

The Flow Down

BIGHOUSE

Youth Outreach, Inc.

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IT'S YOUR MOVE

A few weeks before the school year ended an older gentleman, in Prairie Grove, donated a huge chess set. I thought to myself, "At least this piece of furniture makes us look intelligent, even if it never gets used!" We I was quickly proved wrong. It has been the center of attention since we got it. The chess set gets more play time than our video games now.

Having nonstop chess matches going we hear the statement "It's your next move." a lot! That really got us to thinking about the deeper meaning behind that phrase. So many times Melissa and I get so discouraged at the choices these kids make. It seems one minute we are having deep spiritual type talks, then the next they are gossiping about some girl or guy or taking about parties and alcohol. Sometimes we're not sure anything gets

through to their hearts. Then one day while I was venting to a friend of mine he said, "You're having spiritual talks with them and they're not running away? That's fantastic!" he exclaimed. I guess my perspective is a little off at times! He is right, they may not be making a complete 180 overnight or over nine weeks or the year, but at least they are still willing to listen.

My brother shared with me recently, after he joined me for a two day camping trip with a couple of the guys, that we have constantly pointed the kids to truth about life, Christ, and their purpose. "It is their move now!" he said. There it was again, "It's your move" kept echoing in my head.

We desire the love of Jesus to permeate every pore of our body and live every moment to bring God glory! Do you feel like we do at Bighouse sometimes? That you are not making an impact in someone's life, just remember, God's invitation is always open and if you love people recklessly and speak truth when you can then you are making an impact. I

just have to remember that is what I am called to do and then... "It's Your Move"! -Jay

"SINCE GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE THE HOLY PEOPLE WHOM HE LOVES, YOU MUST CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH TENDERHEARTED MERCY, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, AND PATIENCE. YOU MUST MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR EACH OTHER'S FAULTS AND FORGIVE THE PERSON WHO OFFENDS YOU. REMEMBER, THE LORD FORGAVE YOU, SO YOU MUST FORGIVE OTHERS. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF CLOTHING YOU MUST WEAR IS LOVE. LOVE IS WHAT BINDS US ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY." COLOSSIANS 3:12-14



Save the DATE

**Bighouse
Bluegrass Benefit
Sunday, Sept. 4th
4:00pm-9:00pm
Battlefield Park
Clothesline Fair
Weekend.**

WHERE 2 OR 3 gather...

- *Praise God for continuing to provide for Bighouse!
- *Pray for the teens hearts to be softened so their ears can hear the truth of Christ.
- *Pray for more volunteers for the fall semester.

If you would like to give a tax deductible donation to Bighouse please mail a check to

Bighouse Youth Outreach
P.O. Box 1223
Prairie Grove, AR 72753

OR

feel free to give online at
www.bighouseyouthoutreach.com

If you would like more information please visit our website or reach us by email or phone.

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Thank you for giving the teens of Prairie Grove a safe place to come

Our mission is to reach teens in their environment, to encourage them to dream big, and provide a safe place for them to come and be energized. We want to see their lives changed to give them hope and a future. Most importantly, show them the unconditional love of Christ.

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