

## House of Faith NFIGHBORHOOD NE

Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

## Summer Interns

Every summer we hire a team of college-age interns to make all of the awesome summer programs happen. We could not do everything we do in a summer without them! This year we had a great team of three energetic young people: Bailey Jowers, SheaLa Barnas, and Lexie Dickson. They have been a great blessing to us this summer as they have planned, taught, and worked tirelessly on behind the scenes preparation for every program. We asked each of our interns to tell us a little bit about what this summer has meant to them and here's what they said:

"House of Faith has always been a huge part in my life. I can easily say that without them I wouldn't have built my relationship with the Lord when I did. They have always taught me so much even when I wasn't listening, and they have taught me so much more working here. I thank God for the blessing that is House of Faith. Working here is one of the most moving things in my life; not physically, not mentally, but spiritually. I have learned that it doesn't matter what you say in a prayer, God just wants you to talk to Him. I've also learned that, even in times where your life may seem to be spiraling out of control, God is holding you and guiding you. He will even use that as part of your testimony to help others. I've also had the honor to see a huge growth in the kids this summer! They've learned how to worship and what it means to worship, even in the toughest of moments. God is good! God is my Lord! God is always there for us! He is our Constant!"—Bailey Jowers

"This summer I've gotten to really learn how important a strong community is. It is so important to be able to lean on the people around you when things get hard and you don't know what to do. I've also seen this for the students on the last day of camp and how they were able to come together and pray for each other for what struggles they are going to face at home. This summer has really been an eye-opener, and I am so glad I get to continue to grow closer in the relationships I have made this summer. I have gotten to do a lot of things throughout this few months that wouldn't have been possible without being able to lean on the people around me."—SheaLa Barnas

"I stepped into this position having no idea what it would entail, but I am so grateful that I did it. Being a part of the House of Faith team has been so much fun! I love church camp. I've grown up going to them, so I knew this would be right up my

Getting to walk alongside young people and talk about Jesus is not easy, but so worth it. Over the camps this summer, I've laughed with our kiddos, cried with them, and had to be serious at times—all the emotions. I'm so happy I said yes to this. Yes, to the random things I would do. most But importantly, yes to reaching people and building lives. Thank you, House of Faith!"

—Lexie Dickson



2023 Summer Intern Team, left to right: SheaLa Barnas, Bailey Jowers, and Lexie Dickson







Thank you for all your hard work this summer!

Eight high school students generously gave their time, energy, and talents this summer as part of our Junior Intern Team. Each of these students is a member of our youth program during the school year. This summer they took part in behind the scenes and main stage programming for our programs. Specifically, they came up with motions to our memory verse that they taught over 3 main programs! They also participated in camp crew, discipleship, and some functioned as camp counselors at our younger programs.

We saw firsthand that when these students participate in discipleship and service to their peers, the Lord moves in mighty ways. These students prayed over their peers, mentored younger students, planned, and led areas of programming, and were immersed in discipleship and teaching from other House of Faith staff.

Each of these students has grown in their spiritual walk and gained skill for their everyday life over the past 6 weeks. We are grateful for their hard work and influence over the 2023 summer!

## **2023 Junior Interns**



Pictured: our Junior Interns, along with other Camp Crewmembers at camp. Our junior intern team this year was:
Jolie Gonzales, Sarah & Luke Boates, Jordan & Josiah
Arias, Lacey Eubank, Angela Neal, & Hannah Martinez.



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