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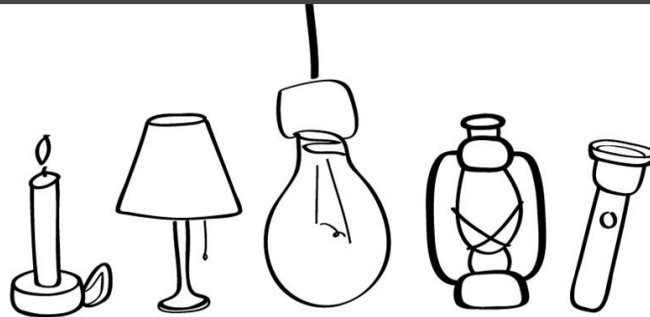
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# FLY 2017 Review

The national youth gathering of the AFLC met for the week under the theme **illuminate**. Jesus explains in John 8:12 that He is the light of the world. This focus on Jesus and the impact that He brings to our lives directed this year's FLY Convention®.

Over 1800 people from all walks of life and from all parts of the country ascended to the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The picturesque setting was enjoyed by the 1100 teenagers in attendance. Through morning electives, afternoon activities, and evening sessions, the message of Jesus was declared. Some encountered how His light translates them from spiritual darkness to spiritual life. Others drank deeply from the concentrated study in God's Word to refresh their souls. Still others were renewed in God's love experienced through God's people meeting together.

FLY is first and foremost about Jesus and teenagers.

The convention is designed to prioritize Christ and His Kingdom and this year did it again. But the results of FLY continue. It goes on in the local congregations and in their communities. As both new Christian teens and maturing adolescent believers walk in the light of the Lord, they **illuminate** their churches and their schools for the name of Jesus.

*Pastor Jason Holt is the  
Director of Youth Ministries*







## Post FLY Student Comments:

“It is amazing to be in a room with 2000 other people who believe in the same God as you.”

“FLY is a very eye opening experience in learning about your faith, and relationship with Christ.”

“FLY is a lot of fun! It leads people to Christ, and equips them.”

“At FLY you are surrounded by the love of Jesus and peers, develop a spiritual understanding, meet new people, and have the time of your life living the experience you can't at home.”

“It's one of the coolest things I've ever gone to and it really opened my eyes to what God wants in my life.”







**A youth leader asked her teenagers to reflect on their favorite session at FLY and their main take home point from the week. Here were some of the responses:**

Alex T – Take Home: “To be more open to talk to people about God.”

Abby D – Favorite Session: “All of Luke Long’s sessions.” Take Home: “GOSPEL.”

Nate T – Favorite Session: “Wade Mobley with the balloons.” Take Home: “Have a good foundation with God.”

Nicolai M – Favorite Session: “Dr. Loggins.” Take home: “Trust in Jesus”





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**MUSIC: "Who Says"**

Joshua Micah's release late summer captures the searching of so many in this day and age:

*Who says you gotta have it all figured out  
Who says you'll never feel alone in the crowd  
Who says you gotta be like everyone else  
Who says?*



Based on his faith in Christ, Joshua Micah can inquire along these lines with the listener since he has faced many challenges in his life including a serious health issue as child. The stanzas direct our attention to what matters is on the inside within a culture that values the outward. "Don't stop I can see the finish line" A hopeful direction from this newer artist to the Christian music scene.

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**MOVIE: "Redemption Way"**

How is a friendship impacted once one becomes a Christian? "Redemption Way" explores the tension when Jenny, a hospice nurse that came to Christ during college, is asked years later to provide care for her childhood friend, Autumn, who is an atheist. Screenwriter/Producer Brad Podowski told the Chicago Tribune, "It's not about 'the Christian is right and the atheist is wrong.' It's about opening up a conversation about faith. It's really about friendship and forgiveness and sacrifice." The trailer can be viewed at [www.redemptionwaymovie.com](http://www.redemptionwaymovie.com) and it releases to DVD in September.

**AFLC Youth Ministries exists**

to Win teenagers to Christ through the Gospel,  
to Build them up in God's truth and God's love,  
to Equip them to live their faith and share their faith  
with others, which results in the multiplying of  
maturing teen disciples of Jesus.



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