Happy new year MidSouth NYI!!

I have great news!! We are still BLUE and we are still GREEN! We are still the MidSouth family and we are here for the purpose of encouraging and resourcing local youth ministries to be effective communities for teenagers to know and receive the good news gospel of Jesus!

I have personally been challenged here at the end of 2020 and looking into 2021 to see the circles that I exist in and to be more intentional about finding myself in circles that are a little more outside of my normal comfort zone.

I have felt Jesus leading me into some friendships in some unlikely places, and in doing so I have had the opportunity to see how God is working in lives around me and how he is stirring up something incredible to change lives and reconcile lost souls to Himself.

I am reminded that as leaders and as good friends, a simple direct text or phone call can deeply impact someone's heart. A written card may save a life.

I want to encourage you to get personal. To see the individuals. To look past the size of your group, whether you are gathering or not, and see the individuals who are longing for connection and in need of some personal connection.

Leaders. Let's be sure we are checking in with one another as well.

May we as a MidSouth family grow closer together and deeper in our faith as we lock arms together and stand at the ready for whatever comes our way in 2021. And may our love for Jesus and each other be the trait that defines us above all others.

You are loved.

If you have not received the information for Momentum. Please reach out to <u>Stephen</u> <u>Kihnley</u> at Nashville First, <u>Grace Savage</u> at TCC or <u>Diann Shamsabadi</u> at Oxford.

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