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Teens Experience CCM from the Inside

The High School youth group from Sojourn Church ventured down to Pleasant Grove at the end of July for a 3 day mission trip to CCM. Our heart was to have them experience what it was like to live as a resident of CCM's discipleship programs. Eleven young men stayed in the men's home, while nine young women stayed in the women's home. What great life experiences! Read on for some of their testimonies.

Sisters in the Spirit

During the last week of July, strong bonds were built as the young women of Sojourn Church came to experience daily life with the women at CCM's Tree of Life. It became apparent on Sunday, August 9, when the Tree of Life women were asked to join Sojourn for the whole day. The Sojourn youth planned times of breaking bread, fellowship and prayer in between the morning and evening services.

As one of our ladies was being prayed for—and in turn was praying for and sharing her life story with two young sisters—someone else came up and said, "I want what you all have." God was able to move in a mighty way as the ladies opened their hearts to one another. Everyone involved went home with words of encouragement, purpose and direction.

You could say that God has made them to be sisters in the Spirit.



Residents of Tree of Life. Back row left to right: Vangie Underwood, Women's Home Director, Beverly, Chontell, Tasha; in the front row: Nicole and Amanda.

Don't Miss the 5th Sunday Dual Congregation Worship!

Join Pastor Sawyer and Pastor Barron on August 30 at 10 AM, and every 5th Sunday for worship services with both English & Spanish congregations at Hilltop Worship Center, 10325 Lake June Road, Suite 158, Dallas, TX 75217.

There will be bi-lingual services followed by a pot-luck dinner. Invite your Spanish speaking friends to come and be blessed.

Call 214-824-9852 for more information.

In Their Own Words: The Sojourn Youth

"Man... God has touched me so much on the trip. I feel like I've gone from outsider to family member in a matter of days. A lot of the time when I was with the ladies in the women's home, I was wondering who was ministering to whom. The ladies were such a blessing to us. The Lord has really anointed these women and I wish we prayed like they do every day, just shouting it out when we feel led."

"The Lord touched my heart by showing me how real this life is. I got to see the reality that people are all just people. Everyone needs hope, especially here. That hope, as I've seen with my own eyes, is in the power of Jesus Christ. I got to experience His power of hope and healing."

"I was so blessed by the beautiful women at the women's home. Seeing them and their love for Jesus made me fall in love for Jesus so much more! I love the Home Director and all the ladies so much!!!"

"The whole trip has been amazing. I just really enjoyed working and helping others. This trip has helped re-prioritize my life. This trip has helped show me what truly matters in this world."

"Working with my church and CCM has been a huge blessing in my life. My heart's cry has been to have a God-given servant's heart, and I believe that through this experience, God has done an amazing work in my heart. I now realize that I should put others before myself, just like my Heavenly Father did."

"When we went out to the apartments I had the chance to greet a lady at her doorstep. I was so glad when she took the bread and calendar that I had for her. Her face began to light up right after that. Then I asked if I could pray for her. She told me she was going into surgery next week. I was so touched by her honesty, and how open she was with me. She let me lay hands on her and pray for her."





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**Come see what
God is doing!
Sundays
at 10 a.m.**

The Commandment of Fellowship

Over the past several weeks, on Sunday mornings at Hilltop Worship Center, the focus of the teaching has been on the importance of fellowship. In Acts 2:42 we read that following the day of Pentecost, the believers “continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

When you read about the changed lives in our newsletters and e-news, there is a common thread. These lives were changed by a gospel that is walked out by relationship—Godly men and women pouring their lives into others. Just as Jesus poured His life into the lives of His disciples, we are commanded to pour ours into those who need to see Him as a living Savior, not just a figure in the Bible.

Lives are changed by association—praying together, studying together, working together, breaking bread together—thru living acts of worship. We hope that as you read this month’s issue you will see beyond the surface of these stories and find the eternal fruit that is brought forth and nurtured by obedience to the commandment of fellowship.

Inside this month...

A Changed Life: Szavian McKinley

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**You can make a difference!
Become a laborer in the harvest...**

Go to the mission fields in the inner-city.
For 1 day outreach ministry opportunities,
visit: www.carecenterministries.org

Changed Lives *Impacting the region... one life at a time.*

We just call him “X”. Vangie Underwood, CCM’s women’s home director, was on a neighborhood outreach one Sunday after church when she first met “X”. This is his story:

“My name is Szavian McKinley, I am 18 and in the eleventh grade. Before I met the great people at Hilltop and CareCenter Ministries I was into a lot of bad things like drugs and crime. I have done a lot of bad things in my past that I am not proud of, but God has brought me out from those things and now I am proud of myself. The day I met Ms. Vangie, it was a Sunday afternoon and I was washing clothes. I just happened to come outside and saw that she was praying for my stepdad. I just jumped in for some reason and she invited me to the youth night. I came and had a good time, so I came on Sunday too. I loved it and I haven’t left since. I got saved on June 22, 2007. That is when I really came to know God and what

He had in store for me.”

Szavian kept on coming to church, even when there was no youth group. He prayed until his sister, Bree joined him about a year ago. He is currently an usher. No one can miss his or his sister’s, great smile. He has a heart for children and youth and is partnering with Jeremy Crane as they plan to build

a dynamic soul winning youth group in the 75217 zip code. When he is not working, he shows up to help wherever he can. He is a great gift to this ministry. There truly is no limit to how God can powerfully use this young man of God.



Szavian with his sister Bree.