



Counter Culture By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

Coun ter culture **koun(t) r kiCHir** noun: **counter-culture**

A way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the prevailing social norm.

I would venture to say that <u>EVERYONE who is working</u> in a faith-building context with the kids of this generation WOULD say that it is an uphill battle.

Mixed messages, bold faced lies of the world, inconsistent modeling from leaders, "me first" and "what's in it for me" attitudes, and the list could go on and on. <u>These are all the norm</u>. Add to this the rapid pace of technology, globalization, and the ease of access to the internet and you have a recipe for a generational meltdown of faith among today's young people. This is something we are seeing now... in this generation... in this community.

Question: Is this unique to now... to this generation... to this community? And, more importantly, what can we do about it?

WE SAY... Raise up a generation of WORLD CHANGERS!



World changers turn the world upside down and <u>what</u> <u>could be more counter cultural than that?</u> This is precisely what we are working towards this semester in all our teaching for Backyard Bible Clubs, thus the new unit of curriculum that we are developing for teaching our students starting in October.

Consider Acts 17:6-7 "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also... and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." (ESV)

Sometimes lifting Jesus up as king means going against the norm. It takes being counter-cultural and developing a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the prevailing social norm. It takes raising up **WORLD CHANGERS** who then end up "turning the world upside down".

That's why we're here.

That's what we do.

That's why we love all of you so much, because you make it happen.

We never tire of telling you how much we love you.

Please keep us in prayer as we seek to recover from a taxing summer physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually, and head into the fall "Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth and families".

In Him and for them,



House of Faith in the Community



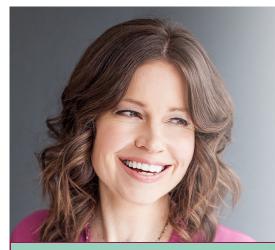
House of Faith was honored to participate in the Chick-fil-A Back to School Bash in August at the Sherwood Way Chickfil-A location. Pictured left: staff members Mindi Tercero and Marci Menchaca with the Chick-fil-A cow and some House of Faith students!

We also had the opportunity to take several students to the Trailblazer Science on Wheels exhibit in August. Pictured right and below House Faith are of

children and youth with House of Faith staff, San Angelo Workforce staff, and Trailblazer representatives. Students (and staff!) had a great time experiencing the hands-on exhibits about energy, space, weather, biotechnology, and aerodynamics

life application.





Quick Facts:

- Space is limited
- Register online at: FPCsanangelo.org/ special-events
- Tickets are \$20 per person
- A portion of ticket sales proceeds will be given to benefit House of Faith



Featuring KELLY MINTER with worship by CULTIVATE ACOUSTIC TRIO

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9THSATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Cultivate is Biblically focused and stylistically simple. Kelly will be talking about living beyond ourselves by living a life that bears much fruit. It will be a time to seek God's Word, worship and enjoy the warmth of community.

Each registrant will receive a music CD from Kelly!

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." (John 15:5)

Thank You!

For several years, Welch Transfer and Storage has donated the use of a moving truck and driver to take House of Faith's TRUCKLOAD of camp supplies to Family Camp near Leakey, TX in March and to summer camp at Lake Brownwood in July. This is such a huge blessing and we appreciate them so much!

Pictured from left, House of Faith Executive Director Kevin Reynolds, Welch Transfer driver Miguel Soto, and Welch Transfer & Storage owner Ted Huseman. This summer, House of Faith's summer camp began on July 4th, a holiday for many people. Mr. Huseman provided the truck for House of Faith and asked his staff for a volunteer to drive on the holiday.

Miguel volunteered to drive us to camp, and we discovered that Rachel & Kevin taught him at the original House of Faith Backyard Bible Club near Rio Vista Elementary in the 90's. Thank you, Miguel and Ted, for being part of House of Faith.





Did you know...

...House of Faith ended the 2015-2016 school year with 2,183 students enrolled in our programs?

* 1,740 elementary students

* 443 Middle School & High School students

...these students represent 1,276 families with whom we have contact?

Those numbers are staggering, and the truth is we cannot do this alone. Our House of Faith volunteers are the backbone of everything we do! We need community members to love our

children, youth and families and build relationships with them.

Relationships are really what volunteering with us is all about!

As we get ready to launch back into our school-year programs, we would love to have YOU join us! If you would like to be a part of the House of Faith volunteer family, please call us at **325-486-8637** or e-mail at **hofvolunteer@gmail.com**





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Upcoming Events

September 7 & 8: Volunteer Training

We love our volunteers, & will be spending some time training, encouraging, & equipping them for the new school year! If you are thinking about volunteering with us, please join us for one of these two days!

• September 16-18: Fall Family Camp

We are partnering with HEB Headwaters Family Camp (near Leakey, Tx) to take about 25 families on a fun, faith-filled weekend!

• September 24: Golf Tournament for the Master Our annual golf tournament fundraiser is just around the corner! See below for more information.

• Our weekly after school programs will resume at the end of September

More information on all of our school year programs will be mailed out to our House of Faith families.

For more information about these events, call us at 325-486-8637!

If you are interested in playing in the tournament, call ASAP to register: Ferd Koehn 325-234-1799 Darlene Bratton at House of Faith 325-486-8637

Sponsorships for the golf tournament benefit House of Faith after school programs, please call House of Faith for sponsorship information 325-486-8637



Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:30 a.m. tee time Quicksand Golf Course

Men's and Ladies' Flights \$90 registration per person includes green fee, cart, lunch, 12 raffle tickets, and one team entry in drawings for the 50 ft. putt/75 ft. chip-in contests