

The Harvester

So we all may know Christ and
live like Him



September 2020



Please Pray With Us!

- Oct 1 Rock Climbing with youth
- Oct 2-4 Women's Retreat for SWHCC
- Oct 3 Men's leadership event
- Oct 7 Rock Climbing trip for a family of supporters!
- Oct 10 Dare2Share teen evangelism conference
- Oct 16-18 Passport to Purity with Aliza
- Nov 4-8 Dan & Joe help Asheville team in NC

Finding Faith

The day began with a canoe trip in which the bow and stern paddlers had different instructions. Some of the women responded by trying to overpower their partner while others simply gave up. Some wanted to blame me, the guide—forgetting that I created this activity with their growth in mind. How like life that is! Our world is experiencing heightened challenges and we can respond by trying to gain control, by despairing, or by trusting that God has a plan in this.

After addressing frustration, the 17 women participated in learning activities related to fear. To wrap up, the ladies answered 45 soul-searching questions about fear, and were amazed at their own fears and the many fears of others. "I want to be more vulnerable with people and be open for others to share hard struggles with me," commented one person. The group agreed that they didn't really know each other's fears and frustrations, and they needed to invest more in being real themselves so that together they could help each other respond in faith and truly trust Christ in this volatile world.



Photo Finish

Ladies at our recent women's event practiced crossing the line together, becoming mindful of the unity we are called to as the Body of Christ. "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know..."

(John 17:22-23)



New Life in Christ

Kids, wake up! You have to see what is happening! The candles are spreading as the Gospel goes out in the darkness...!

One of the staff women at the youth retreat woke up her young kids to watch the nighttime activity—a clear allegory of the spread of God’s Kingdom on earth. Almost 40 people were hidden in the darkness, waiting to be found and have their candle lit. One of those hiding was Jay; as he watched the light expand he realized that he did not want to be sitting in the dark, separated from God and paying for his own sins. The conversation and application

at the end of the program confirmed his desires. By the end of the night he had put his trust in Christ. On Sunday when the retreat was drawing to a close, he confessed his newfound faith and the hooting and hollering of his peers had to rival the rejoicing of the angels! 😊

Not only did Jay come to faith, the teens were all really vulnerable, sharing devastating wounds and deep-seated anxiety. Through those

campfire chats and a hiking program, they learned to get their eyes off themselves and care for those around them. And, while crossing a rope boundary this diverse group discussed their experiences of racism and how to have compassion. As Dan urged, “Your neighbor is everyone. There are no cultural or racial barriers for loving your neighbor...” We pray that these teens go home with new hope, founded in the love of Christ.

Dare2Share Teen Evangelism

Registration link at the top of this page!



If we actually believe that Hell is real, then evangelism matters. But we become petrified—scared into inaction—rather than purposeful. We worry about offending people, but we fail to love! If a friend were dying, and I didn’t throw the life preserver for fear of offending his swimming techniques, I would be selfish

and hateful. It is obvious that a drowning man can’t swim. He cannot save himself.

On October 10th, we will be live streaming the Dare2Share conference to teach teens how to share their faith and give them practice doing so. “For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all,

therefore all died.” (2 Cor 5:14.) Please join: send your teens, pray for this event, or make and send masks that we can give away during our outreach in town! May God use us all to save lives.