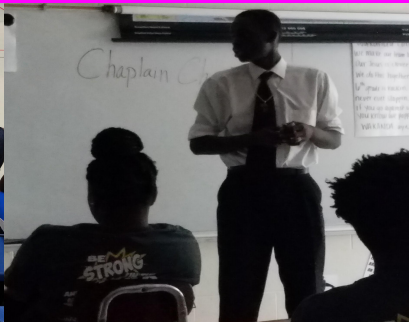


# Passion For Urban Educational Ministry

August 10, 2018



# AGENDA



- Personal Introduction
- Challenges Facing Our Urban Youth, Families & Organizations
- Charts, Diagrams & Data of 200+ St. Marcus Students Across a 4-Year Span
- Connecting the Dots on Multiple Levels
- Simple Solutions to Complex Problems
- Ministering to Teens in Crisis
- "Real Talk" About Issues & Solutions

In Memory of Tsavia Baker

[Reckless Love](#)

**I don't remember seeing the pencil fly across the room and land point first just centimeters from my eye. And I didn't see the orange coming as it propelled through the air and hit the back of my head. And I certainly did not see the chair being hurled off of the bleachers toward my body as I conducted PE class with 55 boys in the HOPE High School Gymnasium. Obviously I am an outstanding coach as it takes great training to throw a pencil, an orange, and especially a chair with that much accuracy!!!**

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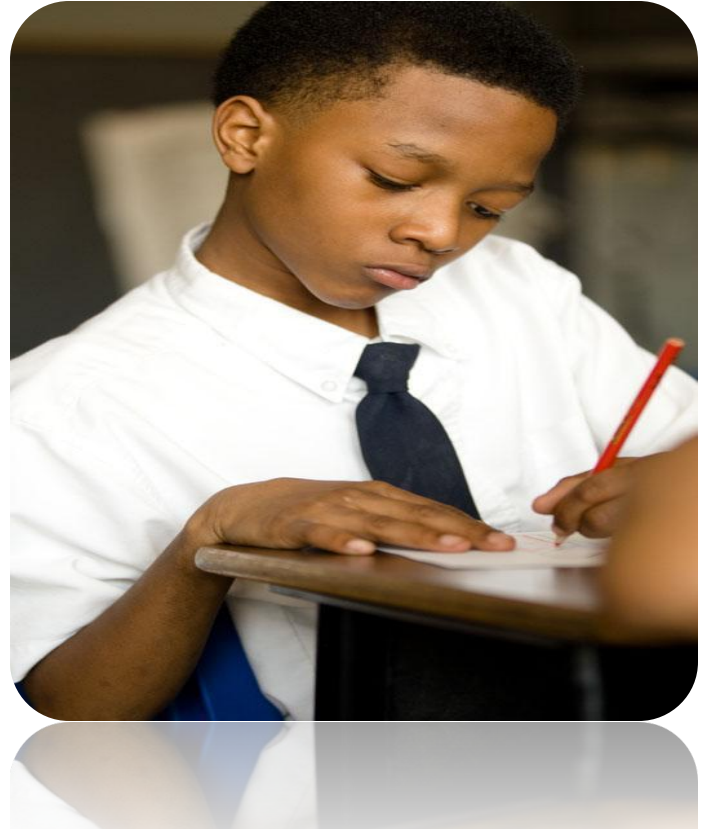
**On that Friday in August in 2007, when my former coach called me letting me know that his son Kole Knueppel would be giving me a call to see if I was interested in being the PE instructor at The HOPE School on Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin I don't think even I could have imagined how challenging Urban Educational Ministry would be. I had dreamed of being the head varsity coach at HOPE High School and I immediately said yes to the \$100 a day salary.**

**So on Monday morning I drove from 82nd and Center to Martin Luther King Drive and I distinctly remember the drive from over 11 years ago today. I often listen to music or talk radio or often the Bible as I drive across town. On this day it was silent as I contemplated the reality of teaching and not knowing a single kid, minus one I had once coached against. It was a daunting task and I knew that it was going to be difficult. But even I in that quiet moment could not have imagined the challenges I would face over the next 11 years. Oh I had Urban Education experience before. And I had faced some very challenging Ministries. But it is safe to say that those years at HOPE were among the most raw and pure ministry I have ever experienced. And I loved it!!!**

**I don't remember if I truly understood this on that quiet, humble, reflective ride into Milwaukee on that summer morning, despite feeling very alone and ill-equipped to be successful, in truth I had the few things you need to be successful in Urban Educational Ministry.**

**No college class, no book you read, few life experiences, and no 1 hour session will prepare you for Urban Educational Ministry... But it starts with knowing who you are...**

Who am I?



