

QUARTERLY SUMMER 2026



Robbie Taylor, *The Great Catch*

Earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to take my father-in-law fishing on a charter, along with family and friends. It was something he had wanted to do, and we were excited to set out in search of salmon.

With our guide leading the way, we headed to some of the local fishing areas. Once we arrived, we dropped our lines and began the pursuit. Using the navigation tools, our guide helped us find promising areas. We changed our flashers, tried different plugs and colours, adjusted our depths and changed our speeds— all depending on the type of salmon we were hoping to catch.

There was something exciting about the active pursuit: waiting for the bite, watching the rods, and then experiencing the thrill of reeling in a big fish. Our guide had a deep love and knowledge of fishing, and he shared that experience with us. When we caught a fish, the joy of the catch became ours too. It reminded me of the active pursuit of reaching teens in today's world.

Jesus calls us to follow Him and become “fishers of people.” With the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are sent into the world to look for opportunities, change our approach when needed, and meet young people where they are. Sometimes that means changing the program, the activity, the time, the setting, or simply the way we engage. The goal remains the same: to connect with young people and ultimately introduce them to Jesus. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” (Matthew 4:19)

Through YFC, Jesus gives us different tools, programs, opportunities and ways of engaging teens. We actively pursue opportunities to meet young people, build relationships, and create spaces where they can encounter the life and love of Jesus.

One of the greatest joys of this summer has been seeing young people engage with Jesus through YFC. Even more amazing has been watching some of those teens begin to become fishers of people themselves— stepping out in faith and inviting their friends to come and be part of what God is doing.

Much like fishing, it takes partnership, the right tools, a willingness to pursue, patience, timing and a good guide. But ultimately, the catch is in God's hands. As we look back on this summer, we are grateful for every young person we had the opportunity to meet and every moment we saw God at work. Now, as we look toward the fall, we are ready to gear up, set our course, and follow where Jesus leads.

We're excited for another season of pursuing young people, sharing Jesus, and seeing what God will do in the great catch.

The Space To Listen

“I never really learned how to talk to people,” she said as we walked through the forest, near the back of the crowd on one of our summer hikes.

Upon first meeting this young woman she may appear to be shy, reserved, or lacking conversation skills. But once you get to know her, you will discover such beautiful creative abilities, a curiosity about the world, and hesitant yet blossoming dreams for her future.

This simple interaction, walking side-by-side among the trees, reminded me that for many youth, they're just waiting for the chance to be heard. It can take patience as they slowly open up, but the consistent care we show them is like water to a parched plant. When offered love and space to simply be, youth blossom.

This girl still has many challenges ahead of her. It can sometimes feel like one step forward, two back. But I pray that YFC Comox Valley can continue to be a place where youth like her can grow and find belonging.

I'm thankful that the summer provides so many opportunities like this to slow down and listen to youth's stories. Thank you so much for walking alongside us as we journey with young people!



Taeryn Novak

EVERY YOUNG PERSON LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST



Hendré Basson, *Young Leaders Rising Up*

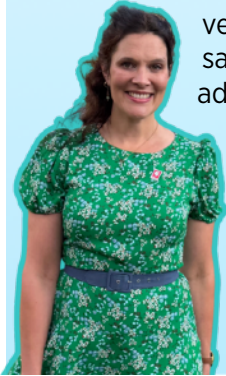
During our summer season at YFC this year, we welcomed many new faces who were discovering our organization and programs for the first time. Something special that I witnessed over the weeks was watching these new youth, many of them young boys, easily incorporate into our YFC culture, bringing joy and a fresh injection of light. What started as one new family grew as they kept inviting friends to join them in the activities, and soon we found ourselves feeding around twenty boys every week at our breakfast club, to hosting forty-plus youth on Friday nights with worship, testimonies, and a BBQ. By the end of the summer, these new youth no longer felt like strangers, but part of the YFC family. In only five weeks! At our final sharing time, when youth had the opportunity to share summer memories from the programs, every single one of these new boys got up to give thanks to the older youth who had inspired them every day, challenged them in sports, and led them through intentional scripture conversations. Troy and I felt so encouraged and equipped by the Lord to lead the boys' ministry this summer— but to have our high-school, long-time YFC teens take the responsibility in modelling leadership and Christ-like love to our junior newcomers helped them truly see the mission at YFC: to see every young person living fully in Christ. Saturated in the Word. Embraced by faith-led community. Empowered to discover their God-given dream.

