

Summer Youth Tours

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This year, we were privileged to visit many different churches and venues. We had been planning and praying about these opportunities to minister to youth and it was a blessing to see it all come to fruition. Below is an outline of our traveling itinerary.

- Texas, First Baptist Church at Combes (June 13-17)
- Georgia, Grace Community Fellowship Church at Newnan (June 20-24)
- Virginia, Fellowship Bible Church at Winchester (June 27-July 1)
- Texas, Beaumont Bible Church at Beaumont (July 4-8)
- Texas, New Braunfels Bible Church at New Braunfels (July 11-15)



These past few weeks have been a reminder that as believers we are in a constant spiritual battle, but I have also been continually reminded that the battle is the Lord's (1 Sam. 17:47). These conferences have been full of eternal fruit and spiritual victories. Day after day, it has been encouraging to see the Lord answer prayer and execute spiritual triumphs that can only be explained by the providential hand of God. It is so encouraging to be faced with an obstacle, pray about it, and then see God move to answer that request. That has happened time and time again these past few weeks. He is so good and faithful!

Just this past week in Georgia, after the conference was already underway, some kids from the neighborhood across the street came over to shoot some hoops during one of the breaks. In the evening, our team was able to share the gospel with them, explaining key truths of why Christ came to this world and how he died to pay for our sin debt and rise again (1 Cor. 15:3-4). By God's grace, I believe the message was understood and believed. Little encounters such as these have been taking place all along the tour.

Many youth kids are hearing the gospel clearly for the first time and understanding how to grow in their walk with the Lord, as well as being challenged to go make disciple makers (Matt. 28:19-20). I believe years from now we will look back on this past month and see how these seeds that were planted yielded eternal dividends, resulting in youth lives that are still walking with Christ and ministering to others.

The book of 2 Peter has been such a timely study, warning of the false teaching rampant around us while also encouraging believers to grow in their walk with the Lord as we await the return of Jesus Christ. The book has helped me see that God cares about the content of our faith and also about us being able to distinguish truth from error. God also understands that correct belief is tied to correct behavior, and the most important pursuit is Jesus Christ and growing to know Him more (2 Pet. 3:18). The youth have been especially interested in this book, enamored with the detail Peter offers regarding descriptions of false teachers and encouraged by the hope that knowledge of the future brings.



Please be in prayer for the remaining weeks of the trip and also for those who heard the teaching these past few weeks.

Workshop Take-Aways

From First-Time Team Member:

This summer was my first time joining a DM2 teaching tour as a member of the team. It has been such a great experience and I am very privileged to have been a part of it. I've watched youth open up through the week, share their thoughts on the teachings, and become strengthened in the word of God, as I was when I attended my first conference last year. It has been so encouraging watching God work in this way, and I hope to be a part of it again.



From attendees:

- I enjoyed learning the word of God and I was reminded that we can overcome anything Christ.
- I enjoyed this conference with all my heart. One thing I learned was about the patience of God.
- I learned more about who Jesus is and I gained a greater appreciation for what He did for me. I've also learned more about what God has planned for me as a believer.



Prayer Requests:

- For the purchase of the **property** we are looking at for **3DTC**. We still lack 168 thousand before the closing date on July 27.
- For Brad Rigby and Craig Northcott as they travel to **Egypt July 6-22** for a DM2 workshop
- For Rob Armstrong, Carlos Tellez and Caleb Tellez as they travel to **Argentina July 14-22** to do a DM2 workshop
- For **DM2**: That we "may be filled with the knowledge of [God'] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that [we] will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and ... strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might Col. 1:9-11a)."

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