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Since 1944, Youth for Christ has had a distinctive history of youth evangelism.

The Youth for Christ Rally

In the early 1940s, during World War II, many young men, mostly ministers and evangelists, were holding large rallies in Canada, England and the United States. YFC quickly organized into a national movement. Billy Graham became YFC's first full-time staff member.

The YFC Bible Club

YFC's ministry methodology turned to Bible Clubs in the late 50s and 60s. It was during this period of ministry our focus shifted from rallies that emphasized proclamation evangelism to relevant, relational evangelism to un-churched youth.

The International Movement



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1962, YFC changed its organizational structure to become a chartered program of Youth for Christ International. Musical & preaching “Teen Teams” were very important to the development of this International movement. As a part of the YFC/USA's commitment to serve the world, [Project Serve](#) was developed to provide overseas mission opportunities. YFC staff members from the U.S. have ministry assignments with YFC programs in other nations as part of YFC/USA's [World Outreach](#) Division. Through a partnership with Young Life, YFC operates [Military Ministry](#) to reach out to American teens on military bases both international and domestic.

Customized ministry models and teen evangelism conferences

In the middle 60's and early 70's [Campus Life](#) and [Campus Life \[M\]](#) ministries to senior and junior high youth began to be the thrust of YFC ministry. Youth Guidance, now called [Juvenile Justice Ministries](#), became an avenue to reach institutionalized young people. In addition, the YFC sponsored DCLA Student Evangelism SuperConferences have challenged and equipped over 100,000 young people from hundreds of youth groups to effectively impact their schools for Christ.

Various ministry models designed to meet a spectrum of teen needs

Since the 90s, YFC's continues to develop effective relational ministry with different types of unchurched youth. [Teen Parents](#) mentors and equips young mothers and fathers with parenting skills as well as the love of Jesus Christ. [City Life](#) reaches out to the millions of young people in our major urban communities, partnering with the church and other organizations. [Friend2Friend](#) helps school-based adults lead teams of Christian students to reach out to their lost friends. [DeafTeen Quest](#) ministers to the unique needs of hearing-impaired teens. And the theme of the YFC Camp



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program is “Where Everything Changes,” intentionally targeting lost teens through the proclamation and the demonstration of the gospel message in an outdoor experience.

New efforts to engage the hundreds of thousands of YFC alumni across the nation are now underway, and if that’s you, we’d love to get re-connected! You can sign up on the [YFC alumni](#) website.

Throughout YFC’s history there has been an unwavering commitment to youth evangelism and biblical Christianity. One of YFC’s slogans over the past fifty years has been “Anchored to the Rock, Geared to the Times.” YFC strives to both demonstrate and communicate this message of hope, grace and love in a variety of different cultural settings, and always pursuing teens in personal relationships. Your prayers and financial support continue to help change the lives of young people... one at a time. We refer to this pursuit as a [3Story lifestyle](#), and offer resources and training opportunities to take a “deeper dive” in this way of life.

[YFC/USA](#) has 160 chapters impacting thousands of communities, and is one of 101 member countries of [YFC International](#).
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