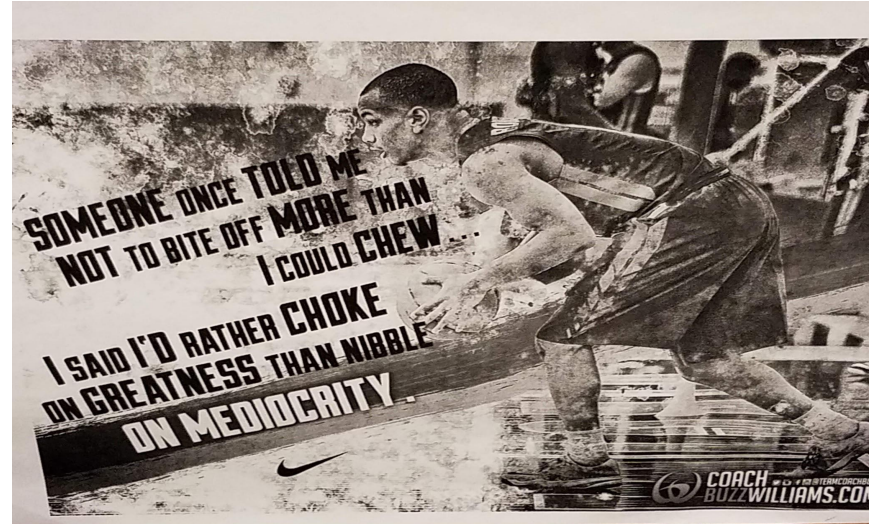
# Coach Lance Meyer

- Personal Identity: I am Coach Lance Meyer #22. I am a redeemed child and servant of the most High and Powerful God of the Universe. I am the Son of Coach Kent Meyer and nurse & artist Kay Pleuss Meyer. Brother of Teacher of the Year Melissa Meyer Staude; Grandchild of Harvey and Virginia Meyer and Arno and Lilah Pleuss all who are in heaven and live in me through the lessons of life and work ethic they taught me. I am the husband of teacher, urban gardner, and craftswomen Carrie Schmiege Meyer. Although we have no biological children, I am a fatherly role model to hundreds and even thousands of kids who look up to me. I am a son, husband, educator, alumni minister, coach, artist, golfer and Christian Leader at St. Marcus Lutheran Church and School. I am passionate about Urban Ministry. I have failed forward over and over again.

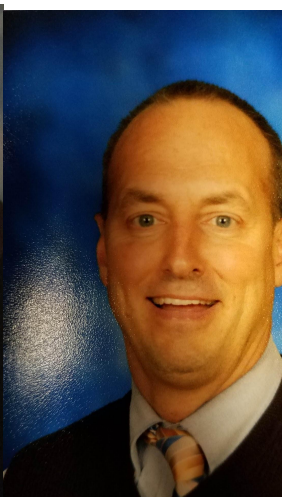
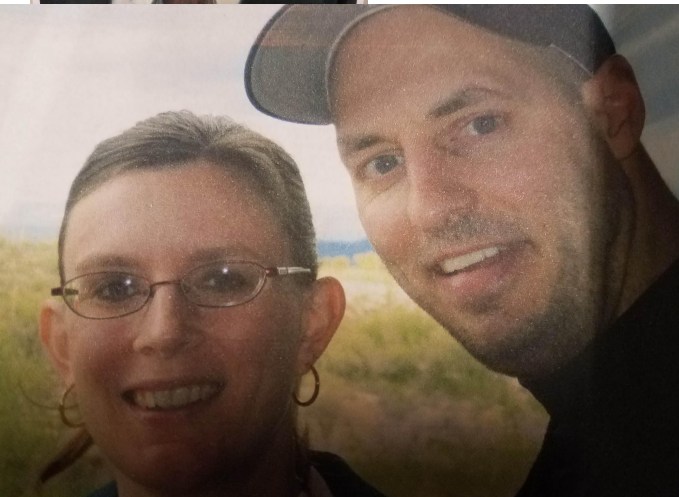
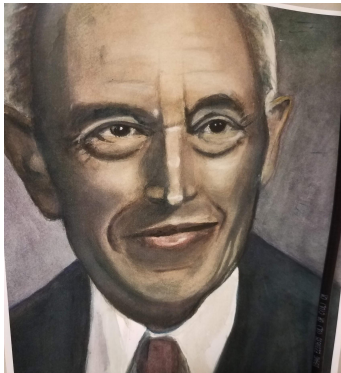


# Coach Lance Meyer

- 20+ years of Urban Lutheran Educational Experience and have moved 23 times
- Born in Oconto WI, farm in Manitowoc WI, Iron River Michigan, Lexington NE, Bellevue NE, Tarkio Missouri, WLC Milwaukee
- Principal Immanuel, Waukegan Illinois
- Teacher/Coach St. Paul Fort Atkinson (Married to Carrie)
- AD 7th Grade Teacher Atonement Lutheran
- PE and Religion Instructor HOPE Christian High School
- Athletics/Alumni St. Marcus, Milwaukee



# Coach Lance Meyer



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# Who are you?

Create a Notecard: Who are you?

