

Impact 2018 Seminars & Speakers info

1. – “I Don’t Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist” – Chris Tatom

Christian apologetics is ultimately a defense of faith in Christ Jesus. Whether you are already a believer or are searching for the truth, this is a very important seminar to attend. We will discuss topics such as: 1. Evolution and creation 2. Morality 3. The resurrection of Jesus Christ and the evidence surrounding it. These are difficult topics; the Bible says that we should have a defense ready for our faith in Jesus. So come and learn more about God and the toughest questions that our society has about Him!

Chris Tatom is a 22 year old from Greenfield, Indiana. He has been doing youth ministry full-time with Central PA Youth Ministries out of Mifflin County for almost 2 years and was a volunteer for YoungLife in Lima, Ohio for 1 year during college. He attended Bluffton University in Ohio. While at Bluffton, he majored in Youth Ministry with a minor in Coaching and was a member of the Cross Country and Track teams. Now, his passions include sharing the Gospel, being with friends, playing sports, and watching the Indiana Pacers. His passion for apologetics comes from questions he once had about Christianity and after searching for the truth to those questions, all the answers pointed to the Truth of Jesus Christ. Because of that, Chris wants to help people find the Truth that he was able to find in Jesus for themselves.

2. **Matthew 5:38-42; “Second Mile Living in a Me First Society” – Jonathan Witmer**

Second Mile Living in a Me First Society and what it means as Christians to go the extra mile in our service to our Savior and others. We live in a selfish self-focused society. We are constantly encouraged to stand up for and fight for our rights, that they will lead to life, liberty, and even happiness. In this seminar we are going to look at the life of Jesus how He instructs His disciples to live in Matthew 5:38-42, that deciding to do right is so much more important than seeking to defend our rights. From Jesus' cultural examples in the text we are going to look at some practical ways we can currently go the Second Mile in our relationships with others.

Jonathan Witmer has been a youth pastor for over 18 years. He is currently serving as Teaching Pastor at Mount Calvary Church in Elizabethtown, PA where he is in charge of student ministries. Jonathan is married to his high school sweetheart, Dana, and has two children, Haley and Zachary.

3. **"How to kick start a stalled spiritual life." – Jeremy Kerstetter**

Sometimes it feels like you're just spinning your tires spiritually and not getting anywhere. How can you jump start your spiritual life when it just feels like you're not going anywhere? This is a time to be encouraged because you can start to grow again. We all go through some tough growing times and maybe those times produce more growth than you realize. Perhaps what you think is destroying you is meant to develop you!

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Jeremy Kerstetter grew up in Juniata County, attending the East Juniata CPAYM's clubs and the original IMPACT retreat as well as many other CPYM events. After graduating with a Biblical Studies degree from Liberty University, getting married, and returning to Liberty University for a seminary degree in Christian Leadership, he took a role as the Sr. Pastor at Central Baptist Church in Millerstown, PA. Jeremy and his wife, Wendy have 2 small children, Kara and Adley. "My goal in life is to follow Jesus in such a manner that others are inspired to follow Jesus so well that in return, more people follow Jesus."

4. "Free porn?" - Aaron Benner

Is porn really free? Is it something that you can view for a period of time and have no effects? Does porn have a negative effect on your present or future relationships? Does porn hurt your boyfriend or girlfriend? How does porn affect your brain? Can't I just walk away from porn? These are the questions we will tackle and try answer. God has an answer to our questions and He is patiently and lovingly waiting for us to ask. So let ask together and listen to what He has to say.

Aaron Benner is the Senior Pastor at Richfield Life Ministries Church. He and his wife Nicole have twin daughters and a son. He enjoys reading, RC racing, snow sports and anything that involves his family. He has a passion for the Word of God and loves to see how relevant it is to our daily living.

5. "Going off the deep end and being all in for Jesus" – Matt Christ

In this session, we'll dive into the reasons for being sold out for Jesus. We'll look at what it means to be all in and rocking our lives for Christ. With a mix of tunes and real life teen stories, we'll find ourselves ready to take the plunge. Losing ourselves in Christ could never be more awesome. Meet Jesus in the wilderness and see how he kicked the devils a&\$. Being the real deal could never feel any better than seeing the enemy flee at the sound of Jesus Name. Come stoked to get choked up about the life you can lead to pump it up for His sake.

Matt Christ lives near Bethel, PA with his wife Denise and three children. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Little Swatara Church of the Brethren. In transitioning from a youth pastor position to senior pastor, he recognizes the need for Senior Pastors to show youth that they matter in the church. His passion is to see teens plugged in with their gifts and growing in their faith to serve others in Jesus name. Matt gets a thrill from motorcycle riding, walking in God's beautiful creation and taking his "Mathew's solo cam" bow for a walk in quest of the mighty deer.

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6. "You love me how much?" - Matt Werner

On the subject of God's over powering and relentless pursuit of us.

Matt Werner - who lives in Juniata County, is just a guy looking to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. A guy who is a husband, father, brother and son. A guy who has made good choices, bad choices...but now looks to make Godly choices.

7. "#fail" - Jana Snyder

Do you ever feel like in life all you do is mess up? No matter how hard you try to live a good life, make good decisions, etc. you end up failing. Maybe you feel like a failure when it comes to friendships, maybe a failure in school or sports, but also maybe just in life in general. Come join us for this seminar to be encourage as we discuss how God can help us turn our #FAIL into a #VICTORY

Jana Snyder has been working with teens for more than 16 years as a public school teacher, coach, youth minister and counselor. Her passion for youth and her crazy outgoing spirit makes her a popular speaker amongst youth and adults. She is a national presenter for Group Workcamps. She was born and raised in rural Pennsylvania. She is currently living in Richfield with her husband Joel and their daughter Ella. She has a heart for encouraging small and rural church youth and leaders.

8. "This Little Light of Mine" – Brad Weller

Matthew 5:14. "You are the light of the world...". Have you ever used a nightlight? Have you ever made a friend go with you when you couldn't find the lights? Have you ever taken advantage of a dark area to scare someone really good? Being in the dark is a very common fear, and in this seminar we will talk about the conflict between light and dark and what any of this has to do with you or I being a light.

Brad Weller got married a week after graduating from Eastern University. He and his wife Amy have been married just under three years. He has been a Youth Pastor at Cedar Grove BIC in Mifflintown, Pa for the past three years. Brad and Amy have just welcomed a baby girl into their lives. He is passionate about spending time with his wife and new little princess, seeing other people meet Christ in powerful ways, and competing in or watching most sports.

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9. “The world is hooked” - Michele Comp –

Everyone is talking about the opioid epidemic and addiction and how it’s affecting our families and teens. We will be looking at this crisis and how it affects not only you and me but our friends also.

Michele Comp is a teacher, artist, CPYM Volunteer, and lover of God! If you talk to her, she'll probably mention her husband Nate, her 2 awesome dogs, and her love of the river. Michele loves playing with new technology, making creative messes, running with her dogs, boating, and barefoot water skiing. (Notice I didn't say she loves to read... she doesn't) Her favorite scripture, right now, is Romans 8:28 or maybe its 1 Corinthians 16:14- Look them both up:)