

Answering the Call

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I had been the pastor of FBC, McAlester, OK for a few years when a young college student came to visit me. Ryan Young was pursuing a degree that would provide great job prospects, but he was struggling because God was speaking to him about changing directions to pursue training for Christian ministry. That was almost 30 years ago, and my how God has used Ryan to bless His church and reach many, many people for Jesus Christ!





In his early ministry years, while still a student, Ryan served as an intern in our youth ministry and his wife, Karistin, served as our children's ministry intern. They also babysat my children on occasion! It wasn't long until Ryan was serving in full-time student ministry, and then, for the past nine years, he has been traveling, preaching Christ across the United States and in parts of Africa.

Wherever Ryan goes, the church strengthened and souls are saved. Last **Pacific** Ryan travelled to the Northwest where he spoke to three churches and a Christian school retreat. He also spoke to the staff of the Northwest Baptist Convention (NWBC), where I serve. By the end of the week, several gave their lives to Christ and some of the churches are talking to Ryan about having him back to minister once again in their church. He also had an impact on our NWBC staff as his message revealed keen insight into the Scriptural passage from which he taught, while also demonstrating Ryan's clear love for Jesus and his passion to help others know God's love for them.



Ministry. Missions. Movement.

Uniquely, as a full-time evangelist, Ryan's ministry is truly a faith based ministry. It's pretty remarkable that he has been serving in this manner for 9 years, but it's a testament to God's faithfulness and to the fact that He is using Ryan to bless His church and reach the lost.







One of the richest blessings we receive as pastors is for God to call a young man from our ministry and grow him into a choice servant to the Lord.

I've had the privilege of witnessing God do that in Ryan Young. God has sent Ryan to speak to thousands in the largest youth camp in the world (Falls Creek, OK), and He has sent him to student groups and churches with a handful of people gathered far beyond the "Bible belt." In each case Ryan has ministered the Word of God faithfully, and he has remained faithful to Jesus and to his family (he and Karistin have two wonderful children). I do not hesitate to recommend Ryan for your consideration. He'll bless you and your church.

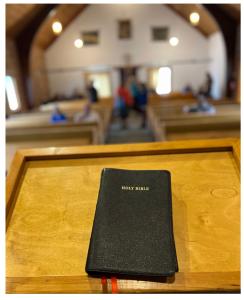


Lives continue to be changed for Christ! Whether it's at a Fields of Faith in Sallisaw, OK, a DNow in Hesperus, CO, or a student worship night in Sherwood OR, the Lord is still moving, and we are excited to witness it! It was a blessing to spend time with one of my mentors in the Pacific NW in addition to speaking multiple times while in the area! I'm looking forward to going back to the PNW in 2025!

2024 has been a great year for us!

All glory to Christ!

- Juan Young



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