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The Billion \$ Question | Steve Pausch

What would you do with \$1 million dollars? A few weeks ago, water coolers everywhere were abuzz and people were interviewed on the news with talk of the \$1.8 billion dollar lottery jackpot that was growing everyday. Everyone was asking the question, “What would you do if you won the \$2.8 Billion Dollar Lottery?”

I asked that question of our staff. What would we do differently around here if someone gave us a million dollars? The answers around the table were the same and really not surprising. Each of our ministry directors said the same things. “We really wouldn’t do anything different, just more of what we are already doing.” What we do everyday is working and has been working very effectively. Sure, it’s difficult to get into the world of teens and share life and the Gospel with them, but that’s what we do. Everything we do from lunchroom duty to going to middle school band concerts and other events is to build into the lives of teens.

While it is true that we wouldn’t change what we do if we had a \$1 million dollars, we would definitely figure out how to hire more people to be involved in the lives of teens. We get many young people interested in a job in this ministry until they hear about the fund-raising component, which seems to scare them off. If we had the resources, we would grow our staff and send more people out into the world of the teenager to tell them about Jesus.

So, until we find a \$1 million dollar check in the mailbox, we will keep on with the committed team of leaders we have, reaching out to young people with the love of Jesus and sharing His life-changing message.

Thank you for your faithful support that makes this possible.

Personal Impact

Our Director, Steve Pausch, got a special surprise last weekend. In addition to his other duties, he spends time weekly with a group of young men through his church and outside of church. Two of the young men play on the Bellevue football team, and the senior players choose a person who has made an impact on their lives to be recognized publicly. Two of the young men chose Steve and presented him with a custom T-shirt as a token of their appreciation. Thank you for making special days like this possible by



Is This a Good Thing? | Steve Pausch

We have been going inside the Juvenile Detention Center in Fremont for over 20 years sharing with the young people incarcerated there the Good News of Jesus. We have adults there several times a week meeting with the young people. Our leaders spend time preaching, leading small groups, and even teaching and playing chess as a way to get to know young people better. This has been a very effective ministry to the young people during this time in their lives and our leaders often hear from young people many years later who show appreciation for the times they went into the facility.

The past few months the numbers in the facility have fluctuated even to the point where there might not be any young people there on a planned visit. This often causes us to ask the questions, "Is this a good thing or a bad thing? Why are the number of teens down? Isn't that a good thing if less kids are incarcerated?" There are many reasons at any given time why the numbers are down. More young people may be on home confinement; sometimes there are changes in arrestable offenses, or a push to keep kids at home and just give a warning to offenses.

No matter the reason numbers are down, our committed adult leaders are there even for one young person and ready to show the love of Christ. Thank you for making this ministry possible.

Brunswick: That Place for Teens

The Brunswick Schools mascot is the Blue Devil, but we are seeing a renewed interest in what we are doing at our That Place for Teens Center just across from the middle school. We are only a couple sessions into Fall at our teen center but we have seen many new faces who have joined the past attendees. We give teens a few weeks to get the school year underway before we open, and we are encouraged to see the excitement of teens running down the sidewalk to That Place for Teens, our teen center. Look for future updates as we meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and provide a safe place to learn and meet new friends. Thank you for your support that makes this possible.

School Dances | Laurie Beal

We say often that we could not do ministry without all of our supporters. This sentiment is true on so many levels. We need finances to keep our facility open and running. We need food to feed these growing and hungry teens. And we need supplies to make sure all their needs are met. (School supplies, clothing, shoes, baby items for the teen parents, hygiene items, etc.)

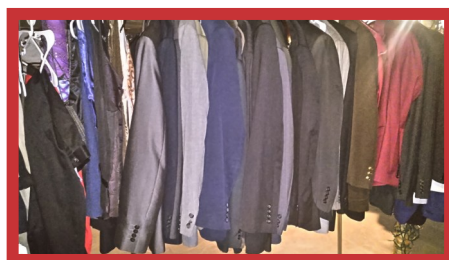


One of the ministries that is very popular this time of year is our formal boutique in the basement at The Garage. We have been providing dresses, suits, shirts, ties, dress shoes and jewelry for nearly a decade. I wish we had kept track of how many dresses and suits we have given away in the last ten years, but I CAN tell you that we have given away over two dozen so far this month, just for the upcoming homecoming

dance. We have teens come from schools all over Ohio, year-round, to shop for FREE formal attire. Our space has expanded to THREE rooms filled with hundreds of dresses and suits. I love seeing the kids' eyes widen when they walk down and see their selection options!

Most high schools have at least three dances each school year. The cost for one dance is prohibitive for MANY families, let alone THREE or more! This ministry fills that need and enables all kids who want to be able to attend, to show up in style!

We have heard so many stories from families over the last few weeks of job losses, single moms trying to do it all on their own, hard-to-find sizes, kids' last-minute decisions to go, etc.



Because of supporters like you, who are regularly donating these items, we can offer dresses and suits in all sizes, colors and styles! And more importantly, we can fill more than the "want" to attend a dance with friends...and help fill the "need" to belong during an already tough season of being a teenager!

Because of YOU, we can come alongside families and teens and embrace them and share the love of Christ with them!

Please tell the teens you know about this ministry! Also, if you have suits, dress shirts, ties, fancy short OR long dresses, shoes, new makeup, jewelry, etc. to donate, PLEASE drop off in our red donation door area at The Garage, 126 N Pardee, Wadsworth.

Thank you so much for making it possible for these amazing young people to have the typical experience of a school dance! All glory to God!

Full Swing | Matt Mountjoy

It is always fun to start a new school year off. Now that we are about a month in and in full swing, I'm excited to get to share with you a little of what has been going on at The Garage! Coming into this year I have been really excited to see what kind of growth we can have with the teens that come. This is mostly because we are in a unique situation that I don't know I've ever been a part of in ministry. Last year, we did not have any regular attending seniors in either our Wednesday night or on Thursday night groups. This means that we have every single one of our regular attending teens back this year. What makes that so cool is that we come into this year with an established group of regulars and leaders. Normally at the beginning of the year, kids are finding their footing and vibe in the group. So, this year, we kind of picked up right where we left off. I'm excited to see how this looks both in seeing growth in numbers, but also growth in individual lives.

The two groups are both going well, and we've had a lot of great times and conversations with many kids. Currently the Wednesday night group is larger. What started as a bunch of guys that I coach on the football team, has grown consistently with them inviting friends. It has turned into a large group of athletes from various sports across Wadsworth High School. They look forward to the group and talk about it throughout the week. It's been awesome to have deep conversations and get to answer thoughtful questions they have. The thing I appreciate most about this group is their energy and desire to be there to not just have a good time, but to grow. If you were to walk in at the beginning while they are eating, or at the end during a game, it is LOUD! They are competitive and passionate, whether it is arguing about fantasy football, what class at school is harder, or which one of them has more comfortable slides – it is clear they are a close group. But as loud as they can be, they also focus in when its time and really like to dig in deep.

The most exciting thing about Thursday nights is the amount of new teens we have met. It's great to be able to build onto relationships we already have. It is also exciting to get to see new faces and have them come back again the next week! There was one younger high schooler there for the first time. You could tell she was really engaged throughout the night. At the end of the night, she was very excited when she asked if she could take a Bible home with her. Initially she had grabbed one of our stock Bibles that we pass around at times during talks, but was even more excited when we grabbed some of the nicer ones we have to give out and took that instead. Pray that this young girl who is clearly searching and interested digs into that Bible, and it makes big changes in her life as she is exposed to God's Word!

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