We had new youth join us with a variety of personalities, and the blessing of hosting eight programs a week allowed us to get to know them individually and connect them with other youth who share their interests, talents, and passions. God met me, our team, and every youth personally this season, inspiring us to be bold, open-minded, and expectant of how He shapes the future of YFC in the Comox Valley to best serve the youth we reach. Jesus is raising a hungry generation that seeks truth, light, and His hope in their lives. To continue to be a witness to what God is ushering in on the horizon of the coming revival is nothing short of extraordinary. Truth is not vanishing. It is awakening.

Rebekah Kenway, Light Up Your Life

A volunteer asked me, while preparing the meal for our last summer program, “What’s a highlight from the summer?” I stopped and thought, yet found it hard to give a response. And not because there weren’t any highlights throughout the summer, but simply because the whole summer with the youth felt like a highlight. I struggled picking one thing to share or even just a few. We had so many new kids attend programs, having just heard about the ministry, and parents were thrilled to find an abundance of activity for their youth throughout the week.

Not only did it bless the youth, but we found families and parents also connecting. The summer gives us more concentrated time with the youth, so we were able to dive deeper in relationship with them. What gave me great delight was hearing teen girl express that she is becoming more interested in a relationship with Jesus since being at YFC. That blessed my heart! Our theme for the summer was ‘Light Up Your Life,’ deriving from the verses in Matthew 5:14-16. We spoke a lot about being the light in the world with the youth, and we saw their lives light up with joy, fun, and growing in a space where they feel loved and supported. We adventured with the youth, shared meals, laughed together, saw them grow in confidence and courage; we played games, served in the community, studied Scripture, sang songs of praise; there was time just for the girls and just for the boys. We saw older youth being a good example to the younger ones and the younger ones taking up that baton. It was a highlight having Troy join the team, which has increased our capacity to serve, especially the boys in the community. But it was also through our faithful volunteers that it was possible for us to serve as many youth as we did, sometimes over 40 at a program. It really was a wonderful summer! Thank you for investing in this work!



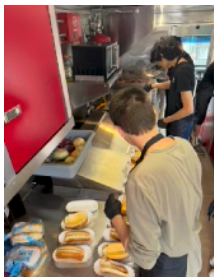
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Meals and conversations at
Girls’ Night



Bible journaling at local cafés



Serving the community together



Troy Friesen,
Simple Discipleship

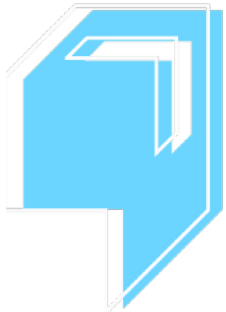
After my first summer at Youth for Christ Comox, I am left deeply encouraged and grateful.

From the very beginning, I have been warmly welcomed by the staff, volunteers, and the youth. It’s been incredible already catching glimpses of what God is doing in the lives of young people and in this community.

One of my highlights from the summer was Boys’ Breakfast Club on Tuesday evenings. We worked through a video devotional series on the Beatitudes. This gave us an opportunity to open up Scripture and explore Jesus’ words and discuss what it looks like to follow Him in our everyday lives. We also had small-group discussions throughout the evenings, which gave the boys space to share, ask questions, and learn together. These evenings have been a meaningful reminder that discipleship often happens through simple, consistent time together.

The Lord was so faithful and gracious in His provision of volunteers, resources, partnerships, and encouragement over the summer. He is so trustworthy with this ministry.

I’m excited for the opportunity to continue to build relationships with the youth and encourage them in their walk with God, wherever they may be in their faith journey. Thank you for partnering with us— your generosity and encouragement makes a direct impact in the lives of young people!



SUMMER
DAYS '26

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE!



Hikes and adventures in
God’s creation



Boys’ Breakfast and Bible study



Overnight Campouts



BBQ, games, worship & Friday night testimonies



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