Name:

Position:

Place of Service:

Passions:

Years of Urban Experience:

I am Statement:

## Challenges Facing Our Urban Youth, Families & Organizations

- Social Media
- Broken Homes
- Lack of Spiritual Direction
- Me First leading to me less generation (Explore this as it relates to Selfishness)
- “Nice” kids wanting to do right But always pressures to do otherwise
- Lack of resources and financial opportunity
- Lack of educational experiences
- Premature Death of Loved ones

# Challenges Facing Our Urban Youth, Families & Organizations

## BREAK-OUT:

Choose one of the issues above and discuss in your group:

What other issues are our urban youth currently facing?

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# **Charts, Diagrams & Data of 200+ St. Marcus Students Across a 4-Year Span**

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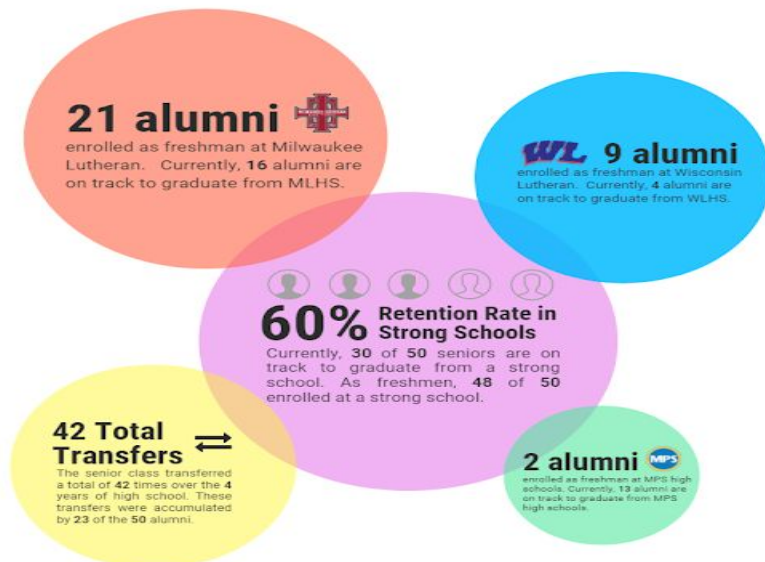
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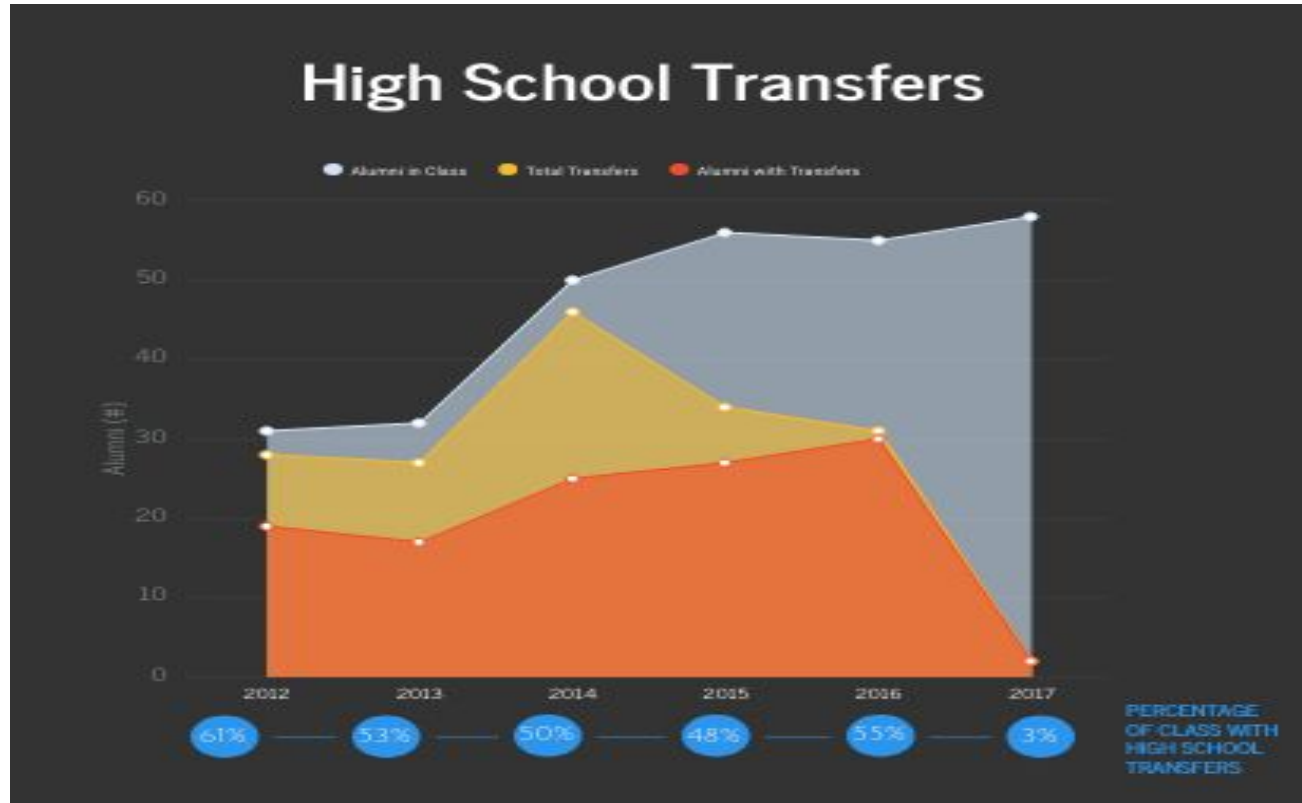
### Senior Class of 2018 (St. Marcus Alumni 2014)





