

World Changers Changes Lives

By Sharon Armstrong

On June 19th, twenty-four youth and adults from Old Town Hill Baptist Church set out on a ten hour road trip for World Changers 2022 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. During this mission trip, the youth of Old Town Hill really took to heart, and put into practice, Matthew 5:16, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* (NKJV). The OTH leaders and parents couldn't be prouder of them!! Along the way, the OTH group spent the night at First Baptist Church in Portageville, Missouri, who graciously hosted us. The group set out early the next morning for Arkansas. We stayed at the First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff along with five other church groups, totaling 112 students in all. The youth prayer-walked in the neighborhoods. There were 263 contacts with three professions of salvation. During their time in Pine Bluff, the youth truly loved on the homeowners at their worksites. Some youth found a puppy at one of the worksites. It was so well loved it was feared he might make a trip back to Muncie with them. HA!



World Changers gathering for prayer before heading to Arkansas.

During the week of World Changers the youth experienced extremely hot weather conditions where temperatures were at least 98 degrees every single day. But, they did not let that slow them down in glorifying Christ on their mission.

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New Day—Muncie Holds 3-Day VBS

By Deneia Trego

The New Day Baptist Church Muncie Campus held a 3 day Vacation Bible School June 23 – 25. Bringing the creativity of our Creator to life through His Word, art, and music, showed the children that they are His workmanship, created, designed and prepared to do good works that glorify Him. The kids had a surprise guest, "Bob Ross," who talked about painting the happy little clouds and trees that God had created. We ended the 3rd day with a bounce house and water balloons. The kids enjoyed soaking the Pastor. We're already looking forward to next year!



Enjoying the creativity of music.



Soaking Pastor Dale Trego with water balloons was fun.

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Dr. Ron Ross

The Katecheo

Do you enjoy reading letters? Hopefully, you do because over twenty of the New Testament entries are, yep, letters. The New Testament letters were not written in chapter and verse format; actually those helpful tools were added later by ancient scribes to enable readers to locate a specific passage within seconds that otherwise might take many minutes. Evidently, the original letters were penned in paragraph form so that readers could contextually know the background of the passage for the passage of interest.

With that bit of background, today's consideration comes from Second Corinthians 6.1, a passage extracted from the twenty-fourth paragraph (this letter has fifty-two paragraphs). Using the 1995 edition of the New American Standard Bible, this text reads — *"And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain —"*. Unpacking the verse is exciting. On a SBC level, it is the verse used in 1925 to support the concept of the Cooperative Program. In the preceding two paragraphs, the writer informs his readers that they have been granted reconciliation with God and have been called to engage in a ministry of reconciliation. He also informed readers that they were ambassadors for Christ. With these two concepts, the letter instructs readers that they are working together with God. The Greek word used to denote this action is the word transliterated into English - synergism.

Many of you readers attended the group study "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby. In that study, you will remember he presented the concept for believers to notice where God was working AND join Him. That is synergism. But, there is an-

other example of human beings cooperating with God. You became a child of God through synergism. You responded to God's call of salvation and that act of acceptance was God's gracious act of synergism.

Another lesson from this verse is framed in the sense of a warning — *"we urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain."* This writer defines grace as "God's sovereign kindness exhibited in a believer to redemptively conform them into the image of His Only Begotten Son." King Solomon stated in Proverbs 29.18 — *"where there is no vision (revelation), the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law."*

The daily study of God's Word is essential for every believer; it is through His Word that God speaks to His children. Hopefully, this devotional will prompt a greater degree of intense study of Scripture for you. Something to ponder on this warm day!



Please pray for our pastors and their wives on these special occasions.

Birthdays

None

Wedding Anniversaries

July 3 — Dana & Sharon Jones
(Faith Christian, Anderson)

July 6 — Nathan & Pam Watson
(Halteman Village, Muncie)

July 19 — Bruce & Melissa Reynolds (Old Town Hill, Muncie)

Pastor-Church Anniversaries

July 20 — Chris Hubler, New Day Baptist Church—
Alexandria Campus, 13 years

Upcoming Events

July 17- 21— 6:00-8:30 pm, Vacation Bible School at Old Town Hill, Muncie

SBC Emphasis for July

July 4—Religious Liberty Sunday

Kingston Avenue Hosts Free Giveaway to Community



Kingston Avenue Baptist Church held a Community Giveaway on Saturday, June 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. For the past few years, the church collects good used items then schedules a giveaway making the items free to anyone in the community regardless of income levels. They also provide information about the church to those who attend. They had 61 people who came to this event.

