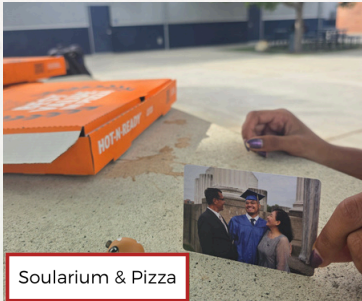


THE CARSON CONNECTION

AN APRIL MINISTRY UPDATE, 2026



Mission's Week

Mission's Week is an annual event where we try to double our outreach with help from partners. **This year, we aimed to share the Gospel to 3,000 kids in 5 days.**

Last year, our team sat down with a student named "Sam" to play Soularium. He picked up a picture of a broken bottle and shared that it represented his family: Alcohol, gang involvement, and instability. He also shared that his dad finally turned his life around and became a Christian in 2023! Unfortunately, his dad died a few months after that. He looked at us and asked how a good God could let that happen. It is an impossible question, but we shared how Jesus entered our pain, defeated death, and offers us a hope that even the grave cannot take. **By the end of the conversation, he and his three friends prayed to receive Christ!** Sadly, none of them came back to club, and none of them responded to follow up for the rest of last year.

This April, Sam walked up to our Soularium table on his own and was excited to reconnect. When we got to the card about how God sees you, he picked the image of a hand holding a hand. Then he reached into his pocket and pulled out a stack of handwritten Bible verses he had written out and been carrying around school. The verse he wanted to share was **1 Peter 2:9, that we are a royal priesthood and God's own possession.** He said, *"I see my identity as a loved heir of God. I know He is always holding onto me, even when I let go."* It was amazing to see how God has been working in his life!



135 kids at Fountain Valley

Back in January, I shared the Gospel at one of our lunch meetings, and a student named "Ryan" raised his hand to receive Christ. After talking with him, it was clear that he had been carrying something heavy but was not ready to talk about it. On Wednesday of Missions Week, my friend Trey and I ran into him on campus. Trey walked Ryan through Soularium, and opened up about his own life along the way, including a part of his story that involved abuse and the long journey of finding healing in Jesus. When he finished, I asked Ryan if he was ready to share what had been weighing on him. He said he was! For privacy, I will not share the details, but after Ryan shared, Trey looked at him and said, "I know EXACTLY how you feel!" **He then walked Ryan through what it looks like to stop carrying something alone and hand it to a God who not only sees it but sits with us in it. For the first time, Ryan felt the weight lift!** This week, we saw so many students raise their hands in the crowd. It is a gift when we get to see personally what the Lord is doing in them.

Over five days of Missions Week, we shared the Gospel with 2,642 students at a rally where 632 indicated decisions to follow Jesus. After school, we personally sat down with 792 kids, and 90 prayed to receive Christ! God provided more than the 3,000 that we aimed for. These are only two stories from the week. It is exciting to think about what else God was doing. If you want to hear more, check out our Facebook and Instagram.


Parable



Jessica celebrated her birthday looking more beautiful than ever!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- Pray for Ryan as he continues to walk out the freedom he found this week.
- Pray for Sam as he keeps growing in his faith and carrying the Word of God with him at school.
- Pray for the 722 students who said yes to Jesus during Missions Week, that they would get plugged into Parable, a Bible study, and a local church.



Our Selah Grace turned 4 on the 3rd of April!



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