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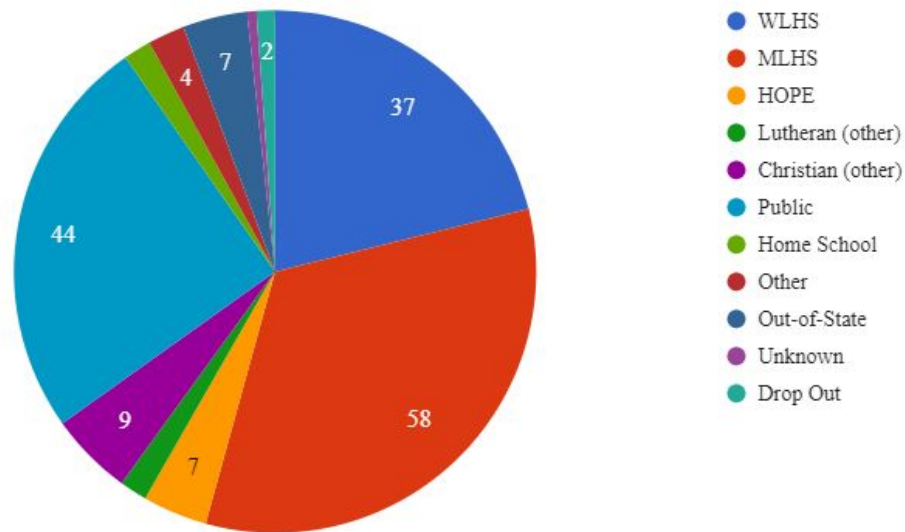
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HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF ALUMNI 2016-2017

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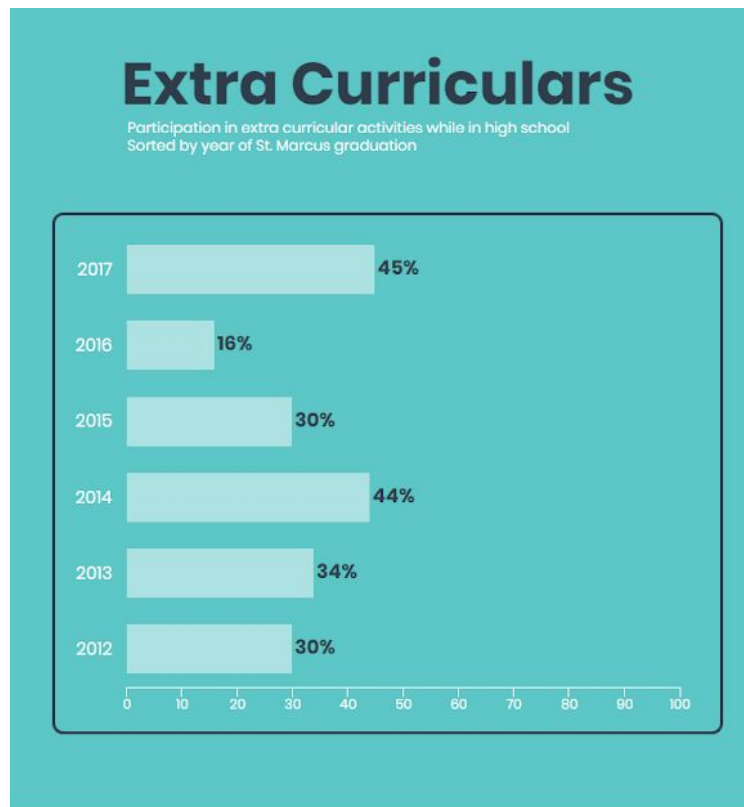


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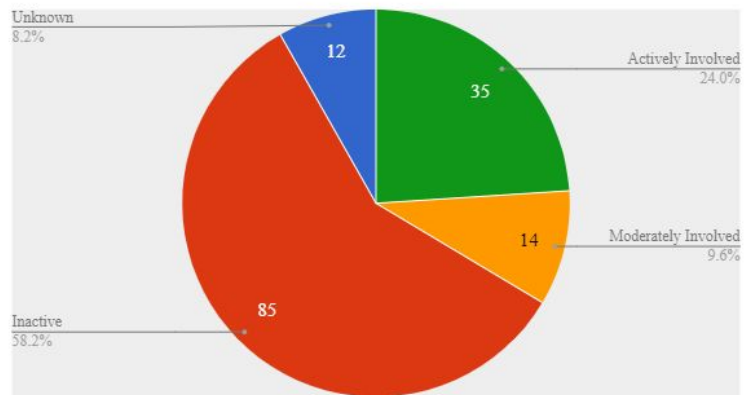
## Extra Curricular



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## Church Involvement

### ALUMNI CHURCH INVOLVEMENT



## Alumni as Members of St. Marcus Church

Comparing alumni as active vs inactive church members



# Data Discussion

Questions on any Data?