Disaster Relief Helps with Indiana Storm Damage

Strong storms that ravished the Fort Wayne area uprooted and took down trees, damaging homes and properties earlier in the month. The Disaster Relief team was called out to help by doing assessments and cutting up and removing the trees in the Fort Wayne and Columbia City area. From Thursday, June 16 until Tuesday, June 21, the team worked at 7 different homes, even in the unbearable heat. One home had 6-10 trees destroyed in their yard, some as large

as 36 inches in diameter. Some even flattened the owners' cars. The team included volunteers from Plymouth, Kokomo, Lafayette, Greenwood, Clay City, and Muncie. DR Team Leader, Joe Fox, said he was especially glad to have Craig Standish from Old Town Hill come for a short time to minister to the homeowners. He said that having someone to talk with and listen to the homeowners not only give the opportunity to share Jesus with them, it helps keep the home-

owners busy and out of the way of the workers.

The team is heading to Kentucky Mountain Bible College in Jackson, Kentucky on July 17 to help with the remodeling of an old building into new dorms. They will be focusing on getting the bathrooms in for them.

If you are interested in helping in any way with this valuable ministry, please contact Joe Fox at 765-729-1366.

More New Day—Muncie VBS Pictures



Creative painting.



Learning about the Master Creator during classroom time.



Recreation time!

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They worked extremely hard in the heat, scraping paint, painting eaves, climbing on roofs to paint, trimming hedges, and many other chores. These youth set out with a mission in their heart to serve Jesus and the people of Pine Bluff and to make an impactful change in the world; and they did just that! All ten projects were completed successfully and I do believe both youth and adults alike can say they came back changed from their experiences. Again, as in previous years, I was blessed by my experience with World Changers and especially blessed to take my grandson with me. One of the most impactful things for me was seeing the youth stretch and grow during their nightly devotions and to see how God was working in and through them during the mission trip. It is an amazing experience to see over one hundred youth praising our Lord. I'm looking forward to seeing the great things He is going to do in their lives in the years to come.

Following are a couple of testimonies from our students who attended World Changers 2022.



Sydney painting house eaves.

This was the sixth World Changers I have been on and, as usual, I had a great time. I was placed at a single woman's house that needed to be repainted. She was a fellow believer so it was great to talk to her and know that we were improving her life through God's glory. On my crew were much younger kids, many of them from my church. This led to the opportunity of becoming closer to them, as our high school and middle school classes are separated at church. There were many challenges I faced during the workweek, but I had good talks with some of the adults from my church and they helped motivate me and trust the process God had set in place. God taught me a lot on this trip, especially that hard work and trust will lead to a good outcome. ~ Sydney McKinney

Romans 12:5 "In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other." World Changers is all about growing in faith and bringing others into the family of God. Whether it's leaping out of your comfort zone and taking the time to do devotions for your youth group or even just going on a prayer walk and praying for someone, you are constantly growing and strengthening your foundation. This particular World Changers spoke a lot to me personally. We spent time in Galatians. Throughout the many verses we went through, the statement that stood out to me is "There are zero exceptions to the gospel." This has constantly run through my mind ever since I heard it. No matter who it is, friends, family, or even people you don't know, you CAN NOT make exceptions for their actions. Anything that goes against the gospel is wrong and it's not your



Worksite devotions

place to change it.

I think World Changers is just such an encouraging and important trip, especially for kids our age. It can be hard to live in this world where you feel like you're constantly being judged and if you do anything people don't like, you'll be rejected. When you get to World Changers it's like you leave all of that behind for a week. Being surrounded by kids your age that love Jesus like you do is just so comforting. To know that these people are being nice to you and are taking the time to help you because they want to, and not because they feel obligated or like they have to, is just such an awesome feeling. This is also a great trip to connect to kids from your own youth group. Being together for a week helps you have time to talk to people you might not be as close to regularly.

While it's hard work being there it's so fun and good for you. It's just so cool seeing that even at your age you can make a difference in someone's life. It truly makes you feel like a "World Changer." Getting to know your homeowner and seeing the big smiles on their faces once your project is done is worth all the hours put into the house. This truly is such a tremendous experience and I would say if you ever get the opportunity to go, don't pass up the offer! You will not regret it! ~ Lynley Douglas

Pictures from World Changers 2022



House painting.



Presenting signed poster to local pastor.



Welcome World Changers!



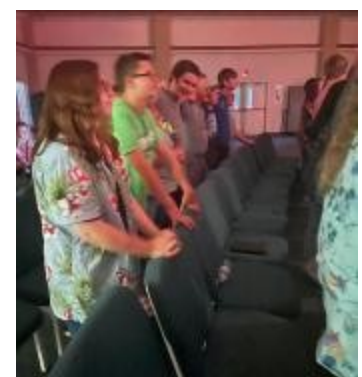
*Above: Climbing roof to paint.
Left: Youth-led devotions.*



It was hard work and fun!



Above and below: Beds for the week.



Worship every evening.



This puppy was so loved we wondered if it might end up in Muncie.

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