



June's Joyful Tuesdays

June was filled with a ton of fun, while our COC gathering switched from the regular Saturday structure to Tuesday morning "fun days". We want to make this summer a memorable one for our COC kids!

"A merry heart does good like a medicine..." Proverbs 17:22a



Since the beginning of June, each week has included a different activity: Sky Zone trampoline indoor activity center in Largo, Treasure Island Fun Center, outdoor fun in the park in Largo, the movies, and a water slide bounce house at Pastor Tim's House of Hope Church in St. Pete were a few of the activities the kids participated in. The kids are having a blast, experiencing new things, and growing in the love of Christ. Below are two messages from COC's Steve Iovino and a testimony from our director, Pastor Tim Marschick. Thank you again for all of your giving and support!



A Message from Steve Iovino: The Importance of Bus Ministry

Hi Church, Steve Iovino here. The Lord put Bus Ministry on John Grampas heart some 20 years ago and they gave up everything; he and Brenda chose to do the will of God. COC was born. Here we are in 2022 and Pastor Tim is now carrying that torch. The hardest thing for him has been not having the opportunity to see it in action before he



took the job. August will be a year since he started and he will tell you there are a lot of parts to COC. Is the ministry important? Tim got a phone call from a polite young man asking how Mr. John, Brenda, and Mary are. He said he attended COC for over 10 years and it changed his life — **Jesus** changed his life. He wanted to thank them and at the end of the message said "God bless". Thank you, John, for saying, "here I am Lord, choose me!" I know some of you donors have been here since the beginning. **YOU** prayed, donated, and if possible, even volunteered to get that young boy to know Jesus Christ! He is just one out of many, and still many more. Please stick with Pastor Tim; he loves the Lord and the Lord's people. He has done amazing work on Tuesdays with the older kids and Saturdays with the younger ones. He teaches them a memory verse along with the Bible story, and they get a great lunch. He has assembled a great team of volunteers and what happens? Satan throws a road block and we temporarily lost our P.O. box due to never receiving a reminder like we normally do. Tim's son needed emergency knee surgery and Pastor Tim drove hours to see him and ended up needing emergency surgery himself when he got there! If there is anyone who needs extra love its Tim! God bless a couple of dear friends who have really done so much: Bella, Barbara, Alice, Drew, and many more. Love to all of you, the kids, and our Jesus,

Steve Iovino

A Message from Pastor Tim Marshick: A Testimony

I again witnessed an act of kindness as we went to the movies last week on Tuesday. I got the kids licorice (that's not the big news, but rather how the children shared). Even Ian, who is usually a little mischievous in his adventures with us, shared with little JJ. This made JJ very happy; she loved the candy. I asked JJ if she had ever had red licorice and she replied "no". I felt happy providing something that she as a 7 year old had never had; it's what this ministry is all about: "the firsts". It's the first time they heard the Gospel message, and the first time they got to go somewhere like the movies, a water park, the Zoo, or anywhere outside of the very dangerous neighborhoods they live in. COC provides "firsts". The best "first" we provide is mirroring Jesus and giving the hope of Christ! Today is the Day of Salvation.

Pastor Tim Marshick

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