of mine. After the show, we all tried to try each other's talents and hang out a bit.

Overall, the biggest thing I am thankful for this past month is that God drew me and the youth closer together as friends. As much as I think the lessons on youth nights have gone well, I know that they will open up and be more open to the lessons if they trust me. We are arranging a Snow Camp in February which will be another awesome opportunity to hang out with the students and get to know them even more!

Another interesting thing that is coming up is our Christmas float! This year we have a live band playing the songs 'Hark the Herald' and a Spanish song 'Celebremos'. Me and pastor Shawn have been putting in some work to get all the sound gear set up on the float and this Sunday we will get the float rolling and play the songs to the people of New Hamburg. It'll be a fun time for the FBC family to get involved together and it is our prayer that the community will see the joy we have together through what Christ has done in our lives through Christmas!

I also had my first sermon at FBC! I took the church through the first 11 verses of Philippians and we talked about what it looks like to be involved in God's Work and Community. It was a blast and I am very excited to continue teaching and preaching at FBC! I also learned how much better a sermon is after you have gotten to know the congregation. Because I didn't preach my first sermon until 2 months here at FBC, as I wrote my message real problems from real people at the church came to my mind as I wrote it. It helped me not just write a sermon for church, but a sermon *for FBC*.

In Christ

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