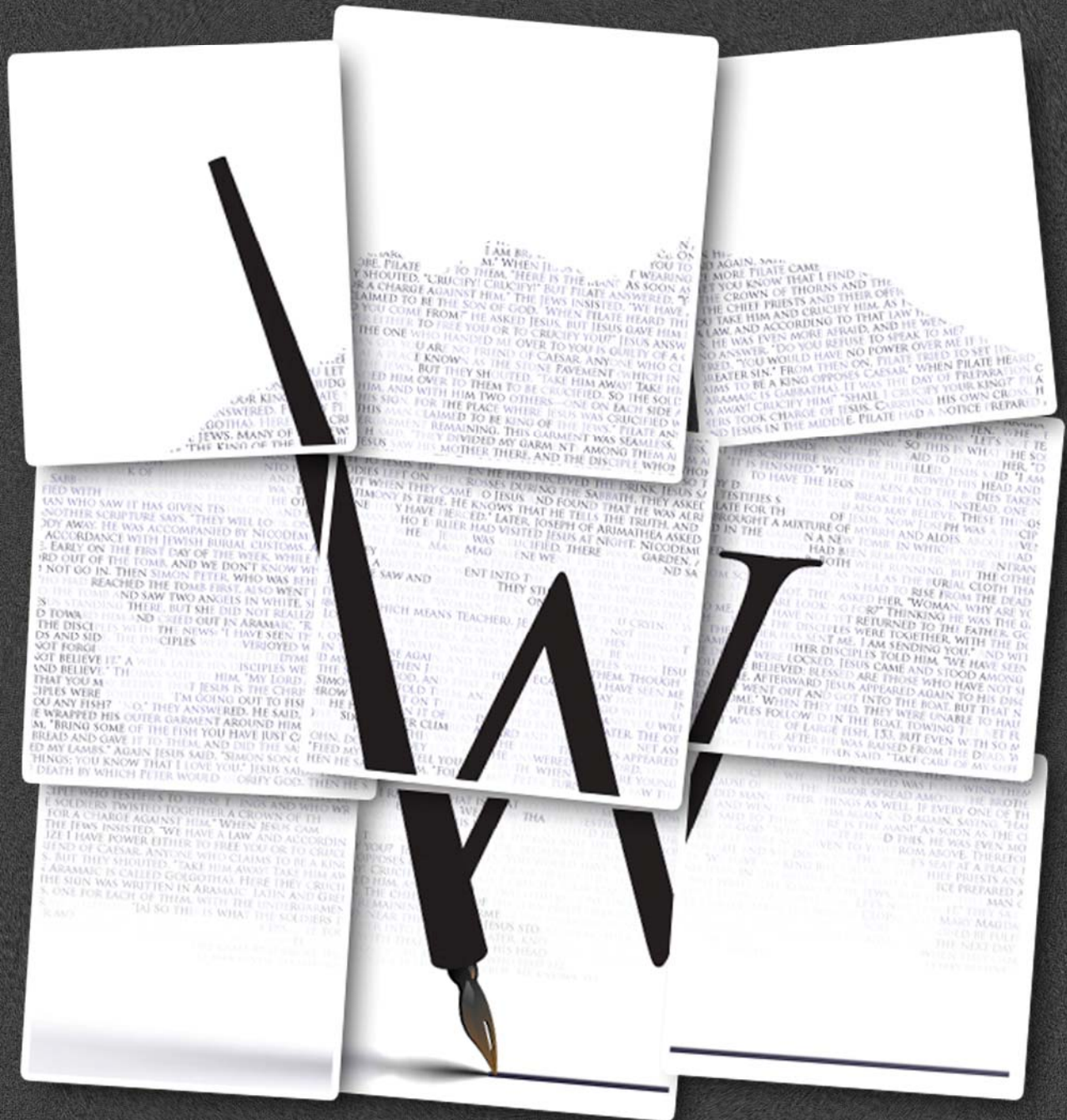


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Here's your welcome



AFLC Youth Ministries' fall issue of *The Connection* will include this video link on page 2. Devoted to the pictures and accounts from the national youth gathering, *The Connection* will point you forward with Jesus by His grace.

