



THE F.I.S.H.

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NERF BLASTER BATTLE

We tag-teamed with Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL for some joint Youth fun and fellowship. And we were blessed to have Grace host the event at their house in their gym, though, it really was to give them home court advantage. ;)

Seriously though, what a BLAST this event was! There was running, there was ducking, diving, dodging and a whole lot more on that gym floor. Playing various games like capture the flag, zombies, fox and hound, free for all, and of course the heated showdown youth group vs. youth group (Grace vs. Hope). We had hours of fun and excitement that Saturday afternoon with Grace, we decided we will be doing it again. You can look forward to many more Nerf Blasters Battles in years to come. Look how sweet it is...



#LiveBoldly

#BlastBoldy



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FAMILY FUN CENTER

Well we were suppose to kickoff our summer at Siesta Key Beach, but the weather had other plans. Although thunderstorms may have stopped us from going to the beach it could not stop us of from having fun! So instead we went to Family Fun Center in Lakeland.

We played laser tag, laser maze, and all sorts of arcade games. We challenged each other, encouraged each other and racked up tons of tickets. We arrived full of energy and left with zero-energy. This was a day jam packed with excitement and running around. Not to mention jumping around.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thanks to Mrs. Stacey Greatens Hope's Youth were able to take a tour of the Polk County Sheriff's Office in Lakeland.

We had the privilege of seeing the emergency call operating center, even went into the CSI lab. There we got to check out and learn a little bit of what CSI does and we even had our fingerprints taken. What a cool and educational experience this was.

Thank you Mrs. Stacey!

Laser Tag was extreme. We had epic battles of *blue team vs. red team*, *boys vs. girls*, and a *free-for-all* in which alliances were formed and a youth pastor was left to fend for himself while relentlessly bombarded by youth.





FEEDING TAMPA BAY

Feeding America — Tampa Bay was at the United Food Bank in Plant City. So on June 20, instead of sleeping-in like usual over the summer, Hope's Youth got up bright and early to **live boldly**. We made it out to the Food Bank by 7:30AM and for the next 90 minutes we operated at 100 mph like a finely tuned machine preparing and packaging boxes heavy with food. Boxes were overflowing with sweet potatoes, frozen meats (ground beef, sausage, and/or prime rib), breakfast bars, cereal, and more. Once boxes filled over the brim, we carried and placed them in people's vehicles like clock-work.

In 90 minutes we prepared hundreds of boxes and gave a hand up to hundreds of people in our community. May God continue to bless them. May God continue to bless the Food Bank in order to be a blessing to others. And may God continue to bless Hope's Youth to be a blessing to others—to *connecting people to Jesus!*



WORD FROM LUTHER



In this 500 year anniversary of the Reformation here a quote from Martin Luther in his Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans...

"Faith is a living, unshakable confidence in God's grace; it is so certain, that someone would die a thousand times for it. This kind of trust in and knowledge of God's grace makes a person joyful, confident, and happy with regard to God and all creatures. This is what the Holy Spirit does by faith. Through faith, a person will do good to everyone without coercion, willingly and happily; he will serve everyone, suffer everything for the love and praise of God, who has shown him such grace."



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FISH T.A.L.E

Reeling you in with all the happenings of Hope's Youth. Dedicated to encouraging, equipping, and casting youth out into the mission field—ready to give an answer for the HOPE they have within (1 Peter 3:15), in order to catch people with the gospel—to *Connect People To Jesus!*



UPCOMING DATES



@ ST. PAUL IN
LAKELAND

SATURDAY,
JULY 8,
2:00—7:00PM

Youth Group @ Hope

Wednesday, July 12 @ 4:30—6:00 PM

Youth Group & Youth Led-Service

Wednesday, July 19 @ 4:30—7:30 PM

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