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Idalia, Missouri - An incredible combined event took place today as the St. Joe General Baptist Youth Group and the Trinity United Methodist Youth decided that working together was a good way to double the action for doing good things. St. Joe played host to the event as a benefit charity was held for The Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life Foundation.

"Our kids have had many of their family members affected by cancer," commented youth worker Richard Vaughn. "Our kids just wanted to do something that would do something good for others and a chili lunch became a great idea."

Both Trinity and St. Joe have combined for events in the past, with the most recent being a fun filled day of paintball in Blodgett. As discussion for the "next" event occurred, the groups found they had a conflict with the planned chili lunch being held at St. Joe. Rather than competing, the groups worked together to join their efforts in hopes of a multiplying the end results.

"This worked out really well for us all as we had a great crowd of over 250 for lunch and raised well over \$2,000 for 18 Fore Life," noted Loyd Rice.

Following the lunch fundraiser, the group enjoyed praise and worship music performed by a pickup band from both churches. Tony Thorn and Buddy Heaton were quick to organize a group that included Pastor Greg Stevens (bass), Delisa Sitze (vocals), Laura Thorn (vocals) and youth group member Joe Rice on the drums.

"I just love to watch my grandson play the drums," commented Barb Rice. Her grandson, Joe, has youth on his side but is very talented.

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Alan Hedrick introduced the featured speaker as a friend and someone with two strong characteristics, his love for the Christ and a huge smile that spreads joy to everyone.

Greg McCall was a 3-year letterman at Prattville High School in Alabama. Notably, the Prattville Lions always found themselves in rival games at the end of each season against the team made famous by the MTV series "Two-A-Days", the Hoover High School Bucs. McCall won back-to-back state titles by defeating Hoover his junior year and Spain Park his senior year.

With a highly successful career in high school, McCall was heavily recruited by several division one schools such as Ole Miss, Hawaii, Southern Mississippi and Louisville. Due to coaching changes prior to the recruitment season, all roads lead to Arkansas State in Jonesboro, where he became a 4-year letterman as a defensive lineman.

Greg shared that his life was always surrounded with church. He noted to the youth that "I was a 'drug' baby". He continued that "my momma drug me to Sunday School, drug me to church and drug me to prayer meetings on Wednesday nights."

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His life changed greatly as he arrived at A-State and met two important friends in Tom Castilaw and Chuck McElroy. His relationship with Chuck McElroy proved to be a life changing experience as he was introduced to a deeper understanding of what following Christ was all about.

McElroy disciplined McCall into a lifestyle of living a full life for Christ and bringing others into that same relationship with the Lord. (2 Tim 2:2) He encouraged the youth of both churches to seek that deeper relationship and to realize that "*there is nothing new under the sun.*" He pointed to Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 1:9 for the youth to reference.

McCall will be entering the mission field with Campus Outreach soon at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (just south of Nashville). On a campus of 27,000 students at MTSU, Greg is anxious to begin developing friendships with the young people and mentoring them into deeper relationships with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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As a successful athlete at the college level, Greg is often afforded a platform that creates interest from youth. Greg is a good example for our youth and his willingness to travel to our area to share with our kids was greatly appreciated by all the organizers of the event.

Campus Outreach requires those called to the ministry develop their monthly income from believers that wish to support his ministry. Greg is currently at approximately 75% of the necessary monthly support to begin his ministry at MTSU.

If you have a desire to assist Greg, you can reach him at gmccall@campusoutreach.org or by phone at (334) 451.0960. You can also click the link below to print a signup form and a pledge card that will be needed to complete your support to him.

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Thanks to the God for good men like Chuck McElroy that are driven to build good young men like Greg McCall. Thanks to God for a young man like Greg McCall that is willing to follow God's leading to go to our college campuses to share the good news of the gospel. May the blessings of Christ be with him.

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