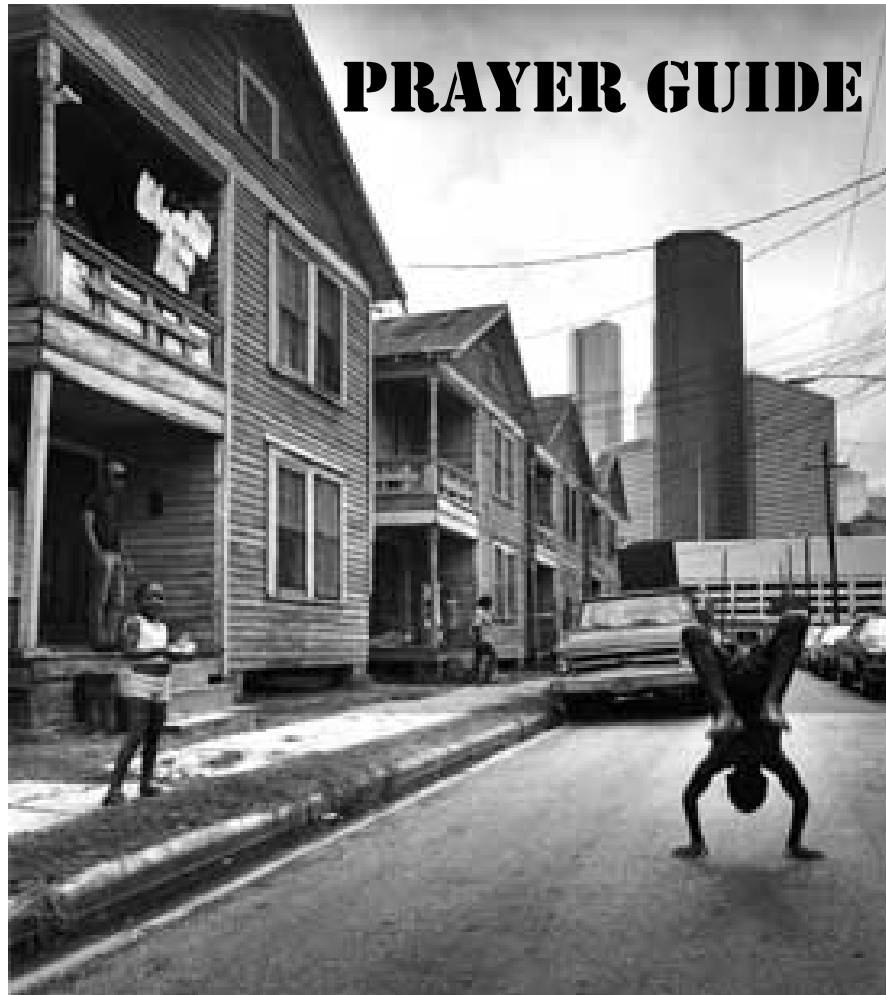


SOUL IN THE CITY 2011



*God's Spirit is on me; He's chosen me to preach the
Message of good news to the poor, Sent me to
announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight
to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free,
to announce, "This is God's year to act!"*

SOUL IN THE CITY

Soul in the City (SITC) is an AMiA (Anglican Mission in the Americas) sponsored outreach event. It all began in Florida about nine years ago and last year St. Timothy's Anglican Church hosted the first Houston based mission week. Reaching people in our own backyard, seeing God change lives, and serving at various worksites allows students and leaders to build relationships with other believers and share the love of Christ. SITC serves as a catalyst to encourage youth and adults to live out the Great Commission for one week and the rest of their lives

ST. TIMOTHY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

St. Timothy's Anglican Church is a congregation of Christians called to worship God and share His love with others.

Prayer points:

- God will help St. Timothy's grow in relationship with the Lord
- Perseverance in sharing His gospel message, His love, and His healing to a broken world

Fr. Stan Gerber was ordained and served as a priest in the Episcopal Church for almost 20 years when God called him to start St. Timothy's Anglican Church and join the Anglican Mission under Bishop Philip Jones.

Prayer Points:

- Fr. Stan For God's protection, encouragement, healing; and inspiration to share God's love, faithfully preach the gospel, and care for his congregation
- All leadership and staff at St. Timothy's

YWAM HOUSTON

The service projects in Houston this summer have been coordinated by YWAM Houston. This is information about the organization from the YWAM Houston website:

YWAM Houston recruits and mobilizes the body of Christ to take the Good News across the street or across the oceans, to bring hope and peace to the lost and hurting, and to disciple those who have made a decision for Christ in their walk with Him.

Prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers, transsexuals and drag queens top the list of those who live in a survival mentality, living on and working the streets of Houston. God has given YWAM Houston the privilege of ministering to the street kids in the Montrose area. Out of the estimated 1,500 kids living on the streets of Houston, many are involved in drugs; several live with AIDS; all suffer from loneliness. Sadly, there are young women raising children in the midst of this precarious environment. God has asked YWAM Houston to build relationships with these discarded and abandoned kids and their babies and to challenge and assist them to live godly, productive lives through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Currently, YWAM Houston partners with Joe Williams Ministries and together they hold weekly church services for the street kids. This "Montrose Street Reach" consists of a hot meal, a time of worship, a gospel/ministry presentation, and fellowship. In addition, they offer many services such as food, clothing, transportation, blankets, and reconciliation with families. They also help with job searches, referrals to proven rehabilitation and Christian residential programs, and referrals to health care and other social services like HIV and pregnancy testing. For the street babies, prenatal vitamins are available and baby essentials such as diapers, formula, clothing, etc. are provided. Many local churches and ministries provide meals for the street kids as well as volunteers to assist in this outreach.

THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE

Kristin Depue, SiTC Coordinator

Kristin DePue has been married to Chris DePue for 6 years now. They have 2 little boys who love life and their joy is contagious! They also have another one on the way that is expected to arrive this December. Kristin has been working with youth for 12 years now and loves seeing kids transformed by Christ's love. Her passion is to spread God's love to youth and families in creative and life-changing ways. She is so excited to see what God has planned for Soul in the City this year.

- Pray for Kristin during this week that she would be energized and strengthened for God's plans

Stan Depue, SiTC Coordinator

Stan DePue has been working with youth for many years and was actually a part of this youth group when he was in high school. His passion for spreading Christ's love to youth is contagious. His relationships are based on God's never-ending love which he clearly shares with everyone. Stan also works with the youth at HopePointe in the Woodlands. He is recently engaged to Lane Brown and will be moving to Austin, TX at the end of the summer. He is ready for God to change lives this year at Soul in the City!

- Pray for Stan to finish his race in the Houston area and protection of his mind and body in the process

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations!
Jeremiah 1:5

CALL TO ACTION

The purpose of this prayer guide is to incite prayer for this trip early and often. This is an offer to enter into a partnership with God as He works through all the Soul in the City participants and leaders. Each page has a verse and ways to pray for the trip. We believe that nothing can be accomplished for the kingdom without God's power and His working through our lives. We encourage you to join us on this prayer journey for this trip to the change lives of both the participants and the people we will meet in Houston this summer.

This mission trip would not be possible without a lot of things including leaders, participants, finances, supplies, etc. But often we forget the major role God plays in day to day events and His work in our lives. This book's purpose is to give all glory back to God as we pray that His will be done in our lives and those we meet this summer.

The participation of the prayer partner may seem unimportant to some but in fact it is a position of great faith and patience. The person is blind to the events during the mission trip but can still pray with the power of God working through them for protection and life changing events. In John 9 there is a story of a blind man whom Jesus heals. His disciples ask whether the man or his parents sinned causing his blindness, but Jesus assures them that in fact his blindness had a special purpose. "This happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him". Sometimes events in this world do not make sense, but we know that God hears our prayers and uses all kinds of situations for lives to be changed and His glory to be made known.

2011 Participants:

Oliver Archibald	Katy Kowis	Wade Westerheide
Molly Arroyo	Lauren Kowis	Katie Wells
Lizzie Austin	Tori McClure	Karine Wilson
Martin Bayang	Emilie McKinley	Ryan Woodcock
Blake Bideler	Sara McKinley	
Art Blancas	Jazmine Medina	
Reid Blancas	Raymond Moore	
Chris Boggs	Tierney Ness	
Justin Boggs	Ashley Pappas	
Chris Burton	Nick Pellegrino	
Hayden Carson	Rhett Peterson	
Sophie Costa	Daniel Purifoy	
Taylor Daileida	Nolan Riggs	
Kyle Davidson	Isabella Robb	
Jesse Dennison	Phillip Ryan	
Kyle Fennel	Christian Salge	
Lauren Fennel	Forrest Salge	
Jason Flores	Payton Salge	
Christina Flower	Eric Schneider	
Emily Gerber	Avishka Sondapperumaarachchi	
Morgan Gerber	Ayesh Sondapperumaarachchi	
Natasha Gerber	William Sorley	
Haley Glennon	Aaron Stevenson	
Lauren Hall	Nicole Stevenson	
Kyleigh Hanes	Ellen Stice	
Chris Harris	Grant Tran	
Riley Hendricks	Jack Tummy	
Clayton Johnson	Shannon Tummy	
Kameron Kirk	Chad Werner	
Michael Koehler		

