

Dear

The room was quiet as I was surrounded by High School students and other leaders while serving at CedarCreek's High School Camp during the summer of 2021. I was sitting with my eyes closed and hands open, as I was listening to one of the pastors, Andy Rectenwald, speak about God's love for us. He had us think about someone we had a close parental relationship with. Naturally, I thought of my father because we have a special relationship. Andy asked us to think of how that person cares for us and how God cares for us the same, if not more. Tears started rolling down my face; I had never felt so moved by God's grace and presence before. In the days following that experience, my life changed forever when I decided to publicly declare my life to God through baptism.

I grew up in a loose Catholic household with only one Catholic parent. We went to church mostly on the big Holidays, and I went through all the normal things like First Communion, Confirmation, and Catechism. I had always felt like it was just an obligation that I was completing because my parents wanted me to do it. I never felt or fully understood what a real relationship with God looked like until I started coming to CedarCreek Church. I started by attending a group with my roommate at the time, and eventually started attending church on the weekends. Since then, I have dove into my faith by attending service regularly, serving in Students on the weekends and Wednesday nights, attending a young adult life group regularly, and sharing with others the experiences I have encountered as a follower of Christ. Because of all these things, I have developed the relationship with God that I was longing for and had never known I was capable of having.

I have felt that my purpose is having a positive impact on, and developing those of the next generation, I have just not been exactly sure what that looks like for me yet. After serving in students for nearly nine months, I have felt a calling to intersect my purpose with ministry. After much consideration, prayer, and support from close friends, I applied for the internship program at CedarCreek Church.

**It is with excitement and joy that I share that I have been accepted into the program with a focus on Central Students Ministry.** This is a one-year internship where I will be helping with the development and implementation of Student Ministry strategy, with focuses on curriculum, social media, resources, and programming. I will also be participating in conversations regarding creation and alignment of ministry vision. I am currently in the process building a support team, which includes prayer, encouragement, and financial support. I will be spending approximately 30 hours a week at the church, so my goal is to raise enough money that I will only need to work minimal hours at my part time job. This will allow me to fully devote my time, energy, and focus on the internship. Financial support can be given through a monthly or one-time, tax-deductible donation. Ultimately, I hope to make a lasting impact on others and help expand the kingdom of God through this opportunity.

Through your support and prayers, I hope we can partner together and make a direct impact and eternal difference in the lives of many students. Through partnering with me, you will play an essential role in the life-changing adventure of students and the expansion of the kingdom of God.

I would be blessed and honored if you would prayerfully consider joining my support team and partner with me on this journey to help create ways for students to experience a relationship with Christ like no other. I look forward to following up with you in the next week to talk more about details and potentially setting up a time to meet, where I can share more of my vision with you and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss this exciting partnership!

Thank You, and May God Bless You!



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