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# LIFE NEWS

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## TEEN TECH TEAM

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I'm sure we can all remember two years ago when Covid first hit and everything was locked down. At first, it was anticipated that this dramatic change in our lives would be for a few weeks, which most of us felt shouldn't be too tough to handle. Then as the pandemic continued, we began to wrestle with how to cope in this new isolated world. As a church, our Tech Director, Trevor Hayward, had already set us up with online availability for folks who were limited and could not attend. So that ministry was ramped up and greatly helped the immediate communication need when no in-person services were allowed.

When the restrictions were lifted to allow outdoor services, our Tech Team really showed up big time. With services on our north lawn beginning as early as 8:00 a.m. in those summer months, the set-up of speakers, cameras, instruments, and all the other tech equipment began at 6:00 a.m.! Beyond what we would see in our outdoor service, there were five or six tech team members operating behind the scenes in a backroom throughout the morning. Where did these 10-15 faithful volunteers come from each week? Some of the set-up people were from our Deacon team, but the majority of the Tech Team was comprised of high school and college students. That's right, members of our youth group showed up each week at 6:00 a.m. to help set up equipment, sing, and play instruments, as well as manage the various cameras, run the sound, and operate all the various technology needed for the online ministry. As we moved back indoors

last year, guess who continued to faithfully serve in the vitally important tech ministry? Yep ... our student ministry... and they continue to provide the primary tech support for our services. Praise God for these incredible young people!

As many of you may be aware, after their high school years, young people have a high dropout rate from church. They are well connected with other students during their youth years but often don't feel connected with the overall adult-based church and drift away during the college years. An added blessing with our present youth being so involved with our adult services is that they are already connecting with the church as a whole. They are not just meeting separately in the Youth Center, but they are actively serving and participating in our whole church worship! Our youth are not the future of the church... they are vital members and gifted ministers in the church right now!

As we continue to sort through how God has sovereignly worked through these last two pandemic years, let us rejoice in the ways in which He has grown us, stretched us, and blessed us ... especially for the ongoing ministry of our amazing Teen Tech Team!

“Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.” (1 Timothy 4:12) ”

*Ron*