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Merry Christmas from House of Faith!



Front row, L to R: Mackenzie Gunter, Bailey Schmitz, Emma Berry, Marci Menchaca, Haley Galvan, Darlene Bratton, & Shelley Emmons

Back row, L to R: Lupe Mata, LaTrinda Murphy, Sadie Waldrop, Joy Zesch, Melanie Love, McKenna Bowie, Piper Compton, Dallin Foreman, & Brandon Berry

Not pictured: Jade Marty



Holiday Hours Our holiday office hours will be 9:30am to 5pm.

The House of Faith office will be closed December 25th & 26th and January 1st, 2nd & 5th.



Special Thanks!

We are grateful for the following businesses & individuals who were instrumental in making the Christmas parties possible. Special thanks also go to the many local churches and hundreds of individuals who sponsored gifts for House of Faith children.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

Merry Christmas from our House of Faith Family to Yours!

Christmas is a perfect time of year to make this happen! This would not be possible without our amazing community who locks arms from all angles to support the epic House of Faith Family Christmas Party week, where over 2000 people are encouraged and built up in the Lord through a meal, a message, a fun carnival, and precious gifts. The gifts given mean so much coming from community partners, churches and generous people sponsoring a child and displaying the love of Christ in such a tangible way. My favorite thing about our family parties is seeing our families come and experience a wonderful Christmas memory-making time together focused on Christ, and the overwhelming joy as they leave with those gifts in hand and grateful hearts.

How do we reach over 2000 people in one week with a Christmas Party, you ask?

4 Days **Of Parties**

2 Parties

200+

Volunteers For The Week

500+

Community Supporters

Our Christmas theme this year was "Created on Purpose **for a Purpose."** Ephesians 2:10 NIRV reads:

We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

The message was clear at the parties. We have an amazing **Creator** God who **created** each person on purpose! Young and old, we are created to belong to Jesus. He wants a relationship with us! This is why Jesus, our Savior, came! When we belong to Jesus and build a relationship with Him, we can do the good works that He has prepared for us to do.

The past few weeks we have been helping our kids learn that some of the good works prepared for us are to grow in our faith by practicing Holy Habits. The specific Holy Habits we have focused on are prayer, study, worship, and abiding. Pastor Lupe Mata gave a strong message at the party, reminding the parents that while the kids are learning, growing and wanting to practice their Holy

Reaching the WHOLE family is so important to us and **Habits**, the greatest impact for the children is when parents choose to practice the Holy Habits alongside the children in their family. Practicing these as a family is truly what will help them build strong kids and, more importantly, help them build a strong family leading to deeper faith, peace, and joy for all.

> Throughout each Christmas party, families were prompted to practice prayer, study, worship, and abiding, which was such a beautiful part of our night. Our opening prayer time and our worship time was led by families that we have seen making intentional efforts to practice Holy **Habits** in their **family**. There was truly amazing testimony from these families about how Jesus has completely changed their lives and their families as they have practiced these Holy Habits, even when it's hard. We studied God's Word together as we recited our theme verse and heard a message reminding us that we are Created on Purpose to belong to Jesus and to do the good works God has prepared for us. We worshiped together as the Eubank family led our families in beautiful renditions of classic Christmas carols mixed with contemporary praise songs. All in all, our families practiced staying connected to Jesus, reminding them that they can Abide with the Lord throughout their days.

> Reaching the WHOLE Family will continue! This powerful evening capped off with an invitation to our Family Bible Study that meets on Tuesday nights. This gathering where families learn what it means to practice Holy Habits individually and as a family is small, but ready to multiply! Pray with us that God will prompt more of our parents to choose to build their faith by practicing Holy Habits! We believe God wants to move in powerful ways this next year and that it will impact our community from the inside out as our families step into God's truth that they are Created on Purpose for the Purpose of honoring God with their lives and as a **family**!







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