

We end the year blessed and encouraged by such great involvement in the events of 2024! Thank God for the numerous volunteers that have sacrificed their time and talents to work with youth throughout the year. Again, our gratitude toward the Lord cannot be understated. Also, to area churches and individuals that continue to be involved in this work... **Thank you!** To God be the glory. It could certainly not be done without you.

Recap of the year:

>**The 8th annual MMOC men's prayer breakfast** was changed into a **men's prayer barbecue** for 2024. It was held outdoors on the Littlefield lawn on May 18th. God brought together a good representation from Maine churches to join in prayer and fellowship. The purpose of this event each year is to raise awareness of the ministry and to pray for those involved in youth ministry around the state and to encourage faithful partnerships in the work.

>**TeenVBS/One80** was held July 23rd-26th this year. We had an amazing time in the Word of God taken from Exodus 31:18 with various messages and breakout sessions around the theme "Written in Stone". Pastor Kirk Winters of the Rock Church in Bangor spoke on opening night. Marco Gudino, missionary to Mexico, was our main speaker for the remainder of the week. They both did an incredible job and the youth paid careful attention throughout the week. Sadly, our dear friend and ministry partner Freddie Coile could not make it to help this year due to his declining health condition related to a brain tumor. In August, knowing that it was possibly that last time I would see Him on this side of heaven, I traveled with my son Austin to visit with him and his family at "Grace Farm" in Georgia. Freddie was determined that we help him out of bed and into a wheelchair so he could show us around the camp that I have heard so much about for many years. What a great blessing for me to see how God has worked through the Coile family and to see first hand the expression of Freddie's God-given vision for the work there. A few days after that visit Freddie was home in Heaven. In early September, Beth and I returned to Georgia to be with the Coile family at Freddie's celebration of life. In the Lord's will, the ministry will go on both here and in Georgia .... each of the Coile family members have taken on vital roles in the work. Josiah Coile has become the President of Focus Evangelistic Ministries in the place of his dad. Josiah is planning to come speak for Teen VBS/One80 2025 during the last week of July. You can listen to him on the podcast that he and his dad started a couple years ago. You can access it at <https://www.freddiecoile.org/>

>**8th Annual Bike Hike** On September 28th a caravan with bikes and a large group of young people headed to Acadia for another great day outdoors in God's creation. The kids that take this trip don't want to miss it! God blessed us with some great volunteers to help with this. Thank you!

>**October Chill** - Fifty six teens, along with their leaders, packed a bus and van to head for Beech Hill in Rockport for our annual hike. Twenty-one leaders/volunteers helped with this great day! Following the hike, they arrived at Hobbs Pond where the kids enjoyed some refreshment and some free time before gathering in the makeshift chapel tent, seated on hay bales to hear the Word of God. Two NBB young ladies (including Erin Betz from West Rockport Baptist Church) gave testimony. After a few worship songs, our dear friend, Pastor Craig Fitzpatrick, taught from the Word. After a satisfying meal of pulled pork and homemade mac and cheese, the kids began the Cardboard Canoe building to prepare for the annual race. Before they raced, I had the blessed opportunity to baptize one of the teens in the presence of the whole group! Back in February

LMBC organized and took a bus load of teens to the N.B.B.I teen retreat. At this retreat a young man trusted Christ as his saviour. So, earlier in the morning when we gathered for the mountain hike at "The Chill" he expressed his desire to be baptized... so we called his parents and they came to take part in the baptism later in the day! What a joy! The October chill has been a well loved event for more than 20 years now. Praise to God for the opportunity to work with young people.

>**American Heritage Girls Troop ME-1756** [American Heritage Girls \(maineministry.org\)](http://AmericanHeritageGirls.org). American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 6-18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. We are now in our 2nd year! What a blessing to have a great team of ladies leading this troop! There are currently 14 registered leaders and over 30 registered girl troop members. This year the troop is meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church in Warren Maine. We are very grateful for their support of this important work!

>**Trail Life Troop ME-1750. Adventure - Character - Leadership.**

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered, boy-focused mentoring program that engages boys in service & outdoor adventure to develop godly & courageous leaders. We are in our 7th year and still meeting in the Old Brick School house in Warren. We also have a great group of men leading Trail Life. There are currently eighteen registered leaders and forty-one boys involved in the Troop ME/1750. Praise God for this Christ centered work with men and boys!

The Lord has blessed our ministry team with the opportunity to help coach and encourage the start up's of a few other troops in the state of Maine. Please pray for our State in this regard.

We are looking forward to the new year. Plans are in motion to engage volunteers from area churches in the Lord's work through the organization of MMOC. Following this great concern of the Psalmist: ***Psalm 71: "Declaring His power to the next generation, His might to all who are to come"***.

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We have some exciting things planned for the upcoming year. We will keep you posted as these plans take shape. In the meantime, please pray along with us that we may witness a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit upon the lives and hearts of our youth and in our churches.

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