# Connecting the Dots on Multiple Levels

Video Presentation of Real Situations

[Definition of Family](#)

[The Struggle facing many Families](#)

[Nick Montgomery Prov 3:5-6](#)

[Beasty Shares God's Word at Leadership Camp](#)

[Najia Johnson Why I don't share God's Word](#)

[CIS in action at Garden Homes](#)

[Cross-Training at Leadership Camp](#)

[Cross Training Part 2 Jordan & Khalil](#)

[Cross-Training Part 3 Nick Montgomery](#)

[Youth Rally Worship](#)



# Video Discussion You Say



# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Henry Tyson- Superintendent St. Marcus Lutheran

Kevin Festerling- Superintendent Kingdom Prep

Buzz Williams- Virginia Tech Men's Basketball

Big Fred Wasson- Virginia Tech Men's Basketball

Mike Deegan- Head Baseball Coach Denison University OHIO

Paul Berger- Chaplains in Schools Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul Steinberg- Chaplains in Schools Founder and Pastor

Jim Datka- Alumni Coordinator St. Marcus Lutheran

Val Young- Dean of Students St. Marcus Lutheran

Ralph Mierrow- FCA Leader

Paul Knueppel retired Educator, Mentor, Coach

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

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Henry Tyson- Superintendent St. Marcus Lutheran

1. Concentration on God
2. Humility & self-reflection
3. Radical action

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Kevin Festerling- Superintendent Kingdom Prep

1. Personal time with the Lord
2. Personal time with 1st church, your family
3. Team of ministry support with whom to pray/plan
4. Dependence upon the Lord for victory
5. Acknowledgement and thankfulness of what God is doing in your midst

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Buzz Williams- Virginia Tech Men's Basketball

1. Intentionally Value People
2. Intentionally Believe in People
3. Intentionally Love People



# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Big Fred Wasson- Virginia Tech Men's Basketball

Be Uncommon

Be Unashamed

Be Unafraid

Be Exceptional

Be the Difference

Defy the Limits

Keep Believing

Keep Learning

Be Your Best

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Mike Deegan- Head Baseball Coach Denison University OHIO

- 1) Be Honest
- 2) Draw Line in Sand
- 3) Assume positive intent
- 4) Work on yourself

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Paul Berger- Chaplains in Schools Administrator

Non-judgmental- you may be serving people that have made substantial mistakes-but so have you

Passionate-you need to take advantage of every opportunity to serve- you may be the Good Samaritan for someone-possibly their last opportunity for help

Selfless-put the needs of those you are serving above your own

Shrewd-know human nature to truly help others-teach them how to fish, just don't feed them



# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Rev. Dr. Paul Steinberg- Chaplains in Schools Founder and Pastor

1. Approach from a “world mission” view: adjust to culture; train natives to do ministry
2. Be authentic
3. Talk one-on-one to people; listen
4. Eat, shop, read where/what audience does

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Jim Datka- Alumni Coordinator St. Marcus Lutheran

1. Unconditional loving kindness
2. Build relationships
3. Compassionate acceptance
4. Be there: the ministry of being present
5. Care about them and see them as children of God
6. Discipline: hold them accountable; set the bar very high

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Val Young- Dean of Students St. Marcus Lutheran

1. Relationships trumps it all: Gotta be ok with getting uncomfortable to get comfortable
2. Meeting families where there at not where you want them to be: Meaning we get to minister, love and drive success not pick and choose which families we want to work with
3. Village concept "each on reach one". We can't do this alone, everyone has to have the mindset that small progress is worthy of celebration just as well as big wins. Being able to relate and celebrate!
4. Know this is Gods work and he determines when the transformations happen, we plant the seeds, continue to water them and then sit back and watch the transformation happen. Sometimes we may not get to see them yet we trust that we have done what were called to do on a daily basis.

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Ralph Mierrow- FCA Leader

### 1. **Build mutual trust**

1. Listening to each other's stories
2. Relationships forged over time—and especially through shared experiences

### 2. **Effective communication**—that goes both ways

### 3. **Truth telling**

1. Communicate God's Word in a variety of ways (including living it out together)
2. Life-style built on honesty
3. Tough love where needed

### 4. **Identify and address practical barriers**

1. Cultural differences
2. Time obligations
3. Financial limitations

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

## Thoughts from the Experts in Urban Educational Ministry

Paul Knueppel retired Educator, Mentor, Coach

1. Be There
2. Be Fun to Be Around
3. Have a Caring Heart
4. Help when Needed

# Simple Solutions to Complex Problems

BREAK-OUT: The “experts” are in the room; let’s share what works! Break into groups of 3-5 and discuss and then share out how we.

