

Winter 2018

# SRC STUDENT

# NEWS



## WINDSHIELD, SAY HELLO TO MY LITTLE FRIEND

Until that afternoon, everything had been going great. We had enjoyed a leisurely day with family who was in town visiting us. As we were driving home, Adriana was chatting with her parents, my young daughters were looking out of the windows, and I was concentrating on driving. I was in the left hand lane driving down the highway when suddenly I saw a little white object out of the corner of my right eye. It appeared to be moving. Suddenly, **BANG!** The windshield exploded right in front of Adriana who was in the front passenger seat. The object then bounced off of my window over the other lanes of traffic and into the bushes. It happened so quickly, I didn't have time to react. And thank God I didn't, because there was a car right next to me. If I would have swerved I might not be alive writing about the incident all of these years later.

I recognized right away that the object I had seen hurtling toward our car was a baseball. When I pulled off the highway to inspect the damage I realized that we were driving down the highway right next to a college baseball stadium. Somehow, apparently, a baseball had been hit out of the stadium, traveled over three lanes of traffic, and decided to land on our windshield! What are the odds of that happening? Of all of the cars that were on the busy highway that day, it hit our windshield! Thankfully, God protected us, and the experience is a good story to tell.

Beyond a good story, that incident reminds me that sometimes things blindside us in life. Sometimes we are just going about our business, and **BAM!** a baseball hits our windshield! What do we do in those times? How do we respond when suddenly things are different than we anticipated — different than we had planned?

Proverbs has some good reminders for us in those times:

*"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his step" (Proverbs 16:9).*

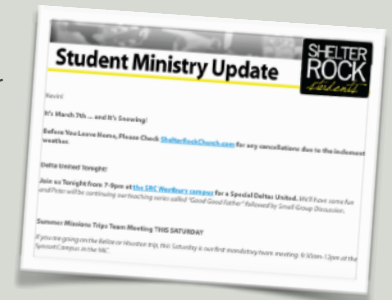
*"There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand" (Proverbs 19:21).*

I had a plan that day, but it certainly did not include catching a baseball with my windshield while traveling down the highway at 65 MPH! When life throws us a curveball, or worse yet, we end up with the a baseball smashing our windshield, I think there are some important things to remember.

*First, God is trustworthy.* In those times when we aren't sure what has hit us, we must commit ourselves to trusting God. When you are surprised by life, remember that nothing surprises God! He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. He sees the past, the present, and the future with equal clarity.

*Second, learn something.* Rather than just cruising through those moments, or casually brush them off, take time to ask God what He's trying to teach you. What can you learn from your experience?

- Pastor Kevin Mahaffy



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# SHELTER ROCK *students*

**Vision:** We want to see students become **fully-devoted, life-long, passionate** followers of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, impacting the world with the gospel.

**Purpose:** Our ministry programs and events are designed to help students **HONOR** God (worship), **SERVE** others (ministry), **REACH** people far from God (evangelism), **CONNECT** in life-giving relationships (fellowship), and **GROW** in faith (discipleship).

# YOUTH WINTER FEST

It was another incredible year at Youth Winter Fest 2018! We had over 400 in attendance representing 18 different churches. Our theme this year was *Unshakeable*. Based on the response cards we collected, 64 people Accepted Christ, 26 said they want to get Baptized, and 127 said they want to get more Connected at church. So exciting! Please pray for everyone who attended, especially those who made these significant decisions.



# STOP HUNGER NOW EVENT

Thank you for serving on MLK Day! Together we prepared 30,000 meals in less than 2 hours which will be distributed in 71 countries around the world! Well done!



# LET'S RIDE DISCIPLESHIP ROAD TRIP



# SUNDAY MORNINGS & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



**Wednesday Night Delta Small Groups** are great environments for you to build positive peer relationships, discover and grow in your faith, and be known and cared for by our amazing team of Adult Youth Leaders. A typical night includes food, games, a lesson, interactive discussion, prayer, and more food. We currently have two locations, SRC Westbury Campus (Ban Suk United Methodist Church - 11 Powells Lane, Old Westbury) and Glen Cove/Bayville (Rotates monthly. Contact us for the exact addresses).



**Sunday Morning Youth** meets during the 2nd service at each campus. A typical Sunday usually includes donuts and bagels, a brief time of worship, announcements, 15-20 minute teaching time, then a time for you have a conversation about the message and how it relates to your every-day life.



## SIGN UP FOR LOVE LONG ISLAND



**When:** April 3-4, 2018  
**Location:** Meet at SRC Westbury Campus to go to Long Island Locations.



**Who It's For:** Youth (7-12th Graders)

**Cost:** \$20 includes t-shirt and lunch.



**Who We're Working With:** Various ministries, organizations, and families in need of assistance.

**What We'll Be Doing:** Students will go out each day from 9am-3pm to do various community service projects such as cleaning, painting, yard work, preparing meals, and more.



