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Volunteers Needed!

For this event we will place volunteers at each home. The volunteers are responsible to greet each attendee and scan their ticket when they enter the home.

When: April 10-11, April 17-18

Saturday, April 10 & 17, we have 4 options of 2 hour shifts (10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, and 4pm-6pm)

Sunday, April 11 & 18, we have 2 options of 2.5 hour shifts (1pm-3:30pm and 3:30pm-6pm).

Contact: Annie Zesch

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

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Tuesday, May 4th 2021

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"Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth & families since 1994"



COUNTER CULTURE

By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

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a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the

prevailing social norm.

I would venture to say that NO ONE who is working in a faith building context with the kids of this generation will NOT say it is an uphill battle. Yes, I could have said that without using the double negative for effect: EVERYONE who is working in a faith-building context with the kids of this generation WOULD say that it is an uphill battle.

Mixed messages, bold faced lies of the world, inconsistent modeling from leaders, "me first" and "what's in it for me" attitudes, and the list could go on and on. These are all the norm. Add to this the rapid pace of technology, globalization, and the ease of access to the internet and you have a recipe for a generational meltdown of faith among today's young people. This is something we are seeing now... in this generation... in this community.

Question: Is this unique to now... to this generation... to this community? And, more importantly, what can we do about it?



We say raise up <u>a generation of</u> WORLD CHANGERS!

World changers turn the world upside down and what could be more counter culture than that?



Consider Acts 17:6-7 ESV "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also... and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

Sometimes lifting Jesus up as king means going against the norm. It takes being counter-cultural and developing a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the prevailing social norm. It takes raising up **WORLD CHANGERS** who then end up "turning the world upside down".

That is why we're here. That is what we do.

That is why we love all of you so much, because you make it happen.

We never tire of telling you how much we love you and how grateful we are for each of you.

Please keep us in prayer as we run hard through this Spring Semester. Every week we are seeing kids we have not seen since the Pandemic started a year ago. They are coming back and it is so great to see them!!!

We are still here, "Taking **JESUS** to neighborhood children, youth and families".

In him and for them.

Levin

note; portions of article reprinted from August, 2016



STAFF HIGHLIGHT: ANNIE ZESCH, BSN, RN

I started volunteering at the Ft. Concho Backyard Bible Club with House of Faith in 2007 at the age of 16. I was homeschooled and several of my friends had been volunteering for many years so I had heard a lot of stories, and I finally had a chance to see what it was like for myself!

My first summer internship was in 2009, and since then I have spent time interning, and working part time at House of Faith, and I have been on staff full time since 2016.

I am titled as the Volunteer and Event Coordinator. My big responsibilities are making connections with individuals, groups, and organizations so they can learn more about House of Faith, and for those who are interested in volunteering, I help place them where they are needed and communicate with all involved. For big events, including summer camps, I help recruit volunteers for the event as well as work though all the details to make it run smoothly. As a nurse during COVID I have also been involved with developing House of Faith protocols and how to keep our students and staff members safe. I also participate in the 321 youth program, and help lead Backyard Bible Club for Austin and Belaire elementary schools.

My favorite thing about working at House of Faith...I love the diversity. The days and the seasons of what we do is so special and unique! I love to see the impact that we have on families. When you mention House of Faith, almost anyone that you meet who has been here for very long has a story of how House of Faith has impacted them. I love the relationships that we build with the kids. Even if we don't hear from them for a while, the trust that is built means they know that they can always come back to us, and we will still love them.

Outside of House of Faith, I am a Registered Nurse and I recently graduated with my BSN. I work at the hospital on the 4th floor which for Shannon is our Cardiac floor. I also have dipped my toes into the wedding world and do some wedding and event coordinating/planning when asked. I have 5 beautiful nieces who keep me busy, and I try to see them and my family as much as I can!







VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

House of Faith is always looking for faithful volunteers who would like to join our team. We have opportunities working with kids, special events and behind the scenes. INTERESTED?

Contact us at volunteer@hofministries.org or by phone at 325-486-8637.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRIES

Thank you so much to the crew from the Baptist Student Ministries at Angelo State University who gave up a Saturday morning to come do some projects for House of Faith!

The teams did a great job of deep cleaning our fleet of vehicles, repainting our parking lot, and some tree trimming and clean up of our property. We appreciate every one of you, thank you for making us better!







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