Leadership

Bo Bartlett	Sayward Elliott	Katie McKinley
Peter Bay	Kristen Fennel	John Pegues
Jenny Blancas	Nick Gerber	Jennifer Scherzer
Rachel Boyd	Fr. Stan Gerber	Elaine Tummy
Scott Boyd	Brenna Heenan	Megan Wilkie
Lane Brown	Alicia Klutts	Jessica Wilson
Kristin Depue	Rachel Kotlan	
Stan Depue	Tommy Lamb	

July 1st, 2011

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

Prayer Points:

- Preparation for Soul in the City
- God’s provision for supplies, finances, logistics, and volunteers
- Kristin that she would have strength and wisdom regarding all the preparations
- For all participants and volunteers involved

July 2nd, 2011

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another
John 13:34-35

Generation One, Inc. is a non-denominational ministry located in the Third Ward of Houston, Texas and is committed to the spiritual growth and physical rebuilding of the Third Ward area. The teams sent to the Third Ward will rebuild homes in the area, visit neighbors, and look for evangelistic opportunities

Prayer Points:

- The hearts of those living in the Third Ward houses to be prepared for what God has in store
- Courage and strength for students and leaders as they work and share their faith
- Opportunities to creatively love the people they encounter

July 3rd, 2011

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.

1 Peter 5:2

Prayer Points:

- The hearts of the leaders as they anticipate this week of serving the Lord in Houston
- Humble servant leadership
- For God's strength and wisdom especially when setting examples for all the participants
- Ready and eager hearts to disciple and mentor believers

July 4th, 2011

Then people brought little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matt. 19:13-14

This year some of the teams will have the unique opportunity to work with a citywide vacation Bible school in the Houston area. The students will ride buses out to gather children and teach them about the love of Christ with words and actions.

Prayer Points:

- The team's love would abound for their VBS participants and that their patience would be prolonged as they instruct these children
- Effectiveness of the lessons that none of His truth will return empty but instead plant seeds in the hearts of the children

July 5th, 2011

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens. Praise Him for His acts of power; praise Him for His surpassing greatness. Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre, praise Him with...dancing...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Ps. 150:1-6

Prayer points for the Music Team:

- Guide and direct their actions as they lead worship
- Help them to be authentic, transparent, and experience joy in the presence of God
- God's Holy Spirit would truly inhabit the prayers and praises of His people
- Audience members would be encouraged to worship God beyond the scheduled time by living a life of
- worship

July 6th, 2011

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.

Eph. 1:18

The Thousand Hills team works with Church in the Park for the homeless of Houston. The park is extremely close to Star of Hope Homeless Shelter for men. This team will provide for the needs of these men both physically and spiritually as they serve a meal and lead a worship service. The team will have evangelistic opportunities and will use their creative ingenuity to incorporate skits, music, personal testimonies, and preaching into a park setting.

Prayer Points:

- Open and receptive hearts for the men and women that may arrive, and that they may see the love God has for them
- Safety of all the participants and leaders
- Humility in the hearts of both students and leaders

July 7th, 2011

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:9-11

At Saint Timothy's we have formed an amazing relationship with our YWAM Houston coordinators Martin and his wife Kim. This couple lives out their faith passionately seeking out the lost for the kingdom of God.

Prayer Points:

- YWAM's ministry and for God's work in their lives
- Continued success in their ability to seek and offer hope to the lost
- Dark sinful bondage resides in the streets of Houston, pray for this to be lifted and Jesus' name to be preached in the streets

July 8th, 2011

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

This year the students will have the opportunity to work in a sports camp called the Forge. As well as providing lunch and a Bible study; the students will have the opportunity to love and minister to these younger children by teaching them about some of their favorite sports.

Prayer Points:

- Boldness in these students and leaders to speak the truth of the gospel over these children in new and different ways as they are coaching
- An effective ministry to the children which truly incorporates the incarnational love of Christ

July 9th, 2011

He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God.

