

Trumbull Outreach Newsletter

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What's Been Happening

In early August, we successfully completed our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. The program ran every night (Mon.-Fri.) for a week. We transformed our fellowship area into a 1st Century Market Place. Our market place was created to replicate what a market place would have been like during the time that Jesus walked the earth. We had a scribe, a blind man begging for alms, a potter, tax collector, carpenter, and baker. We also had skits going on around the market place that would portray some of the parables that Jesus taught. All who were involved had a great time! Unfortunately, our Family Encampment had to be cancelled due to the temporary closing down of the camp that we had booked. This was okay as we did not allow that to stop us from fellowshiping. An outing for a day at the beach was planned and many were able to still get together on that weekend. August ended with our Families with Young Children Back to School Picnic. The children had fun eating, playing games, doing crafts (*pictured below*), and making ice cream sundays. Fortunately, we had a few children bring their friends to the picnic, which is a great opportunity to bring new people into the Lord's church.



Our Bible Study by Mail program is still moving along at an exciting rate. We just received our eleventh request for a study in the mail last week. Not only do we have eleven Bible Students involved in the program, we have six members involved in grading the tests and corresponding with the students. Our mailings of the House to House publication has brought some of these students to us, as well as other people interested in the church of Christ. Some of these programs take time to get going, but we are seeing that with time, they are growing and planting seeds in the hearts of others.

Note of Thanks

Thank you again to all of our supporters. Please continue to pray for our efforts and future work in Trumbull. The work is not always easy, but is extremely rewarding. Knowing that we are serving an all powerful, all wise, all loving God, makes every effort comforting and worth it.

Future Plans

We have a busy, but exciting couple of months coming up for the Lord's Church in Trumbull. Almost every week has something big going on in September and October. The first exciting thing going in is our "Give Away Day!" Members of the church will be donating clothes, furniture, school supplies, and other items to this cause. Once all of the items are collected, we will be delivering them to several of the community outreach organizations in the inner city of Bridgeport. For example, the Hall Neighborhood House serves 15,000 low income people in the downtown Bridgeport area. This will be a great way for us to reach out to the surrounding community, as well as help those who are in need. October 4th will be our Parent Seminar, featuring Jerry and Fern Hill as our speakers. We are excited about this opportunity to serve the members of our church, as well as reach out to friends and family. Jerry and Fern Hill are the founders of the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch in Riverhead, NY, which was incorporated in 1976. It is the first and only boys-home supported by the Churches of Christ in the entire Northeast. Jerry is currently the Director of Development and Fern is the Hospitality Coordinator on the Ranch. Some other activities that will be coming up are trips to the Audubon Society, our annual Hay Ride and Ice Cream Outing, and Pumpkin Picking and Carving. It is always our hope to encourage one another with these events, as well as be an example to those around us as to the Awesome God we are serving.

On the Home Front

It is hard to believe that summer has come to a close. All of the kids are excited about starting school again, although a little nervous. Tatyanna is going into Senior year, Jasmyn Sophomore year, Zachary second grade, and Victoria nursery school. It is going to be really hard to let Tori go to school. It is just another sign that she is getting big. I might just have to hold her captive at home. ha ha

Blessings to you all!



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