



HISTORY:

Youth Community Explosion (YCE) is the newest outreach of Christian World Missions & Global Care Link (CWM/GCL), which has been reaching around the world since 1971. In 2012, the staff and local supporters of CWM, with a big heart for people, began hosting monthly neighborhood gatherings – Straight Up Saturday’s. A desire to see youth reach their full God-given potential spurred the creation of Youth Community Explosion.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

1 John 1:7 – “But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.”

Starkville’s most vulnerable youth are often surrounded with a darkness filled with brokenness: poverty, health disparity, financial illiteracy, juvenile delinquency, and educational inequality. When they are shown the light – their God-given identity, a bright future with options and opportunities, mentors who genuinely care for them and invest in them – they may choose to leave the darkness and walk in the Light.

With this in mind, Christian World Missions/Global Care link is launching Youth Community Explosion in order to reach the most at-risk youth in Starkville. IGNITE is our pilot program which will run for 7 weeks in June - July, 2015. An expanded program will parallel the 2015-2016 school year.

I. VISION STATEMENT:

Christian World Missions/Global Care Link seeks to IMPACT the Hearts & Minds of youth through transformational, Christ-like relationships, so youth excel in Service, Leadership, Academics, and Spiritual Growth.

II. PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To glorify God with faith on fire and to ignite our world by sharing Christ’s love through service and leadership.

III. MISSION STATEMENT:

To give purpose to at-risk, middle school youth to change a lost generation.

IV. BIBLICAL

Ignite the Kingdom life within you and change from the inside out! Matthew 3:11b

V. LOGISTICS:

- 7 Week Session: 7 Steps for Igniting the Fire (June 8 – July 24th)
- Daily Programming: Monday's, Tuesday's (Time 1:00 - 4:00pm)
- Service Projects/Field Trips: Thursday's (11:00 - 3:00/1:00 – 4:00pm)

VI. GOALS:

- **Spiritual:** To prepare youth for a lifelong walk with Christ
- **Health:** To develop a healthy lifestyle
- **Financial:** To guide youth in the stewardship of money, time and abilities
- **Social:** To involve youth in service to others
- **Academic:** To promote a commitment of individual pursuit to learning and skills development
- **Relational:** To foster healthy and sustainable relationships

VII. FOCUS (THEMES):

- June 8 – June 11 Identity
- June 15 – June 18 Building Relationships
- June 22 – June 25 Trust
- June 29 – July 2 Communication
- July 6 – July 9 Faith
- July 13 – July 16 Teaching/Witnessing
- July 20 – July 24 Thanksgiving

II. SCHEDULE:

- Beautification/Plant a Tree
- Camping
- Car Wash Fundraiser
- Carrington
- Movies
- Scavenger Hunt
- Skating
- Trip to Tupelo