

2023 Student Ministry Report

Tim Rowley, EFCA TX-OK Student Ministry Director **District Business Meeting** Friday, February 23, 2024

Our District Student Ministry exists to bring youth leaders together for mutual encouragement and equipping to reach and release students with the Gospel. Our hope is to see this generation live as disciples who love God, love people, and make more disciples, ad infinitum! The past year was a fruitful year towards that end.

EFCA youth leaders from Texas and Oklahoma gathered monthly to grow and strengthen one another. We spent several meetings discussing Holy Sexuality, a book by Christopher Yuan, to better address the current LGBTQ+ cultural climate students live in. We also studied and discussed Meet Generation Z by James Emery White to better understand and release this generation with the Gospel. Other topics we addressed were leadership, team development, and preparing students to minister at their schools. We hosted Jonathan Cox of Decision Point Ministries for training on campus ministry.

This year the national EFCA hired Paul Miller as the new Director of Student Ministries. He brings a wealth of youth and church ministry experience to help maximize and equip youth leaders across our denomination.

The national ReachStudents ministry training series continued for its third year with guests Crystal Tena, Vasek Andrs, and Larry Osborne. Renewal and Momentum and 18.24 conferences took place in November in Clearwater, FL. Those gatherings were great times of fellowship, rejuvenation and learning for youth and college leaders. Our EFCA student missions, Apex, had an abundant year of ministry in Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, Chicago, Lake Charles, Rio de Janeiro, Santo Domingo, Bucharest, and our own Laredo, Texas.

This coming year we look forward to continuing gathering to support one another in ministry. The big student ministry event in 2024 is Challenge Conference as student ministries from across our movement gather to worship, serve, and be equipped for ministry.

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