Josh. 4:24

Prayer Points:

- Those being ministered to at various worksites during the week
- God's Word changing the hearts and lives of those being served and those serving
- The POWER of God to truly work in and around all the worksites to do amazing and wonderful things which can ONLY be miracles of God
- Thank God in advance for all He will do

July 10th, 2011

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Prov. 18:24

Prayer Points:

- Friendships formed between all the participants
- Mutual respect, kindness, and love to abound between students and leaders at all times
- The picture of Christ's love for His disciples displayed through the actions between team members
- The new formed friendships to be lasting reminders of what God did on the trip and in their own lives

July 11th, 2011

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts: 1:8

Prayer Points:

- God's abundant power to obviously displayed to everyone on this trip
- Changed lives as a result of the power of God, and both students and adults would seek after the Lord because of the passionate display of God's magnificent presence in their lives
- A deeper realization of the love of God for everyone, regardless of past experiences, that He can and will love and forgive all willing to accept His abundant grace

July 12th, 2011

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message... There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

Phil. 1:3-6

Prayer Points:

- Students who may choose to dedicate or rededicate their lives to Christ during this trip that the change in their hearts will be real and lasting
- The Holy Spirit to come upon them in power and lead them in the direction of His holy plan for their lives
- Relationships with God to continue to grow and mature as everyone returns home
- For encouragers of faith to walk along side them as they seek God's will for their lives and try to pursue Him fervently.

July 13th, 2011

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Ps. 31:1-3

Next Wednesday night the students and leaders will be going downtown to the Montrose area in Houston for Street Reach (which is explained on the YWAM information page) The students will have the opportunity to visit with and serve many different people on this night.

Prayer Points:

- The power of God to change the hearts of many who have been living in sin
- Every word preached would be from the heart of God
- God's hedge of protection for the participants

July 14th, 2011

Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

Phil 2:4-8

Prayer Points:

- Humility of heart which will allow both students and leaders to serve with respect and treat everyone they meet with an attitude like Christ.
- Brokenness for Christ and His calling for the lives of all the participants
- That everyone will truly see His heart and His desires for their lives

July 15th, 2011

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

Mark 11:22-25

Prayer Points:

- Spiritual stretching and growth for every student and leader on this trip
- Faith filled prayer
- Forgiveness and love to abound among every participant

July 16th, 2011

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Col. 3:23-24

Prayer Points:

- For ALL the volunteers helping with this event from the kitchen staff to those praying
- Positive attitudes and Christ-like service even in the midst of possible stress
- God's hand to continuously work to prepare the hearts of students and leaders attending this event
- For all the last minute preparations, decorations etc.

July 17th, 2011

Day One

He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.

Prov. 2:7-8

Prayer Points:

- All final preparations
- Traveling mercies for all the students and leaders coming to St. Timothy's
- Quick bonds to be developed between the team members which are rooted in their faith in Jesus Christ
- The registration process, for effectiveness and organization

July 18th, 2011

Day Two

I've thrown myself headlong into your arms— I'm celebrating your rescue. I'm singing at the top of my lungs, I'm so full of answered prayers.

Ps. 13:5-6

Today the students will be getting to know their leaders and teammates. The groups will visit and pray over their worksites and learn about the challenges awaiting during the week.

Prayer Points:

- Safe travel into Houston
- Courage for the students and leaders this week as they speak boldly for Christ
- A faith filled prayerful mindset for all the participants

July 19th, 2011

Day Three:

Please read Acts 17:16-34 today while in prayer

The Apostle Paul spoke to the Athenians in a way that they understood, using examples from their culture. Our hope is that each team would be effective like Paul in contextualizing the Gospel for their audiences, from the children at VBS to the homeless in the park.

Prayer points:

- The Holy Spirit's inspiration for the students to incorporating the message of truth and love into every part of their service projects and ultimately their lives
- For the gospel to be preached wherever these students and leaders visit

July 20th, 2011

Day Four:

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account

Hebrews 4:12-13

Prayer Points:

- Protection from the evil one for all the teams
- Spiritual unity between the members
- Encouragement despite fatigue and any opposition especially which might try to stop the participant's sharing of the gospel
- Patience during whatever trials might present themselves

July 21st, 2011

Day Five:

But let the godly rejoice. Let them be glad in God's presence. Let them be filled with joy. Sing praises to God and to His name! Sing loud praises to Him who rides the clouds. His name is the LORD—rejoice in His presence!
Ps. 68:3-4