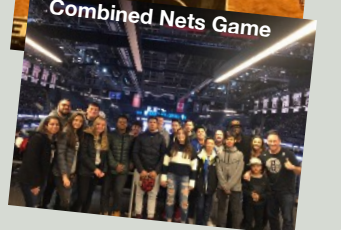
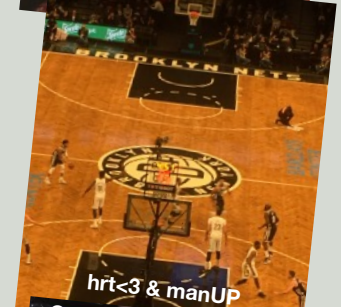
**REGISTER at ShelterRockChurch.com**

Adult chaperones also needed. If you can help drive and chaperone, e-mail Kevin@ShelterRockChurch.com



## HRT <3 & MANUP

Times for just the girls, and just the boys, to hang out together. A typical night usually consists of a fun event and a brief word of encouragement to help you as you are growing as a young woman or young man. They meet approximately every-other-month.



# MEET A VOLUNTEER

## Meet Kristen Freund-Soon-to-be-Shondelmyer



**Family:** Marrying Josh Shondelmyer in July!!!

**Work:** I teach 2nd grade at Our Savior New American School, I do ABA Therapy, and I am the Children's Ministry Sunday Morning Supervisor at our Westbury campus.

**Favorite TV Show/Movie:** My favorite TV show changes constantly, but right now it's either *CountingOn* or *The Voice*.

**Hobby/Leisure Activity:** In my free time I love to sleep, go to spin class, and hang out with my family.

**How long at SRC?** I have been attending SRC since I was in 9th grade.

**Favorite Bible verse:** "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

**Coollest place you've ever been:** London, Italy, France, and China.

**What do you enjoy working with SRC students?** I enjoy building relationships with students. I love being a small part of God's plan for them.



Have you ever regretted something you posted on social media?

Don't feel bad, 57% of Americans who use social media have posted something they regret afterwards. And that's just adults. Now jump into the brain of a 10-year-old. Yes, a 10-year-old. Nielsen research labels age 10 as the "mobile adoption sweet spot" because the average age a child receives a smartphone today is 10.3 years-old. How is a 10-year-old supposed to make wise decisions on their favorite social media apps like Snapchat, Instagram or FriendO? (Especially when COPPA—Child Online Privacy Protection Act—regulates that you have to be at least 13 to be on any of those three apps).

Today's young people don't think for more than 3 seconds before they post, press SEND, or accept a friend request (the more friends the better, right?). Sadly, the pics they post, the rants they engage in and the connections they make often lead to dire consequences.

So how can we help young people think before they click?

Here are two conversations we need to have with young people about the devices they know and love: *the friends they "friend"*, and *the pics they post*.

### The Friends they "Friend"

Consider SnapMaps for a moment. SnapMaps is a cool feature on Snapchat that allows you to see where your friends are on a map at any moment. Of course, they can also see *where you are* at any moment. This is a lot of fun when you want to see which of your friends are hanging out at the place you're hanging... but consider the ramifications for a moment.

A 13-year-old girl finishes hanging out with her friends at the mall, texts mom for a ride, and waits for her by the exit.

**QUESTION:** Who else knows she's standing there?

**ANSWER:** Unless she opted to be in Ghost Mode, or took the time to go into her Snap preferences and select only a custom group of friends to be able to see her, then the answer is *every one of her friends can see her exact location on a map*.

This begs the question: Has she met every one of her friends face to face?

Are you sure that the 16-year-old guy she met online and "friended" last week is actually a 16-year-old... or is he the 44-year-old pedophile sitting in his car at the mall watching for any likely "friends" to wander outside by themselves?

This happens all the time. In fact, whenever I address young people I share story after story of "friends" who didn't turn out to be friends at all. In fact, in my new book to teenagers on this subject I share a frightening true story about a guy the police called "creepy underwear guy" who used young girls' locations to sneak into their bedrooms and steal their underwear. Whenever I tell this story I always see girls slowly pulling out their phones and checking their privacy settings. Nobody wants creepy underwear guy in their room!

We need to help young people rethink who they're "friending." But that's not all they need to rethink...

### The Pics They're Posting

I hear it all the time from school principals when I show up to speak at a school assembly.

"Last week I practically had to shut down the school because of the pictures that were being passed around. Kids couldn't even concentrate on school because everyone had seen the pictures!"

It happens all the time (in fact, it happened at a Christian school I worked with). It's like this: Boy convinces girl to send him a pic. (After all, it disappears, right?) Girl sends pic. Boy screenshots "disappearing" pic. Boy and girl eventually break up. Boy sends pic to all of his friends: "Look at this tramp!" Girl is devastated because everyone is giggling and pointing as she walks around campus.

Young people don't think through the permanence of their posts. They use an app that brags, "the pics disappear" and they interpret that as "no consequences." It doesn't take long for them to discover a simple screenshot takes away the "temporary."

We need to help kids understand: nothing you post is temporary. So don't post anything you don't want your principal, Grandma, your future boss... and Jesus seeing (Jesus is on Insta, you know).

Are you helping kids think before they click? (by Jonathan McKee, *TheSource4Parents*)

## SPECIAL HRT <3 EVENT FOR MOMS & TEEN GIRLS!



Guest Speaker  
Author  
Rebekah Lyons



Guest Speaker  
for Teen Girls  
Tasha Levert

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