



HOUSE OF FAITH NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

"Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth & families since 1994"

That's What a Man of God Would Do

By Kevin Reynolds,
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"That's what a man of God would do." Michael, now in his early 30's, was a 9-year-old student at Fort Concho Elementary School when I heard him say those words. Never the "subject" of a lesson, just a concept that came up often as I taught the boys group at the Fort Concho Backyard Bible Club.

For example, if I saw the boys fighting, I would say, "Men of God don't fight", as I broke it up. If they were trying to steal snacks or prizes, I would say, "Men of God don't steal." If I heard cuss words, I would say, "Men of God don't talk that way." Whenever I prayed, I would ask the Lord to "raise them up to be the men of God that He has called them to be."

Like so many other little boys who attended Backyard Bible Club regularly, cute little 4th grade Michael was growing up without a dad at home and, though it was 20 some years ago, I still remember clearly the day Michael set those words in stone around the center of his calling.

It was after the lesson, as I was handing out good listener prizes, when I felt a tug on my shirt. It was Michael, wanting to tell me about an incident that happened the previous day of school where another boy had tried to pick a fight with him. I said, "I'm sorry Michael, what happened?", and he told me that, although it was hard, he just walked away.

While keeping my eye on the prize box (*so the other boys wouldn't steal me blind*), I gave him a side hug, tousled his hair, told him I was proud of him, and then turned my attention back to the prize box.

I felt another tug on my shirt, turned, and saw that it was Michael again. He hadn't finished telling me about what happened. He then said, "Do you know why I did that?" and I said, "No, Michael, why did you do that?" It was then that Michael Tercero, age 9, looked me square in the eyes and said, "Because that's what a man of God would do."

At that point, Michael simply turned and melted back into the crowd of boys while I stood stunned and forever changed. I realized right away that coming to this

neighborhood once a week after school was important. This little boy, who had no dad at home, and virtually no consistent church or faith-message background, was catching and internalizing the truth of what sets men of God apart... well, let's just say I knew I was right where the Lord wanted me to be.



Young Michael Tercero

Through the many seasons of life, Michael has never left House of Faith. In fact, his presence and influence has only grown. Michael attended through Elementary, Middle, and High School, and upon graduating, we brought him on as staff where he rose to a significant position of leadership and influence, eventually even leading the very club site where he came to faith – Ft. Concho.

It was at HOF that he met, and eventually married, his sweet wife Mindi (and they now have a precious 4-yr-old son named Clayton). Michael served on various teams and in numerous capacities such as building and grounds supervision, team leader in different efforts, teacher, trainer, and all around "Man of God maker" (sorry, I simply couldn't help it!!!).

The reality is that Michael truly is a gift to San Angelo's neighborhood children, youth and families, and the Lord has used him for many years to that end.

Saying goodbye is never easy. However, as of June, Michael has transitioned into a new position as Minister of Students and Young Families at First Baptist Church, San Angelo, TX. Though we are sad to see him go from our full-time staff, he will remain on as a volunteer at Ft Concho BBC, and we are more than excited to watch how the Lord will continue to use him to impact students through his new Kingdom post at First Baptist.

We, (and me personally), could not be more proud of Michael. Watching him become the very man of God The Lord called him to be as a child has been one of the greatest honors of my life. We wish him and his family the best as he continues his ministry to children, youth, and families in a new setting.

In Him and for them,

Kevin



Michael with his wife, Mindi,
and son, Clayton.

HOUSE OF FAITH
25 YEARS
 San Angelo River Stage
 Saturday, August 24th

FREE CONCERT & FESTIVAL

FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL
 Bounce Houses, Rock Walls, Music, Petting Zoo,
 Food Trucks with food for purchase

FREE CONCERT
 Gates Open at 5pm
 Pre-show 5:30pm
 Presentation 7:30pm
 Concert 8:00pm

FEATURED ARTISTS
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Rooted and Built Up in Jesus is the theme for House of Faith summer camps this year. It's taken from

Colossians 2:6-7—*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."* (ESV)

It is fun to think about helping our students establish strong roots of faith so that, in turn, they will be able to establish a firm foundation upon which they can build their lives up in Christ. Being rooted in faith, and growing that faith, are both so important, and we are excited to be a part of this growth process in the lives of our students!



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