Official 2011 FLY Facebook page! — (Make sure you go to the Community page) Here you can check out pictures from throughout the week and let us know what you thought about FLY this year. www.facebook.com/pages/FLY-2011/166538780047929

AFLC Youth Ministry Vimeo— View the evening services from FLY and other videos too! www.vimeo.com/afmcym/videos

FLY 2011 Website — Audio from the evening services available for you to download here. Come here to check out pictures from FLY also! <http://www.afmc.org/youth/fly>

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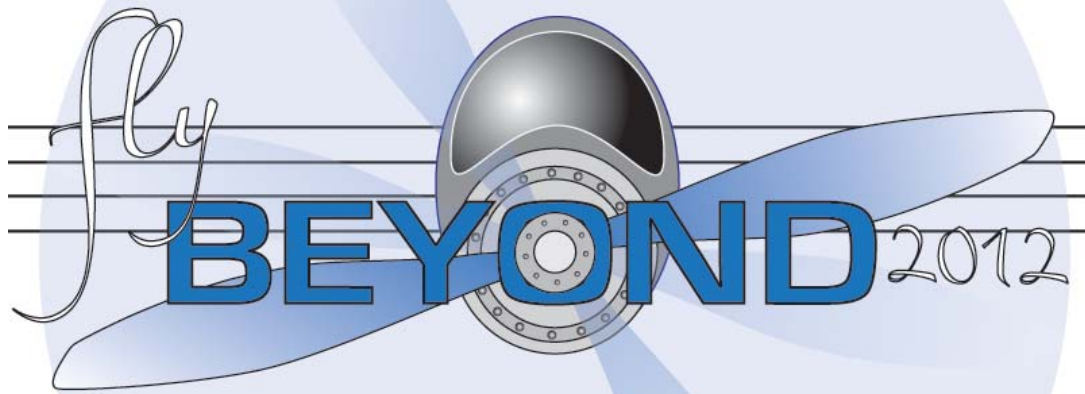
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From here to beyond
Fly boot camp 2012 is now



Focusing on

Personal Evangelism
Biblical Worldview
Equipping Leadership

July 2012 at the ARC in
Osceola, WI

Testimonies



It was great to grow in my faith with all the different electives and sermons. I greatly appreciated the night sessions this year because of their different messages . Usually they seem to have the same points, but this year the night sessions were different and helped me greatly understand and grow in my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Anonymous



FLY was amazing this year!!! ~ Amber S



The Biblical teaching was the most encouraging, because I was refreshed in it, and being able to see the students respond to it was a huge blessing.

~ Anonymous Adult



FLY 2011 was honestly one of the best weeks of my life. There was so much effort put into this week, and it. paid. off. Once again, thanks! ~ Emma T



When my friend told me that FLY is a life changing experience, I didn't believe her. But when I got home I knew what she was talking about! The environment is so breathtaking. I finally had that one moment where I finally connected with God! Everyone there was so nice and the speakers were wonderful!!! I learned SO much and will definitely go next time! I am not sure I can wait that long. ~ Ashley P



I miss FLY already. ~ Frankie S
(Written 7 days after it finished)



I got very refreshed spiritually. A lot of things I have been doing lately have been about how to share my faith, and sometimes I end up neglecting my own walk with Christ. It is nice to have a week to focus on God. ~ Anonymous Student



[It was] my second year at FLY and this year I finally came to Christ :) Thank you, FLY :)
~ Shelby J



Beyond FLY

By Pastor Jason Holt



The late in August my family made our way up to the north shore of Lake Superior. With part raw, ocean-like force and part rugged trails through forest-like trees, it is a tremendous family adventure. We made our way into one of the state parks and walked down by the lake front. In a narrow cove, the Great Lake's waters became a small pool for swimming in the cool waters or for skipping rocks.

One piece of the landscape we did not expect. As we stepped off the trail, by the edge of the water, a pile of single stacked rocks stood over 4 feet high. One rock on top of the other, it looked like something plucked out of a museum of fine art.

It reminded me of two passages – I Samuel 7 and John 1. In I Samuel 7, the people of God had entered a time of rebellion by their sin, followed by repentance by His gracious hand. They gathered together with Samuel before the Lord. The Philistines (of Goliath fame) saw it as a military action and took the offense against Israel. By God's hand, the people were delivered. I Samuel 7:12 states, **Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us."**

FLY was a powerful spiritual time for many of us. We remember the Lord's working through His Word – the primary means of His grace to us. The Lord truly helped us through IT IS WRITTEN, so as we go forward, we can remember His help in the past.

