

# FALL IS HERE

## WRYC FALL NEWSLETTER



### Fall Retreat

Registration for High School Fall Retreat is open! 8th - 12th graders are welcome to join us October 23rd - 25th to gain a greater vision of who God is and who God wants us to be. This year's speakers will be Owen Davis and Michael Jimenez. Visit our website at [www.whiteriveryouthcamp.com](http://www.whiteriveryouthcamp.com) and register today!



### Amidst The Pandemic

During normal circumstances, the preparation, planning and execution of camp takes a lot of patience, prayers and unity. But as you know, this summer was not under normal circumstances. After the Texas Governor and the Texas Health Department posted regulations for summer gatherings, many summer camps closed their doors because of the difficulties and financial burdens the pandemic would put on organized camps. In fact, we heard a statistic at the beginning of summer that quoted less than 20 Texas Christian camps that decided to open their doors; White River Youth Camp was one of those.

There was a lot of thoughtful decision making that went into hosting over 700 campers this summer. There were days of hardship, lots and lots of sweat (of course, its camp), and some tears. But by the Grace of God, we were able to host a successful summer. We hope that your kids came home with stories to tell.

Over 700 youth campers heard or were filled with the Good News of God's grace. They left camp knowing more about the Game Changer we have in our life. We had about 15 youths who decided to be disciples and were cleansed in baptism. Many more went home shortly after camp and also confessed, repented and became disciples. We also had roughly 170 new campers to WRYC. Many campers heard about the gift of God's grace for the first time ever. And none of this would have been possible if we had not been willing to put God ahead of the hardship.

### Come Celebrate With Us

Mark your calendars! WRYC is making preparations to celebrate it's 50th Year Anniversary. In 1971, a group of pioneers fulfilled their vision of bringing adolescents together to praise and worship God in fellowship with one another. We are blessed and excited to have continued in that vision! We want you to be a part of this celebration. Keep an eye out for more information about the 50th anniversary celebration in September 2021!

# Amidst The Pandemic continued

We put complete faith in the Lord to be able to have camp this year. The preparation took a lot more work and financial spending than most summers. Our planning took a lot of consistent communication with the WRYC camp doctor and camp staff in order for our gate to be open. Our patience was tested before camp began and while camp was in session. The unity of camp was challenged many times throughout the summer and our prayers were hard pressed.

Many times, we were on our knees begging God to give us more strength, wisdom and endurance to fulfill His work. At the end of it all, He was glorified! We praise God daily that we were able to spend a short time with your children and we pray that they are continuing to walk in faith knowing they have a Game Changer who has paid the price to change our lives. We also hope they are practicing being a Game Changer in someone else's life.

If there is anything we can do to continue to help your kids walk by the Spirit, please reach out to us. Many of our counselors are standing by to continue to help. Please feel free to call or text Michael Jimenez, our Spiritual Leader and Assistant Director, at 325-864-3939. We want to continue to help your child grow in stature and in wisdom.



Two new 1500 sq.ft. buildings have been added to Western Street! These buildings served as 4 classrooms over the summer and today they are being used as a bunk house and recreation center for our retreats. We have an architect who is working on a blue print for the exterior conversion of these buildings. Stay tuned for more updated information on the transformation of these two buildings.

## 50 For the 50th

Want to help us celebrate our 50th Year Anniversary? We want to add 50 more trees for our 50th Year Anniversary. These trees will provide shade from the summer sun and add a beautiful landscape to our campgrounds. If you would like to help us in this vision, trees are \$500 each. This donation helps purchase, plant, insure, tag a tree and provide an underground water system. If you are interested in helping, contact our camp director Papa (Russell) Beene at 806-778-4136.