- Increase the spiritual involvement of our youth
- Decrease the achievement gap
- Reduce the number of youth in the prison system
- Reduce teen pregnancy
- Increase high school graduation and scholarship rates
- Increase college graduation rates

# Ministering to Teens in Crisis 50 Cent

Raising the Bar

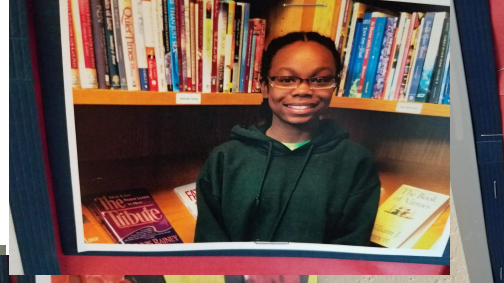
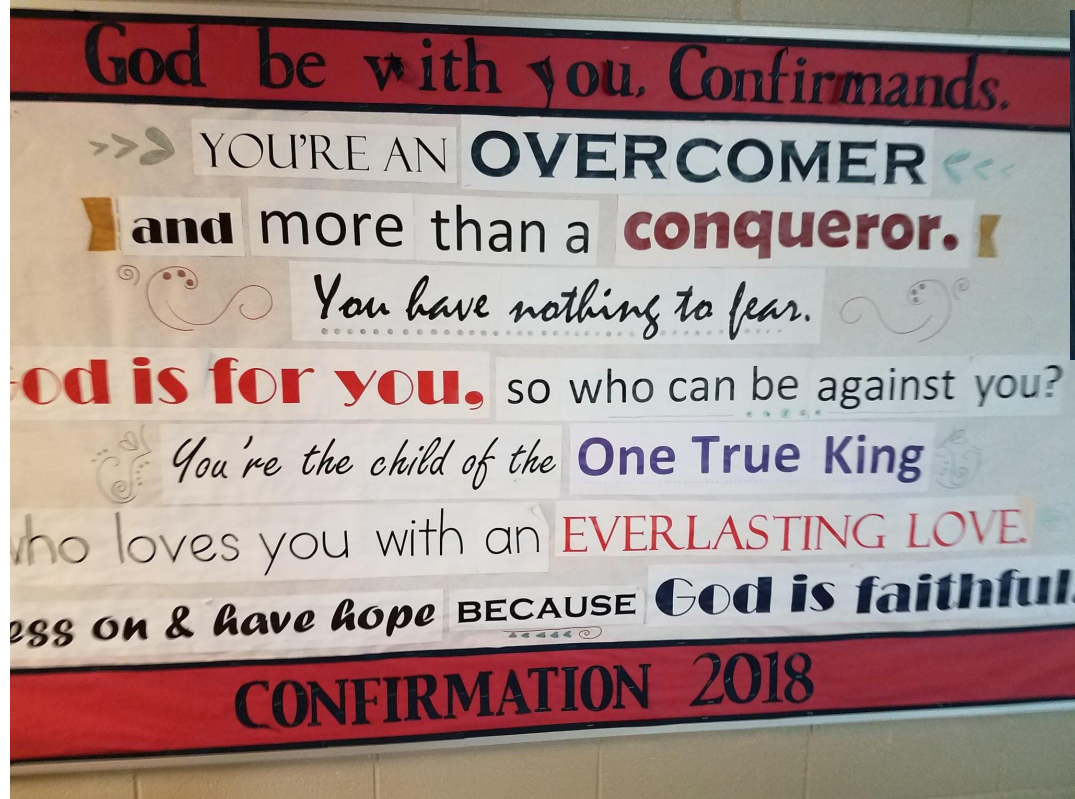
Athletics Ministry

Hoops 4 Kidz

Youth Rally

- FCA Leadership Camp
  - Donuts Juice and JESUS
  - C3
- Mercy, Men and Meat
- One on One visits
- Public School visits
- DA Trips
- Other

