



### JAM SESSIONS AT THE HAVEN

David, a man after God's own heart, wrote many songs and found music to be something that he returned to time and time again. Following David's example, we followed the Lord's leading and opened the Haven for Jam Sessions. The heart behind them was to unite people using music as the key. As God brought the vision to multiple people, these nights came together. Volunteers have been working together to bring instruments and provide instruction to students desiring to learn, using different instruments and genres of music to teach.

Students and adults alike have been learning shoulder to shoulder, united by their love of music. As they continue to learn together, the opportunity arises to have conversations about life, God, and more. Finding new ways to connect with students is important and music is a vehicle with which we can reach people and build authentic Christ-sharing relationships. What is even more important is the no pressure environment created to learn, which allows everyone to linger in the presence of one another through the common love of music.



**Photos from the Friday night Jam Sessions**



### AUTHENTIC CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIP (ASCR) TRAINING

You're invited to join us for training on how to develop authentic Christ-sharing relationships with students. Learn fun ice-breakers, how to share commonalities, and other unique ways to build closer relationships and trust with the students we seek to reach on a daily basis. We believe every student deserves to know Jesus and that our volunteers should know the best ways to develop relationships so we can share Christ in the most effective ways.

**Saturday, May 18th, 9am-1pm**  
Lunch will be provided.  
The Haven, 2012 7th Ave E in Hibbing

**RSVP to:**  
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### CHAMPIONING HOPE GALA - MAY 9TH

Join us in fellowship and celebration of all God has done through Youth for Christ in the past year. The Championing Hope Gala is a night to raise funds to advance the ministry of YFC and fulfill our mission to see young people follow Christ in a real and powerful way. We've included a special invite just for you with this newsletter showing how you can RSVP and join the story! If you're unable to attend, please consider partnering through financial support.



**Photo of Night Out, 2022**



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# EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!



## VIRGINIA CAMPUS LIFE UPDATE FROM CL DIRECTOR BRAD MONSON

The Ministry on the East Range ended strong in 2023 with a Christmas party. Not only did students have fun with games and a gift exchange, but we had 3 students raise their hands & receive salvation. Wow!

The first part of 2024 hasn't lost any momentum. Every Tuesday, we host student center hours, a free meal, and club. We continue to invest in the campuses of Rock Ridge High and ERATS (East Range Academy of Technology & Science) by attending lunches and giving special lessons in classes. Students are growing deeper in their faith and being challenged through discussion to learn God's truth, following the example of leaders investing time each week in authentic Christ-sharing relationships. With faithful Bible teaching at the forefront, students are learning how to apply these teachings to their lives in order to grow in a deeper relationship with Christ and share the gospel with their friends.

Please continue to pray for the Quad Cities area. I see just a glimpse of the true challenges that students face. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, or if there is any interest to partner with us in prayers, time, or financially. Call me at 218-750-4996 or email at Brad@MesabiRangeYFC.org.



Top photo: Students at the Virginia Campus Life Christmas party

Bottom photo: Students serving at the Habitat for Humanity banquet

Photo on left: Brad supporting two students at their belt ceremony



## MILES FOR HOPE AT VICTORY 5K

We invite you to join our team, Youth for Christ MILES for Hope, in the upcoming 5K fundraiser on April 27th. This fundraiser helps further the ministry of Victory Christian Academy, a private Christian school that is educating students with biblical foundations. We hope you will consider signing up, supporting local youth, and joining together with others in joyful camaraderie. Scan the code to find out more!



Students and volunteers singing and introducing Susie the lamb at Waterview Pines in Virginia, Guardian Angels in Hibbing, and Heritage Manor in Chisholm



## LOVE OUR RANGE WITH MRYFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAKE GRASS

"We love because He first loved us" is the mission of Love Our Range activities showing our students how to serve like Jesus. Using the vehicle of the Jam Sessions, students and leaders shared the gift of music and joy of a lamb named Susie with residents at three different assisted living facilities. Connecting with residents using songs meant to bring back memories, we were able to remind them of their significance in the eyes of Jesus. Doing this also was a teaching moment for students, encouraging them to see value in every person in our communities.



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