But He doesn't want us to simply live in the past.

John 1:16-17 tells us of God's continued working through Jesus. **"And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."** For the Israelites, it was good to look back to how the Lord worked through Moses. The Law was important then and is important today. It is His Word! But the Israelites were tempted to grow complacent to say, "Yep, we've got Moses back there." Some of us may be tempted to say, "Yep, we've got FLY back there." Instead, with a gratitude for how He has worked in the past and an eagerness to see how Jesus will continue to work by His grace and truth, we move beyond FLY. We are excited to see the next stone He lays in each of our spiritual lives.

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MEDIA MINUTE Disclaimer:

Media Minute seeks to introduce quality media selections from a distinctively Christian worldview. The goal is for content to be solid and for style to be left to a matter of personal preference, Col. 3:16.

Start Here, Harris

With their first book, Do Hard Things, the Harris brothers stated that teens can (pretty obviously) do hard things. God doesn't

call us to laze around on our backsides; he calls us to stand up for Him! Teenhood isn't a pass to be lazy, it's an opportunity to show Jesus to all those around us.

But where to start? How about *right where you are*?

That's right. Here. You don't *have* to move to Africa to be an agent of God. (Although, I am in no way dissing African mission-workers. They are Uber-cool. But my point still stands.) You can reach out to people in your school, or kids at the skate park, or the guy at youth group who doesn't have any friends.

Start Here gives advice on how to find your passion, what to do about rejection, and how to handle success; uplifting stories and practical input on how to answer God's call. We do not have the strength to do what God calls us to do, but it is given to us when we listen. Start Here is a guide on how to not only do that, but to act upon what we hear.

Alex and Brett also have a knack for speaking to their readers. What I mean by this is that it felt more like they were sitting and talking to me than it felt like I were reading directions out of a book. This feeling was even more pronounced as they were answering several of the questions that I've asked myself in the past. How hard should a "Hard

My personal response to the book was mainly to spend more time with God in the morning. As I have come to realize, living with 4 brothers can be pretty hectic, and I need God to reign over my day. My morning prayers give me time with him that I need when things get crazy.

For me, the book didn't leave a lot of questions unanswered. The Harris brothers did a good job picking out the important stuff, and left me with a feeling of satisfaction.

I have read one more Harris book, but it has only made me hungrier for the next!

~ Seth Skogerboe, *Teenager*

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I Am Second is a website dedicated to sharing Christ. There are currently over 70 individuals on this site that share their personal testimony. There are celebrities, athletes, musicians, and ordinary people like you and me that share their life story and their decision to put Christ first and themselves second. Some recognizable people are Bethany Hamilton, Michael W. Smith, Jason Castro, Josh Hamilton, Tony Dungy, Colt McCoy and many others as well.

I encourage you to check out www.iamsecond.com and tell others about it, too!

~Chris Rasmussen, *AFLC YM*



Gungor Beautiful Things

Gungor's album *Beautiful Things* is a great album.

Michael Gungor is the lead singer for the band. After a name change from "The Michael Gungor Band" to the now band name "Gungor" they released their album *Beautiful Things* in February 2010. In 2011 Both the song *Beautiful Things* and the album were nominated for Grammy awards.

One of the first things that caught my attention was the various instrumentation throughout the album. From classic guitars to electric guitars to banjos and probably even a keytar there is an explosion of different sounds that come together and create one great song after another. Another thing that I enjoy is the diversity throughout this album. The songs throughout don't all sound the same. Some are slow some are fast, some are soft and some are more like a rock anthem.

Lyrical each song is strong, deep and also worshipful. Because of the diverseness of each song not every song sounds like your average worship song but yet you can still get a great worship experience.

The album in it's entirety paints a beautiful picture during every song and I very much recommend it to anyone!

~ Chris Rasmussen, *AFLC YM*

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Upcoming events

September 28	See You At The Pole Global Day of Student Prayer www.syatp.com
Oct 21-23	AFLBS Campus Days Weekend for high school students to visit the school www.aflbs.org
Jul 16-20, 2012	FLY Beyond Truth, Training, Teens Together youth.aflc.org
Aug 2012	AFLC Student Missions Great Commission, Great Collision, Great Change youth.aflc.org
July 1-6, 2013	FLY 2013 National Youth Gathering at YMCA of the Rockies youth.aflc.org/fly