

M516 has been blessed to be a part of so many opportunities to minister. From camps to revivals to school assemblies to marriage conferences. We have had the opportunity to go to many student ministry conferences over the years. Whether it's Oklahoma, Texas or even Tennessee. Here's a spotlight on a different way we get to minister as we just returned from Youth Ministry Conclave in Chattanooga, TN.

Reflections from our 2024 team....

For each of the last three years I have looked forward to the opportunity M516 and Ryan Young have provided for me to be part of a group of encouragers to Youth Ministries at the Conclave conference in Chattanooga, TN. Each year the opportunities to speak with and pray for Youth Ministers, their Families, and their Ministries has increased as we get to know attendees better. What a pleasure it is to lift those doing the Lord's work to the throne room of Heaven. Volunteering with M516, over the years, has been such a pleasure as I've stood in awe, while watching how the Lord uses Ryan to connect with new ministries all over the world, and then provides opportunities for him to share the gospel. Ryan has a genuine love for the souls of humanity, giving glory to Christ each time a new believer is born. But He also cares deeply for the Ministers of those coming to Christ. His passion for these Ministers and their Ministries is unmatched. I can only believe it's a passion that comes from having been in their position for many years prior to starting M516. I can't wait to see how the Lord will use this Ministry in the next year to lead others to Christ.

-Wade Pruitt



It was great to see so many ministers and youth volunteers investing in their ministries. Having the opportunity to represent M516 was an honor. I had a ball talking with those who stopped by the booth and those who were in the aisle passing by. I appreciated the approach that we took in wanting to be an encouragement to those attending the conference. The connections, the time in prayer, and the fellowship was AWESOME. I can't wait to be able to support M516 in other endeavors.

-Lamont Buckner

I was able to attend Conclave in Tennessee with the M516 ministry team. I have been in youth ministry at my local church for 13 years and had the privilege of meeting Ryan Young at a D-Now at my church shortly after he answered the call to go forth and proclaim the Gospel with M516. Ryan has a passion for sharing the Gospel and gives all the glory to the Lord. I was able to see God on the move at Conclave - the M516 team reminded me of the early church in the book of Acts, speaking boldly, praying over those in need and encouraging others with the Gospel. I was also reminded about the courage needed to do this as a full-time ministry. Ryan does this 365 days a year - he boldly goes where the Lord needs him. This ministry is faithful to the Lord. Keep M516, Ryan and his family in your daily prayers. I hope anyone reading this would also get the opportunity to worship the Lord with Ryan and M516. All Glory to God!

-Thane Koning

This was my second year to go to Tennessee Conclave. I go because I believe in what M516 is trying to do - share the gospel with as many as possible. But I receive so much from connecting with these youth ministers! Their passion, sincerity, and commitment to their calling is beyond inspiring and refreshing to me and my own ministry back in Joplin. This year I met two young couples in particular that I just fell in love with. I know God is going to use them in mighty ways! It's amazing how connected you can become to brothers and sisters in Christ in just a short time. I loved hearing them share their vision for their ministry, and I'm honored and humbled that they felt comfortable enough to be vulnerable and share the things that they were struggling with as well. And to have them come back the next day to see us one more time was such a blessing! Praying over them was an honor. Continuing to pray for them is my privilege. If it weren't for conclave, I would most likely have never known about them. But now having talked, prayed, and connected with them I get to watch as the Lord uses them for His glory!

-Theresa Buckner

This was my 3rd year to travel with M516 and be apart of the team during the Chattanooga Tennessee Conclave. Each year it has been great to get to spend a few days encouraging men and women in youth leadership who come to this event. This year's encounters with the people who stopped by M516's booth had a little different feel to it. From both sides of the booth were many familiar faces recognized from the previous years. Familiar faces followed by warm greetings and long conversations. Many of the conversations lead to prayer time together and then followed by more conversation. It is an honor to be entrusted to lift the needs of others to the Father in prayer. Jeremiah 29:12 "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you." Some of the M516 team traveled as far away as Western Oklahoma to arrive in Tennessee to experience an amazing God moment that blessed us all when we got to meet, visit with, encourage and pray with a young youth leadership couple whose roots were also from our Western Oklahoma area. God is Good!!!

-Susan Pruitt

I'm thankful for each of these team members that traveled with us to Tennessee. As you can tell, it was an awesome weekend of ministry. 2025 is already booked! All glory to Christ!

In Him, *Ryan Young*

My wife and I have spent over 30 years in ministry and have attended numerous ministry events during that time. Events like Conclave are vital for ministers and their families not only for the help and ideas for ministry but also for personal refreshment. The fact that Ryan had those of us volunteering for M516 intentionally engage the people that came by the booth - as people and not as potential event holders - was a home run!!! Those conversations showed the heart of M516 as a ministry that cares about the leaders, their families, and their ministries. Before long the folks were asking, 'what is M516?' and the door was open to share about the ministry and our desire to do whatever we can to help them and their ministries reach people for Christ! I think this showed that the old phrase, 'people don't care what you know until they know that you care,' is really true!

-Jason & Vickie Yarbrough

I've had the privilege of attending this conference for three years alongside M516, and one notable aspect is the genuine love for people exhibited by Ryan Young and M516 team. M516's commitment to ministering to others is evident throughout the years. M516 actively engages in connecting with individuals, finding ways to bless individuals, and offering encouragement and prayers. Over the years, meaningful connections and friendships have been established by M516 within the attendees at this conference. As we returned for our third year, it became apparent that people remembered us, and wanted to connect with our team. It was neat getting to see how something so simple, such as talking with people, handing out snacks and playing a round of Mario Kart with individuals, blessed so many people and just showed that there ARE people who want to encourage and minister WITH you. M516 is always finding ways to support others in their ministry. I love that I get to be apart of M516 and the ministry they are doing.

-Austin Buckner



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