Prayer Points:

- For God alone to strengthen and guide the teams
- Radical obedience of these team members as they seek God's will everywhere they are today
- God would remind them of His presence
- Overflowing contagious joy in the hearts of both students and leaders

July 22nd, 2011

Day Six:

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
Romans 12:11

Prayer Points:

- Everyone present would recognize a need to incorporate service into their daily lives
- For all participants to find new opportunities to serve at home from picking up trash on the street, to loving a neighbor, and even washing dishes without being asked, all these can be acts of service
- Renewed fire and passion in the hearts of everyone during this last day of obvious service and all fatigue and irritability would be eliminated

July 23rd, 2011

Day Seven:

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live.

Deuteronomy 4:9

This week has been exciting and hopefully full of growth and discipleship!

Prayer points:

- Traveling mercies for students and leaders as they travel home today
- All participants to remember what God has done in their lives especially what they have seen of the Father's heart
- Courage and strength as they share these lessons with family, friends, and neighbors

July 24th, 2011

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

Romans 1:8

Prayer Points:

- The students and leaders today that they would not become sad or lonely without their team but rather would focus their attention to thankfulness of what God has done in their lives and the lives of others
- Courage within the hearts of the students to stand their ground in situations of peer pressure
- Protection over their lives from Satan as he will attempt to attack them and for all participants to valiantly fight with their sword of the Spirit, the belt of truth, and shield of faith

July 25th, 2011

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Is. 61-1-3

Prayer Points:

- For the students who after this trip are considering ministry or missions as God's calling on their life
- Encouragement and mentors along the way that will continue to foster the qualities required for that area of service
- All the students as they return home that this trip will have changed their perspective
- That these students will consider the need in their own life to be the hands and feet of the body of Christ
- When they see injustice and poverty they will not ignore it or continue walking but recognize it and act
- God will remind both the students and leadership of the importance and the change one person can make when they are seeking the heart of God
- For the older students as they prepare for college in the fall and the younger students as they prepare for more school that they would not remain silent but rather speak out against injustice and act for the kingdom of God among their friends, families, and neighbors
- For those students who have renewed their relationship with God and now will return home to seek out a body of believers whether at school or at a church, that God will lead them clearly to other servants who are kingdom minded and that those groups together will seek after the Father passionately, which in turn will encourage others to want to know more about God and His kingdom

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES FROM SITC 2010

At Soul in the City, my team worked with Generation One, specifically we served the people of the third ward. We cleaned up overgrown lots and painted old houses to make the neighborhood look nicer. As we were clearing lots, I noticed several people watching us and a couple of them came up to us and thanked us for the work we were doing. That made me feel appreciated and I was able to see the God's work touching people's lives. Wednesday we helped set up and run Street Church in the Montrose area. I met a lot of people who were suffering and still faithful to Christ! This affected me a lot because I wondered how someone suffering so much and had so little could stay faithful to God. I learned more from them than they did from me! I can't wait to see what God has in store for this year!

Jack Tummy, 16

Last year at Soul in the City I didn't know what to expect. I had never been on a mission trip nor visited St. Timothy's before going to Houston for the week to serve a bunch of people I didn't know. My group's purpose was to help Thousand Hills ministry which runs Church in the Park. Immediately, I bonded with my team members. Our group's leaders and members became close within the first hour. And the experiences throughout the week truly solidified our friendships. Our stories, tears, and laughter showed me each day that God placed each one of us with our special talents together for a reason. Serving a community with people that by the end of the week I never wanted to leave. Soul in the City was one of the few experiences that has truly defined my faith and who I am today.

Chad Werner, 18

I almost did not go to Soul in the City last year. My summer was pretty full and I was on the fence about it for a while, but I ended up going and it honestly was one of the best decisions I have ever made. Starting the first day I felt something inside of me that I hadn't ever really experienced before, an emotional peace that I knew God was working inside of me. Each day I saw how I helped the people around me and how thankful they were for it. I could feel His presence everywhere. For the first time in my life I felt my faith had become my own. The cardboard testimonies at Street Church were what stuck with me the most. Everyone held up a sign that said some sort of difficulty in their life on one side and how God helped them through it on the other. It was incredible to see so many people's unique walk with Christ and to stand united with them all, those in need and those who try their best to help under His guidance. I can't say enough about how thankful I am for the experience I received last summer and I pray Christ works in everyone who comes this year the same as He did in me.

Taylor Nawrocki, 17