# Confirmation





# DA Trips



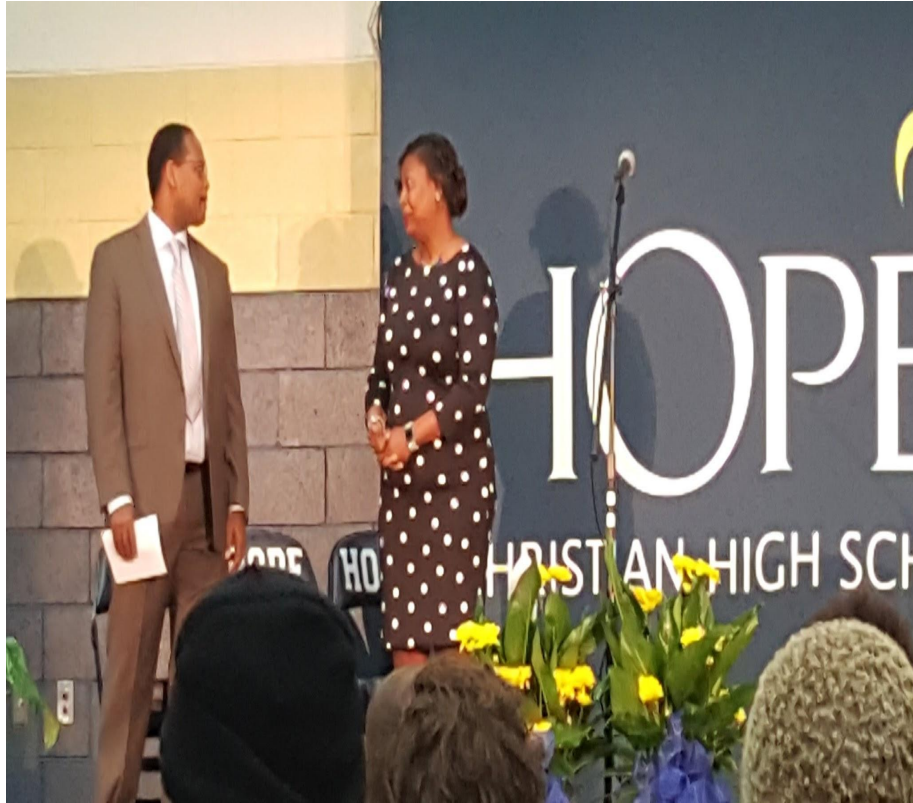
# Eastfork Apache Mission



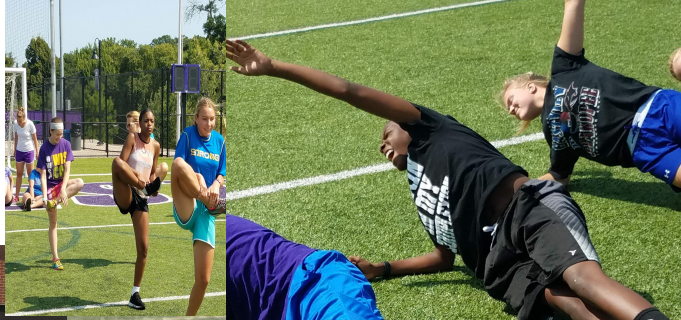
# DA: Tuscon



# HOPE Signing Day



# Leadership Camp



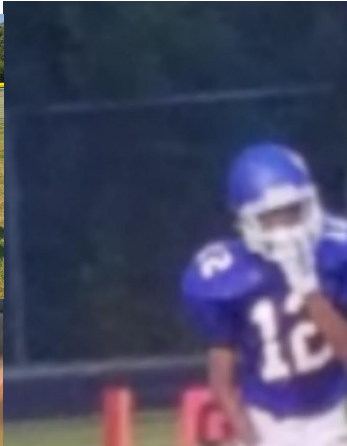
# Fright Fest



# Alumni Athletics Ministry



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# Door County Camping With Coach



# Chicago Tournament



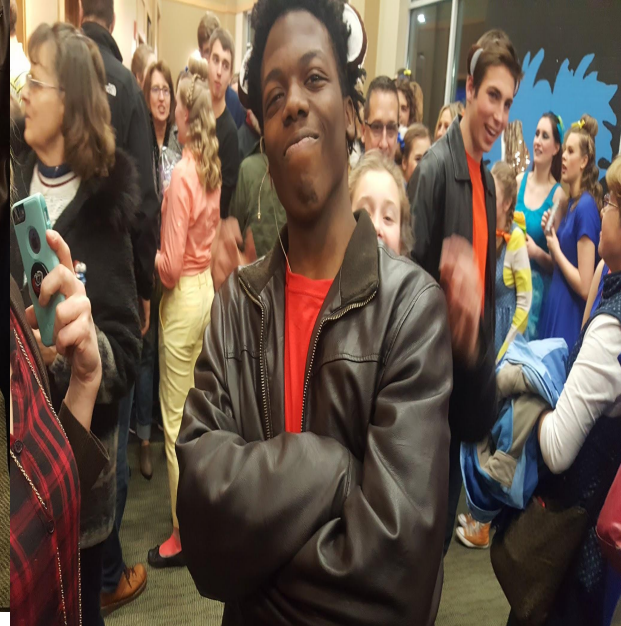
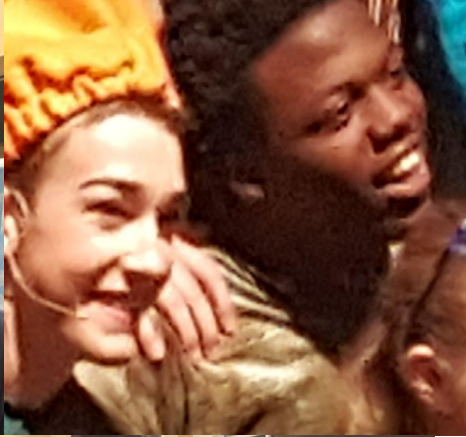
# Commissioning for Nationals



