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Thrive Adventures, Dan & Heather Litchfield

“Spot on!”

“The kayaking illustration was just amazing...memorable, powerful,” said the youth pastor during our debrief. He had nothing but praise for the three-day youth adventure. “This was the best event we have ever done with the youth.” The leaders went on to say that it was exactly what they were looking for, and they themselves gained insight. The whole group left with new ideas to implement at the church and personal goals in light of their own growth. “We can’t wait to return!”

On top of our delight in serving Fayette, God has given blessing upon blessing—Jenn Blanche, the youth pastor’s wife, has decided to join Thrive as our administrative manager!!! This is a HUGE answer to prayer; we have a tremendous need for the skills Jenn offers and we are overjoyed by the chance to live and work alongside her and their whole family. We’re overwhelmed by God’s goodness. He has a plan for Thrive and we are thrilled to play a part.



Youth Adventure

Nineteen of us huddled in my black basement noting the creepiness of “darkness” before I flipped on my flashlight to discuss the contrast of light. We were demonstrating the concept of walking in the light (1 Jn 1:5-10) and all of us were eager to expose whatever was hiding in my basement! The group stepped out in faith to share struggles with pornography, swearing, social anxiety, and trust.

This was one of seven programs we led for the high schoolers from Fayette Baptist Church. The goal was for them to rely more fully on Christ and each other. “God loves us—the good and the bad—and I am challenged to love that way too,” discovered one student. Camping in our yard, kayaking, hiking: all of it taught dependence on Jesus. “Powerful learning and a lot of fun. I could have stayed for a week!” commented one. Praise God for His work in them!

Your prayers are vital to this ministry. [Thank you!](#)

For our new staff

Many of our staff are raising support, just meeting each other, and working together from afar.

The house

We are trying to finish the exterior and the yard. Thankfully groups have come anyway!

Outreach

Upcoming events with homeschool youth, locals, a surgical team, and our church VBS

A New Web Site

We have improved our web site. Please check it out and consider coming on a trip!

Thriveadventures.org

Meeting of the Minds

Our North Carolina Thrive team came up from Asheville for independence week so we could play, pray, and plan together. It was exciting to exchange ideas, seek God's direction, and hammer out our strategic plan. We are so blessed to work alongside such faith-filled, energetic, and talented friends.

SWHCC rafting trip

This past month we had the joy of taking our own church family out on a rafting trip. We led a program based on risk, and were delighted to have three of our awesome volunteers guide with us. It was an encouraging time of training, growth, and fellowship.

New Thrive Team Members!

Not only has God led Jenn (front page) to fill a crucial role on our team, we also have the joy of welcoming long-time friends Adam and Tracy Simpson as part-time Thrive staff! Tracy and Adam served for years with Lifelines and will be building Thrive in Colorado. They bring a wealth of faith, experience, passion, and skill. *God is at work; we are grateful and amazed.* Please pray for their transition and for a team.

Ready to give a reason for your hope

Both Caleb and Emma are working this summer in Bar Harbor for different friends of ours. Emma's boss recently told me she overheard her conversation with a fellow employee—a 30 year old atheist—and Emma was asking, "So if you don't believe in God, what do you think the purpose of life is?" Likewise, Caleb's boss shared that one man returned just to praise Caleb for being a bold witness! We have prayed that they would be a blessing at work, and are excited to see the Holy Spirit move in them! ☺

