

“Challenge Youth Conference”

“CYC was a new experience for me. I’ve been to plenty of youth rallies before but CYC wasn’t like youth rallies. CYC had such bold and powerful speakers there. The theme was “Identity” and the speakers talked about our identity, which is in Christ. The theme was a difficult concept to grasp because it’s easy to get caught up in the physical things in life. Such as sports or academics.

Something that will stick with me that one of the speakers said was that your future is connected with Christ. It’s not determined by your accomplishments or what you do; but by who you are. Another speaker spoke about faking who you are and that you can hide from people, but you can never hide from God. People know we are Christian by the way we love. Challenge Youth Conference was a wonderful experience and I hope that I may be able to go next year.” – Gray Lusk

“I learned a lot at CYC. I had so much fun and met a few new people along the way. I also got to spend time with people from church that I wouldn’t normally hang out with. I enjoyed socializing with people attending CYC, and the teachers as well. It was nice to meet fellow people who believe the same as I do.” I very much enjoyed the “S.W.A.T.” team coming and performing for us. I learned a lot from those skits.

I learned that it is very important to find your true Identity. I also learned that we need to know who names us. We need to stand firm in our beliefs even though people are criticizing me. We need to be strong in our faith. My favorite speaker would have to be Lonnie Jones. I love his personality and it was very easy to understand what he was trying to say. His lesson was very true and made you think. I also really enjoyed Ben Hayes lesson because he made me think, “Who do we think He is? Who do we say that Jesus is?” I also loved Chris McCurley’s class on love and the Biblical view on it. “Love comes first.”

Overall, I loved CYC and I can’t wait to go next year.” – Emma Gartman