Missions Connection Celebration (MC2):
A Pastor’s Reflection
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This was my second year attending MC2 at Eagle Eyrie with the youth of West End Baptist Church, North Dinwiddie, VA.

I appreciate the goal of the camp, which I believe to be leading young people into conversations about what it means to know and follow Jesus Christ while giving them the opportunity to both experience and share in tangible ways that good news message through mission and ministry opportunities.

I know that for me, it was important when I learned the joy that my faith in Jesus wasn't just about my personal relationship with God; it was also about how that relationship could make an impact on all my other relationships and how my life could be used by God to bless others.

Camps like this help show rising generations that our faith is about helping others in real and vital ways, just as Jesus did in his ministry.

Exposure to mission opportunities helps develop a generosity of life—one that seeks to serve others in Jesus’ name.
Our young people connect easily to a faith in which they can witness and be a part of helping others. That is why the yearly meal packaging with Lifeline.org is such an anticipated part of the week.

The kids really get into the idea that their effort that day is feeding a hungry child. The closer we can tie our belief to loving action, the more likely future generations will be compelled by and hold tightly to their faith in Jesus.

Speaker Gerard Huff did a great job this year of making the message of redemption and restoration accessible to all ages. His use of the story of the prodigal son blended with his personal journey in just the right way in his messages each evening. I hope the students were as touched by his transparency as I was during worship.

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