# Supporting our Alumni in HS



# Alumni Drama



# Youth Rally 2018



# Big Dreams



# St. Marcus Athletics Ministry





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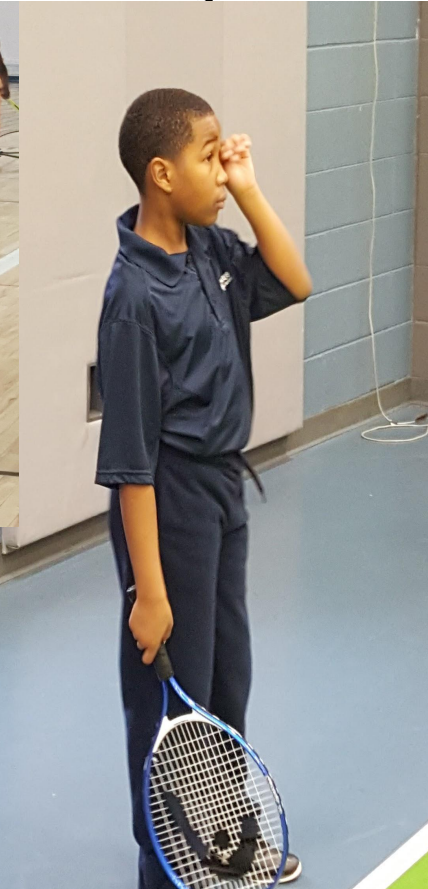
# Cross-Training Ministry



# Bucks Night



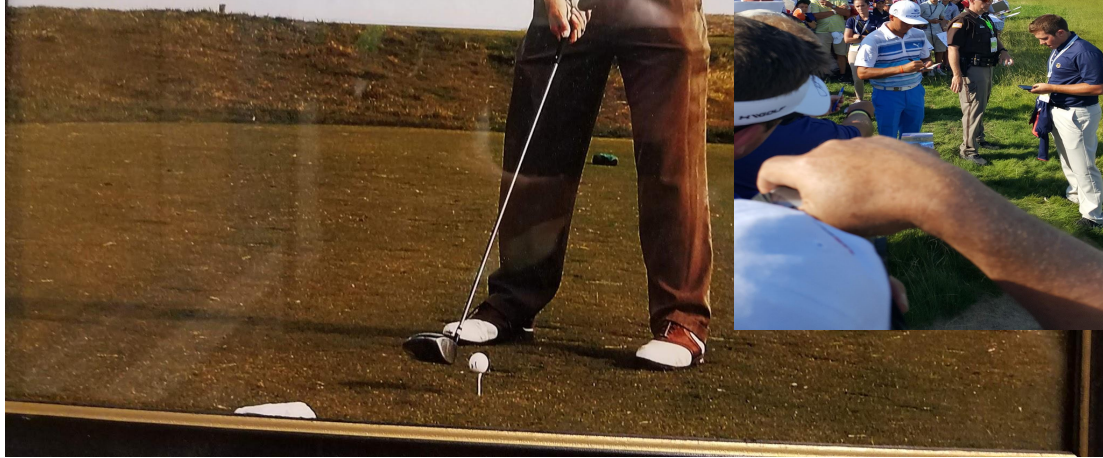
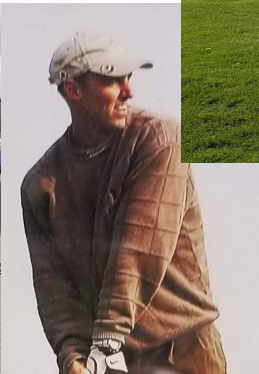
# Tennis Ministry



# Softball Ministry



# Golf Ministry



# Graduation



Come Celebrate With Us!



# Leadership Ministry





# Volleyball



# Wrestling Ministry



# Soccer Ministry



# Cross Country



# Hoops 4 KidZ



# Track Ministry



5/2/2018  
MCP MEET



## "Real Talk" About Issues and Solutions



## "Real Talk" About Issues and Solutions

- 1) Know who you Are
- 2) Love, love, love
- 3) Empathy from Hurt
- 4) No Plan B
- 5) A Servants Heart of the Most High Powerful God of the Universe





# Who Is This Christ?



- “Love your enemies . . .” (Matt. 5:44)
- “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily . . .” (Luke 9:23)
- “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)
- “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body . . .” (Luke 11:22)
- “Blessed are you when men hate you when they

# Final thoughts Reckless Love

Success is the Journey from Failure to Failure without the loss of Enthusiasm” Winston Churchill

## The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**15** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

