



This summer, YouthHope had the incredible privilege of ministering to 395 kids and teens at Camp Summit! It was nothing short of amazing to witness more than 75 campers dedicate their lives to Jesus! Praise God! Please join us in praying for all these young Christians!

YouthHope's vision—meeting the need, meeting the moment—is becoming reality. We are not only continuing the vital ministries that have touched lives for decades, but we are also preparing to open a brand-new Youth Center in West Davenport. This center will allow us to expand our reach, and provide a safe space for children and teens to belong, be encouraged, and discover the hope found in Jesus.

As God grows our ministry, He is growing our team! We're stepping forward in faith to reach even **more kids**. With growth comes greater need. Your giving matters now more than ever! Every gift helps us continue to offer life-changing programs, summer camps, and soon, a Youth Center that will shine as a beacon of hope in the West End of Davenport..

Thank you for standing with us, praying for us, and giving generously. Together, we are changing lives for eternity.

In appreciation,  
Esther Joy King, Executive Director

## Lives Changed Forever!



Addison first connected with YouthHope through our Davenport before-school program. When she walked through the doors, Addison openly admitted she didn't believe in God.

But God had bigger plans! During Jr. High Girls week at Camp Summit, **Addison experienced God's love in a real way, gave her life to Jesus, and grew closer to Him each day.**

Addison's story is just one of many, and it's why camp is such a transformative experience! Thank you for helping send kids to camp this summer! Your sponsorship made it possible for campers to learn, experience, and find HOPE in Christ!

## Passionately and Persistently Pursuing



# Summer Highlights

Our 3rd–5th graders had a life-changing time at Camp Summit and stayed connected all summer through our Kid’s Club Programs at YouthHope! **Fred is already dreaming of being a camp counselor, and Yusof wants to work at YouthHope when he grows up!**

One of our favorite moments of the summer was with Kenzie. She often has a hard time opening up. **But at Camp Summit, she came to life!** She found a love of FROGS! She found it amazing that God made both her and the creatures she adores! This was a big win and may shape the rest of her life!

During YouthHope Kids Clubs, we continue to water the seeds planted at Camp Summit. This summer we studied the Armor of God, found out we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and learned how to respond with joy and gratitude to God’s love and mercy.

This summer, the kids have enjoyed field trips to the John Deere Pavilion, playing at parks, and special ice cream breaks.

Most importantly, kids like Lilly, Kimaria, London, Jaxon, Lincoln, Mehkai, Bliss, and so many more proclaimed their love for Jesus and now call Him their Savior!



What a joy to witness young hearts encounter God and walk in His truth! Thank you to everyone who poured into these awesome kids — your impact makes a difference!

-Leigha Toft, Moline Children’s Director



Our mission continues Year-Round! We’re getting ready for School Year Programs and would love for you to join us in this life-changing work!

## Join us for Volunteer Orientation

- 8/20 - 12:00 pm at Moline Youth Center
- 8/21 - 5:30 pm at Rock Island Youth Center
- 8/23 - 10:00 am at Davenport Youth Center
- 8/25 - 3:00 pm at Moline Youth Center

Sign Up for ONE Session via the QR Code or Call (309) 762-4577



## Fundraiser for YouthHope

Invite family and friends to join us for **Dinner on September 3<sup>rd</sup>** to raise support for YouthHope! 880 Lincoln Rd, Bettendorf, IA 52722

# Transformed Lives at Camp Summit

YouthHope staff talk with campers while driving them back home and ask what was your favorite part of Camp Summit? Here are some responses:

“The food!” “Zipline” “Swimming”

“My counselor” “Making a new friend”

“last night when we were all worshipping and crying”

That last one required more context! The staff asked, “What made you cry?”

**Without hesitation, the boy responded, “It was the Lord!”**



At Camp Summit, kids and teens experience the presence of Christ that brings healing and wholeness. Campers encounter Christ’s presence and return home forever changed.

A Wednesday-night worship service and message quickly became a night of healing and freedom for many Junior High Girls!

Wednesday night message at camp began like any other worship service, but everything changed as the Holy Spirit began to move. That evening became a powerful celebration of freedom and new beginnings for many young women.

During worship, a well-loved and appreciated camp counselor felt led to open up to the girls and share her testimony—past struggles and how God had set her free. As the junior high girls listened intently, they realized they were not alone in their struggles. A group of young girls approached the counselor hesitantly and ultimately revealed that they were struggling just as she once had.



In that moment, the counselor shared that if God could break her chains, He could do the same for them. He does not want to leave them in their sin and shame but to bring redemption and hope! This breakthrough—ordained by the Spirit of God—indicated that the Holy Spirit was moving, at work, and had a plan for the girls. This group of girls, once strangers, continued sharing their stories and struggles, building bonds and growing deeper in connection—they were not alone. After sharing, they were met with love, understanding, encouragement, and, most importantly, prayer.

**Many heard for the first time the truth of God’s healing power and the freedom He offers. God’s Spirit is moving, breaking chains, healing, and calling His children into a relationship with Him and inviting them to walk boldly in freedom, free of shame!**

Together, we bring youth HOPE!

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# Thank You for Your Special Gifts to Bring HOPE!

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## Upcoming Events

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Phil Siegert Memorial  
**Sporting Clays**

**Fundraiser** in support of

 **YouthHope**  
September 20, 2025



Presented By  
**Sandry Meloan Ryan Gragg Group**



  
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**BENEFIT  
CONCERT**

Don't miss out on a fun night filled with impactful worship!

**SATURDAY** 11 OCTOBER 2025  
@ bridge cities church, bettendorf **7:00 PM**

