



Attention Youth Leaders, Pastors, and other adults,

WINTERBLAST 2010 is around the corner and coming fast. The theme this winter is "**Back To Reality**". Our key verse is Ephesians 6:12, "*We struggle not against flesh and blood...*" The Word of God teaches me that reality is NOT what I perceive with my senses; the real fight is not against anything on earth. I need to believe what GOD says is reality, trust in that, rely on that, and use that filter to judge what is going on all around me. The word "paradigm" comes to mind, "*A set of assumptions, concepts, values, and practices that constitutes a way of viewing reality for the community that shares them, especially in an intellectual discipline.*" That is what I need to remember as I readjust, refocus, and rethink my life. Scripture tells me to be salt and light, to be in the world but not OF the world. The only way this is to be done, is using the reality that GOD has given me from His word. This is the theme for WINTERBLAST this year.

To help spread that thought, I have asked some of the familiar speakers and some new speakers share this year. All are Godly men who have years of experience speaking and ministering to young adults and kids. These men are pastors, full-time ministers, and professional speakers. I also have several bands back this year. The bands are excited to be back and are ready to minister to us through music, as well as lead us in worship.

Change *can* be scary but is *always* necessary (especially in vending machines). Things that don't change are not always but usually dead. All of this in mind, I am making some changes this year. Gone are the challenges on Saturday afternoon. I am replacing this with the Ultimate Lip Sync contest. You and your youth group can choose from ten songs to perform in front of everyone. There will be three judges to award points and awards. Peruse our website (www.wmcamps.org) for the ten songs, rules, and award criteria.

I am offering more activities, in addition to our regular ones. There will still be snowmobile rides (two sleds), ice skating and hockey, dodgeball at the gym, midnight tubing, etc. On Saturday afternoon, there is a new game in town – SOCNIFY. You will have to play it to believe it.

One thing that does not change is our desire that every person that visits us takes the next spiritual step in their lives.

I and my staff are already praying for you and your youth. His mercy is new every morning,

Scott

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