

Monday

9-11:30 | Project Serve
Taeryn Novak

10-12 | Mountain Bike Club
Justin Streeton Cumberland

12:30-3:30 | Climbing Club
Argentina Vos

2-4 | Creative Life
Taeryn Novak YFC

3-5 | Disc Golf
Justin Streeton Cumberland

Tuesday

11:30-1 | Project Serve
Argentina Vos

12-2:30 | Park Hangout
All Staff Courtenay

5-8 | Beach Night
All Staff Kye Bay Beach

Wednesday

9-10:30 | Girls on the Go
Kaylee Crisfield

10-12 | Disc Golf
Justin Streeton Comox

2-4 | Creative Life Studio
Taeryn Novak YFC

Local Youth Groups
6-9pm Elevate Youth CPC
6-9pm Northgate Youth

Thursday

9-4 | Trailblazers Adventures
Argentina Vos

9-11 | Bible Journaling
Kaylee Crisfield

11- 2 | Park Hangout
All Staff Comox

3-5 | Board Games Club
Justin Streeton

7-9:30 | Movie Night
Kaylee Crisfield YFC

Friday

10-1 | Geocaching
Taeryn Novak

3-6 | BBQ & Game On
Kaylee Crisfield YFC

Stay Connected

Kaylee Crisfield, Bridging the Gap



I've always described the Youth Unlimited™ organization to be like 'no man's land', a middle ground. Spaces provided by local YFC chapters are areas for students to just be. I often find a separation between students caused by what youth group or school they attend; they find a group and stay with that group, rarely meeting kids from other churches, youth groups or schools, and I feel as though this is keeping them from making so many friendships and seeing other kids from around town in a more personal context. A personal goal I have for our YFC chapter is to lessen this occurrence. I love creating spaces where the most unlikely of people show up and begin to converse and build friendships.

I oversee a program that runs every Friday evening called 'Friday Nights', and am continuing it throughout the summer, calling it 'Game On'. This program creates an open space for students to intermingle with teens they have never met before from other schools and youth groups. So many friendships and relationships have already been built since this program has started and I know that it will only continue to grow, God willing! We're redefining this 'no man's land' to be a safe space, a space to just be, a space to grow in friendship, to laugh, and to know that you are seen and loved.

Robbie Taylor, A Father's Love

We celebrated Father's Day recently. And to help Ellie understand, we called it 'Daddy's Day.' In true Ellie style, all excited, she would yell "Happy Daddy's Day!" Then a funny moment happened the other day, as we drove past an Indian restaurant called 'Namaste Cuisine.' On our way to the hospital in Victoria, I casually said in the car, "Hey Amanda, look: a namaste restaurant." Ellie, without skipping a beat, said "No, no, no, Daddy. It's not a mama's day. It's Daddy's day." We all burst out laughing, enjoying the moment. Every Father's Day, I'm thankful for the role many men played in my life growing up. My pastor from my home church in Liverpool, Bill Bygroves, recently

retired after 42 years serving his people. The role he played in my growing-up years was vital. Of all the roles he played, it's the role he took up as an earthly/spiritual father figure to me that was a key component to my faith journey as a young boy and teenager. Being loved and having a sense of belonging was such a need for me, as my earthly father was not present in my life. There weren't any standout things that Pastor Bill did or events that happened as a young boy, although getting PlayStation as a Christmas present was a great memory. It was just his constant presence in my life and the continuous phrase spoken over me:



"I love you; I love you like one of my own sons."
Father's Day will always remind me that a man like Bill made an eternal investment in me and that life in Jesus is life in a faith family. The role I have now as a father is not only to Ellie and our son on the way, but to speak love and show the fatherly love of God to the youth we love and serve each week. Jesus has called us to be a father to the fatherless and to love those in front of us. I encourage you today to daily speak words of love over your kids and to any youth that come into your life. Their faith journey depends on it!



QUARTERLY SUMMER 2021

Argentina Vos, Loving Community



As social creatures, we were made for community. We were made to listen, laugh, and walk with one another. The undoubtable highlight of my job is the way our whole team is dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space for every student. As we move into summer programming, the environment around the office is electric. We are all anticipating the influx of new students joining our events as their schedules free up for the summer and we are able to provide such an exciting array of programs from art studios to mountain biking!

I am so grateful for my teammates who so effortlessly welcome students into our groups, excited to go out of their way to talk to them and get to know them, making it evident that they are seen and heard at our events. That is the privilege of running smaller, more intimate programs— we get the chance to chat with each student at every event! The greatest impact of this is not only how our relationships with students grow, but how being intentional with our students allows them to do the same for one another. At each program we have kids from a variety of schools and backgrounds coming together in open and loving community. They make friends, they laugh, they play, they come bursting out of their comfort zones and listen to one another. What a blessing it is to create and be a part of a community like this.



Taeryn Novak, A Good Different



"During my time at YFC, I have received kindness, acceptance, and I always get a generous dose of joy that brightens up my day! The staff are caring, compassionate and guide me in further learning about my faith."

This message comes from a lovely student who attended our Scope program. It is always so encouraging to hear about the impact our mentorship is having on teens. When I asked a young girl from a local school that I mentor what her highlights of the school year were, she included meeting with me on the list! The love each of us has, the love that comes from Jesus, is noticeable and evident to those around us. There's something different about us— a good different. I pray teens continue to experience and hear of God's goodness through our interactions with them.

EVERY YOUNG PERSON LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST

Hello there! My name is Kaitlyn Falk and I have the pleasure of joining the Youth for Christ staff team as an intern this summer and then full-time in the fall. I grew up here on the Island, and after six years of studying counselling and theology in Abbotsford, I moved back to the Valley in response to God's call to serve youth through YFC. Over these last few years God has been reaffirming in me a passion to come alongside people in their journey and life challenges.

