

HORIZON

Together:

Our Mission is to glorify God as we make, nurture and send forth teenage disciples of Jesus Christ.



“LOVE GOD - LOVE PEOPLE” WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27)

A fresh set of eyes. That’s how I viewed the evening and wow... what a Sunday evening! I observed 150+ youth from three different churches coming together in the heart of Greensboro to worship and praise the Lord and tackle issues most teens ignore or are too afraid to confront. I was there to support the technical production but I took so much more away from the evening.

West Market Street UMC hosted the ongoing, multi-church gathering dubbed “Love God-Love People” this past Sunday evening. The focus for the evening was “Temptation.” In attendance were youth (and their invited friends) from Oak Ridge UMC, Mt. Pisgah UMC, and WMSUMC. With that many young people, one would expect chaos, but the story unfolds quite differently.

During the course of the evening, I witnessed joyfulness and exuberance that was contagious. In fascination, I watched as the youths’ deep passion for music fed the WMS Worship Band and surely led to a significant connection to Christ and a profound appreciation for God’s music by all present!

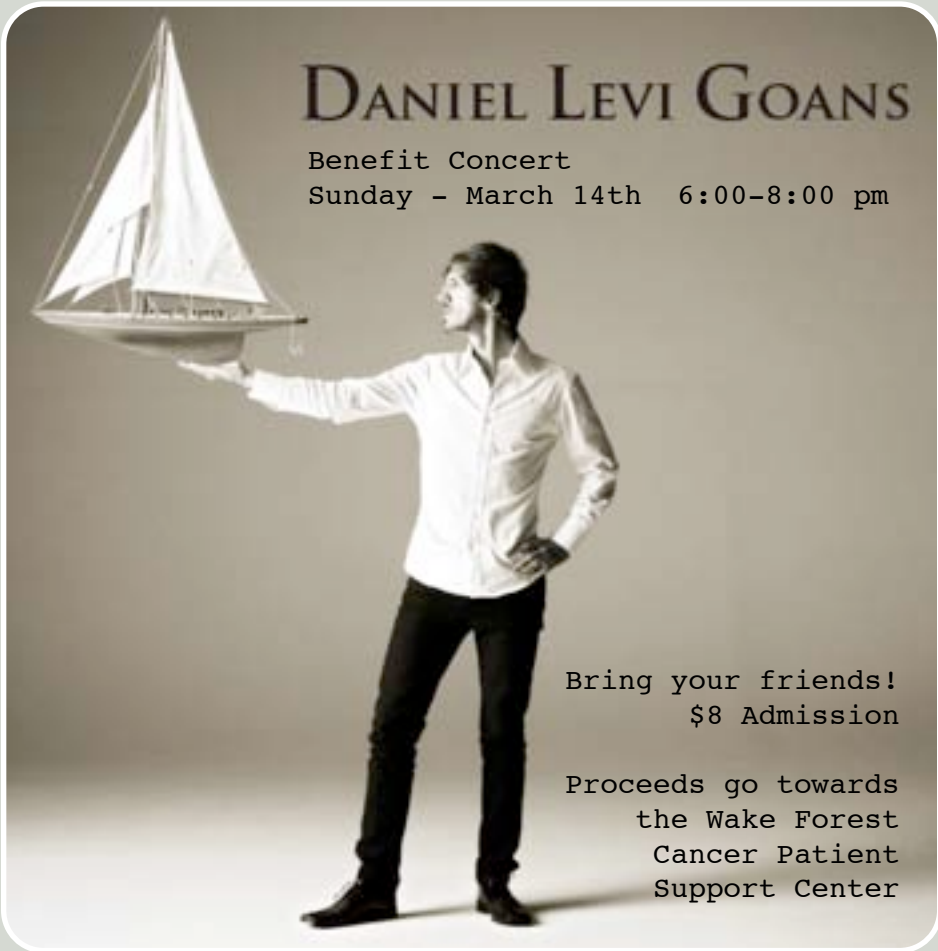
Under the direction of Drew Dupont, Mary Katherine Melton, Alex Grimm, Genny Parshley, Patrick Stovall, Patrick Fontaine, and Julianne Kasper performed the Lifehouse skit “Everything.” Words fail to express how powerful their performance was.

The drama group exhibited a willingness to allow God to express himself through their performance, expertly drawing the crowd into the rocky world of temptations youth struggle with daily. But the experience was so much more because it offered the youth a larger, modern picture of how Christ can make a difference in their lives, and that by his death, Christ gained ultimate control over the temptations we all struggle with.

How LGLP faced the battlefield of temptations head-on was uplifting. Later in the evening, the youth broke into three smaller groups which dove deeper to the 3 top-rated Temptations: drugs/ alcohol, sex, and gossip (as voted on earlier by the youth attending the service). The topics were treated with respect and openness and focused on Christ-centered approaches. Several youth displayed valiant courage in sharing personal experiences which offered insight that touched closer than any adult could ever attempt.

Many people contributed to the Sunday evening worship service but the most important part...Christ was present...I saw him on the faces of many who left, touched by an experience that will live with them forever. Don’t you want to be a part of that?

(written by Deborah Bisbee)



DANIEL LEVI GOANS
Benefit Concert
Sunday - March 14th 6:00-8:00 pm

Bring your friends!
\$8 Admission

Proceeds go towards
the Wake Forest
Cancer Patient
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What in the world is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day period before Easter that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. Lent is regarded as a season of soul searching and repentance when we prepare for the joy and celebration of Easter by giving ourselves an annual spiritual check up. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Most Christian churches that observe Lent focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace.

Interestingly the concept of spring-cleaning emerged from the practice of Lent. This was the time of year when one cleaned house – first physically and then spiritually. However, what we “sweep out” or give up at this season should be



more than food. It could be soccer or TV or video games. We might discuss with our families ways to give up our busyness and focus on the truly important things of God. The time we free up can be used for special prayers and Bible readings, or involvement in missions that enable us to focus beyond ourselves and onto our responsibility to those who are hurting and in need. During Lent, it is as though we join Jesus in his walk toward Good Friday and the crucifixion. Our self denial is a way to enter into the fellowship of Christ's suffering so that we can identify more fully with those who are chronically hungry, oppressed, in pain or in need. This year, as we walk towards the Cross, may we invite God to make us aware of those things that distract us from a wholehearted commitment to God.

REMEMBER:	SUNDAY, MARCH 7	SUNDAY, MARCH 14	SUNDAY, MARCH 21	SUNDAY, MARCH 28
“Be Still and Know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)	<p>UMYF “Serving God” 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bring a friend and come hear Megan, Patrick and Matthew share about their recent Florida mission trip experiences.</p>	<p>UMYF “Benefit Concert by Daniel Levi Goans” admission \$8 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p>Bring all your friends and enjoy some good music while helping cancer patients.</p>	<p>UMYF “Passover Seder Meal” 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bring your friends as we experience a Jewish Passover Seder Meal. Wendy Lavine will lead us again this year.</p>	<p>Youth Help with Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>No regular UMYF tonight. Instead, youth are needed to help with the Egg Hunt at Greensboro College. Sign up to help at UMYF.</p>