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TAKING JESUS TO NEIGHBORHOOD
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES



Wake Up to What God is Doing

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This summer at House of Faith was more than a calendar full of events, but an invitation to **"wake up!"** Our memory verse was rooted in **Romans 13:11b NIV**: *"The hour has already come for you to **wake up** from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."* We felt the Lord leading us to challenge our students to **"wake up"** and become more aware of God's presence, His purpose, and His calling in our lives.

We kicked off the summer with Kid's Connection, where 157 children entering K-5th grade gathered for a few exciting days of worship, Bible teachings, games, and

engaging activities. Throughout the week, the children explored what it means to **"wake up" to God's love and truth** as they learned and applied our summer theme. It was incredible to witness God move in mighty ways as the children eagerly engaged with Scripture, worshiped with joy, and took meaningful steps toward a deeper relationship with Jesus. We are thankful for the seeds that were planted and look forward to seeing how God continues to work in their lives!

Next, we took 87 students entering 7th–12th grade to Overnight Camp this summer, and it was a such a powerful weekend as revival

began to ignite in the hearts of our youth. It was inspiring to see the next generation **awaken to God's truth** and embrace His calling to be the change in their schools, families, and communities.

I had the privilege of leading a small group of high school girls, and witnessing God work in their hearts throughout the weekend was truly remarkable. Their openness to the Lord grew as they became more vulnerable and intentional in their faith. During our small group times, we created space for honest conversations where students could share what God was revealing and doing in their lives.

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I challenged each of the girls to be authentic, courageous, and willing to take steps deeper in their relationship with Christ.

By the end of camp, the transformation was all the Holy Spirit. What started as a group of students who were quiet and hesitant, became a community of young women building genuine friendships rooted in Christ. They left camp excited to stay connected, continue growing in their faith, and encourage one another in their walks with the Lord!

Each evening, Mike Schmitz brought the Word, challenging students to “wake up” to

the truth of the Gospel and fully surrender their lives to Christ. His messages called students to move beyond a passive faith and boldly step into God’s purpose for their lives. Worship each night created a sacred atmosphere where students responded with open hearts. Many made first-time decisions to follow Jesus, while others recommitted their lives to Him and experienced a renewed passion for their faith. It was deeply moving to see so many students encounter the presence of God, be transformed by His love, and leave with a desire to be the change in their schools, families, and communities.



Overnight Camp



Lastly, our 4th–6th grade Day Camp welcomed 91 students for an immersive camp experience held at Lake View High School. Each day was filled with intimate worship, meaningful small-group conversation, and powerful teachings brought by C.J. Luckey. He encouraged our students to boldly proclaim their faith through a daily chant: *“All my people **wake up**. It’s time to shape up. We’re getting our faith up. So we can be on our way up.”* Students were reminded to recognize that following Jesus is an everyday commitment.

Students also enjoyed a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, outdoor adventures, and competitive sports. It was an action-packed week

of fun, connection, and spiritual growth as students experienced God’s love and were encouraged to continue walking boldly in their faith.

We are truly in awe of all that the Lord has done this summer—not only through our students, but also through our staff and volunteers. God has stirred something new within each of us, igniting a deeper hunger to know Jesus, follow His truth, and live boldly in the purpose He has placed before us. As we continue to **wake up to what God is doing**, we are excited to see how He will continue working in and through our community!



Day Camp

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Summer Interns



Pictured left to right: Ezekiel, Ava, Andrea, Chloe, and Aryan

Every summer at House of Faith, we bring on a team of interns to help us facilitate all the in's and out's of our summer camps. This year, we had an amazing group who went above and beyond, no matter how big or small the task was. They embodied Colossians 3:23 which states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters." We are so thankful that the Lord blessed us and handpicked each of them to join in our mission to take Jesus to neighborhood children, youth, and families. The interns shared their favorite memories and reflected on the lasting impact their eight weeks of serving at House of Faith had on their lives.

"The strongest people are not those who rely on themselves, but those who rely on God. His strength never fails, even when ours does."

- Ezekiel Blanco

"My favorite memories from this summer include: making friends, pool parties, and going to camp!"

- Ava Scott

"House of Faith has been more than a job to me, it has been a place where my faith has matured and my heart has been transformed."

- Andrea Murillo

"This has been an awesome summer! I am so glad I got to be an intern; I have learned a lot about being a leader and working on a team. My favorite memory from the summer was Overnight Camp, and being able to lead discussions and pray for my group of girls."

-Chloe Davidson

"Every service, every conversation, and every student is a reminder that God changes lives. I'm thankful to be a part of that mission at House of Faith."

- Aryan Adams

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HOUSE OF FAITH'S 30TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR THE MASTER

Saturday, September 19, 2026

TWO TEE TIMES: 8:00AM (FULL) & 1:30PM

QUICKSAND GOLF COURSE

- Lunch Served 12-1:30PM -
- Men's & Women's Flights -
- 4-Person Scramble -

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House of Faith's Golf Tournament for the Master benefits House of Faith's faith-based after-school programs and summer camps for over 850 local children, youth, and their families. All House of Faith programs are free with transportation provided.

SPECIAL PRIZES MORNING & AFTERNOON PRIZES

Closest to the Pin on #2, #6, #14 & #17 1 man & 1 woman receive \$50 QS Shop Credit

Hole #5, #9, #16, & #18 Longest Putt Made 1 Individual receives one round of golf at QS

Putting Contest between holes 7&8 1 winner receives \$500 QS shop credit

Putting contest between 9&10 1 winner receives a set of clubs
+ Qualifies to putt for \$5,000 CASH



ALL DAY CONTESTS HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZES

HIO on #14: Up to 3 HIO Golfers receive: \$10,000
CASH & House of Faith receives \$10,000 CASH

Special HIO Prizes to be assigned to #2, #6 & #17:
Scotty Cameron Phantom X Putter, Yeti Tundra
Cooler, Bushnell Pro X3 Rangefinder

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