God has brought together such a wonderful group of people here at YFC who care so deeply about youth in our community being transformed by Jesus. I am so stoked to see how God will move in the lives of young people and I am beyond grateful that I have the opportunity to take part in supporting youth!



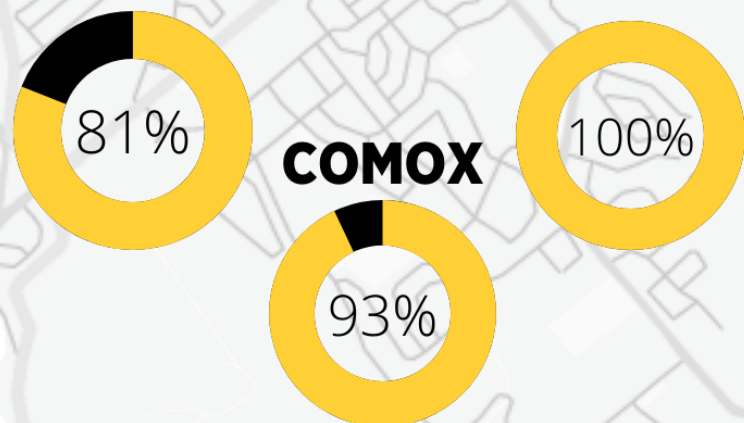
WALK THE TALK THANK YOU!!

Youth Unlimited™

well over 700 streets in the Comox Valley were covered in prayer!!

FINAL COUNT

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STATS

- 700+ Streets walked
- 65+ Registered Participants
- 7 Churches Engaged

Anita Devries, Walk The Talk



Walk the Talk was a 30-day initiative to encourage believers to cover every street in the Comox Valley with prayer. It was held from June 7th - July 7th. But it expanded out from this area to people across Canada and the world

who joined in covering their communities with prayer. How greatly God increased our humble attempt to saturate the Valley in prayer. As we build on the spiritual openness provided by prayer, and boldly proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, please keep praying. Continue to bless your communities. Be light. Be salt. Bless the people.

Testimonies

-A daughter walking with her father said: "This was so fun! So good for my heart and God led us to pray for so many people by name..."

-A woman who happened to meet prayer walkers on the street messaged us to thank us for praying for her brother-in-law who came through his surgery with "flying colours. I'm sure your prayers helped..."

-A man whose street was prayed over: "Wow, now you are not only a blessing to us but to our neighbours as well!"

- A prayer walker said it "lifted my soul. It made a shift in my heart I was missing for a while."

Justin Streeton, Experiencing His Love



Summer is here and I'm very excited to be jumping into our YFC summer programs! I feel God moving and stirring something up in the student's hearts. I have already had so many great conversations with students about how excited they are to have a choice of activities to do this summer. I believe that strong programs are what helps us invite students to come, have fun and meet Jesus in the process. We have opportunity to create a place for them to experience His love and to learn how to follow Him with all their hearts.

I have also started one-on-one mentorship with students and have had such a great time getting to know them and hearing about their life stories- who they are, if they know Jesus or don't- and then helping them walk in their faith journey. There are so many students that I have gotten to know this school year that have a strong quality of leadership, and I can see the potential in them for ministry, and maybe one day preaching on stage and helping others come to know Jesus.

I would also like to thank all of our supporters, because I know that without you these programs and events would not be possible. So, a big thanks to everyone. This summer is going to be great!

Nathaniel Johnson, Trusting the Process



When I joined YFC I thought I had it all figured out. I had served in youth ministry for a while, and I was moving on to the next "big thing." And then I started praying that God would make me more like Jesus. I'm still deciding whether that was the best or worst decision ever. Let me explain. I'm a firm believer in praying big prayers, because we have a big God who created everything and has complete control over everything. So why not pray big prayers? In Matthew 7 the Gospel writer talks about asking things of God and says that if our earthly fathers give joyfully, how much more will God give what we ask? So, I've been asking and seeking. And I believe God has been working on me. But while I expected to suddenly walk in the miraculous or be incredibly wise, I was instead humbled

by how insufficient I am, in everything. Places I had concluded as successful were fraught with struggle. Why would God do that? Take away my success? But I remembered my prayer: "Father, make me more like Jesus." Then I saw it: my identity was found in worldly things and not in God.

This last season involved my taking a step back from ministry and working on myself and my relationship with God. I'd rather have cool ministry stories to share with you, but if this story of how weak and in need of Him I am is all I ever get, then praise the Lord, for He is good.

Rebekah Kenway, Aslan Is On The Move

'Saturated in Prayer' is one of the core values held by YFC, and it resonates with the person God has made me to be. Many of you already know that between June 7th and July 7th we hosted the 'Walk the Talk' initiative, where we put the call out to believers to walk the streets of the Comox Valley and pray over them as they went. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 tells us to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I've always loved prayer, but I've never with such intention walked local streets simply to pray a blessing over the homes and occupants. But as I engaged in the process, and as we've heard from numerous other participants, a shift began. I expressed with excitement to one friend and supporter as we were on a prayer walk, "Aslan is on the move!" (Quote from C.S Lewis' Narnia series.) We had just had an interaction with a lady whom we got to pray for and encourage. Throughout the process, we've also heard of couples out praying together for the very first time and people being emboldened to share their faith. Friends, "Aslan" is on the move! The Spirit of God is moving. Will you move with Him? Again, as we were clearly instructed, I encourage you to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



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