

SPLASH Bartow Day

Whereas; in 2008 churches and teens throughout Bartow County began a coalition to reach out to those in need in our community; and

Whereas; SPLASH Bartow, whose outreach focuses on their faith in God and the underlying theme of "Show People Love And Share Him", allows these caring young people the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ as they provide physical labor for minor home repairs to those in our community suffering from physical handicaps or financial hardships; and

Whereas; through their simple acts of kindness and encouraging words, these young people have not only rebuilt neighborhoods, but they have also rebuilt lives, restored hope and stood as a witness to God's unconditional love; and

Whereas; now in its third consecutive year, this amazing group of young people, led by youth leaders and ministers, has grown to over 350 teens and 200 adults, representing more than 40 churches; and

Whereas; the overwhelming success of SPLASH Bartow has reached beyond this community as youth leaders, ministers and churches in other communities are following its example.

Now Therefore; on behalf of the citizens of Bartow County, I hereby proclaim Friday, August 13, 2010 as SPLASH Bartow Day throughout Bartow County to give special recognition to these outstanding youth and their involvement in and contribution to this community.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 12th day of August in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Ten.

Clarence Brown, Bartow County Commissioner

SPLASH 2010 Testimonies

One student texted a friend on Tuesday night that he needed to come to the worship service on Wednesday night. That friend came and got saved. One of the students who was prayed for on Tuesday morning called her boyfriend who was at SPLASH and said, "You have got to tell me how to get saved". That student called his student minister and said, "My girlfriend wants to get saved, what do I do?" The response was, "lead her to Christ". That is exactly what he did.

One of the churches that participated in SPLASH had an incredible Sunday Morning experience. Their pastor fell under conviction during SPLASH concerning humility as he participated in our foot washing service at the close of SPLASH. During that service, David washed all the student minister's feet, who in turn went and washed the adult team leader's feet who then washed the student's feet. It was a most unusual service. This pastor's church had been through multiple difficult situations and conflict. He fell under conviction concerning humility and felt impressed to wash his deacon's feet on Sunday morning. Unbeknown to his deacons, he called them to the front and commenced to wash their feet. God moved in an unusual way that Sunday morning as people in the church began washing each other's feet as a way of asking each other for forgiveness. He said it was the best service the church has ever had.

On Tuesday morning during our Leadership Summit (we did a special leadership training time on Monday and Tuesday with 65 older teenagers) the manifest presence of God came in a special way. God came in gentleness, but it was very distinct. Students began to get right with God as they prepared to take the Lord's Supper. As they began to prepare, God began to break them concerning sin. God began to clean each vessel. After they took the Lord's Supper they began to spontaneously gather in groups to pray for SPLASH and for their lost friends. God's Spirit just invaded that Tuesday morning and His Spirit seemed to stay the whole week. The manifest presence of God was incredibly strong. Students went out and served with incredible attitudes. They led people to Christ on many different worksites. God is giving us greater hearts for lost people.

Another amazing SPLASH Bartow 2010 story concerns a handicap ramp and a handicap accessible van. Earlier this year Euharlee Baptist Church was given a handicap accessible van. At the time they did not know who it was supposed to go to. One of their men, Jerome, was a construction site coordinator during SPLASH. He was charged with leading a group of teenagers to build a handicap ramp for a man who had had a stroke. This middle aged man had not left the house in two years. He was living with his mother. People at Euharlee Baptist Church decided to give the handicap accessible van to whomever Jerome and his team built the handicap ramp for. On Friday the ramp was completed and the man and his mother were ready to use it for the first time. They did not know that they were going to get a van in addition to getting the ramp. The lady who gave the van did not want anyone to know she had given the van, but she wanted to see who received the van. She was standing in the back of the small crowd that gathered to see the man in the wheel chair use his ramp for the first time and the presentation of the van. When she saw the mother of the handicap man, she screamed and ran over and hugged her. The two women actually knew each other. They shared a common grandchild, but had not seen each other for 19 years. It is amazing how God can restore relationships.

At night the worship services were truly anointed by God. Students got saved during the music, at the invitation and even after we closed the services.

**350 Teenagers
Over 200 Adults
Over 100 People Saved!**

WOW GOD!