



House of Faith

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Taking JESUS to neighborhood children, youth, and families

June 2023



## A “State of Mind” Summer

By Marci Menchaca, Executive Director

Every year our team seeks God’s word, prays and then establishes what our theme and spiritual focus will be for our summer. In today’s world, we know that there is great concern for the mental, emotional and spiritual health of our children and youth. I remember asking a group of teenage girls one time if their homes and lives were filled with peace. Not one hand was raised. There are so many competing influences for their attention through the massive media input and the busy and striving pace of life.

### How do we teach them that they can have peace?

I am excited to announce that this summer, our theme is “State of Mind.” Our thinking truly lays a foundation for how we see ourselves and the world around us which, in turn, affects our behaviors. We are passionate about reminding our students that it matters what they think about and that thinking on the things that God tells us to think about is a true path to PEACE and a healthy and enjoyable State of Mind. Our passage this summer to drive home these truths is Philippians 4:6-9. We will challenge our students with these scriptures and encourage them to internalize verse 8 as their memory verse.

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.* <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I have HOPE and am excited to see our kids internalizing the truth that God will bring PEACE to their “State of Mind” when they choose to seek God and think on such things that He says are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, praiseworthy and excellent.

As I reflect on my own State of Mind, I stand in awe and think on the excellent and praiseworthy Body of Christ. The Lord truly puts all the people and pieces in place to bless our students and families. We cannot operate efficiently and effectively without every person saying “yes” to the Lord and playing their part. This summer is full of ministry opportunities that are bigger than any one of us. The work of Christ is so evident through all of you in such an excellent and praiseworthy way. Join us in praying for our students to have a renewed “State of Mind” as they learn and grow this summer.



Pastor Lupe Mata took a few minutes at our Family Pool Party to teach families about “State of Mind.”



Students entering 6th-12th grade played a competitive game of “The Floor is Lava” at one of our 321 Summer Hangs!



Students entering PK-5th grade made bracelets to help them memorize Philippians 4:8 at our Kid’s Connection program.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 29-  
JULY 3**

**OVERNIGHT CAMP**  
students entering 7th-12th Grade

**KID'S DAY CAMP**  
students entering 4th-6th Grade

**JULY  
11-13**

**AUGUST  
7**

**FAMILY POOL PARTY**  
partnering with Celebration Church

**COWBOY GATHERING**  
FMI: Terri Holland at 325-763-9923

**SEPTEMBER  
8-9**

**SEPTEMBER  
23**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
FMI: Darlene at 325-486-8637



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TO GIVE!



Pictured:  
(front) Brook Claborn  
(standing, L to R) Kirk  
Millinger, Kipp  
Rathmell, Alonzo  
Martinez, Arturo  
Garcia, Troy Garcia

**Thank you**

to the Atmos Energy team that cooked 1,000 hotdogs for the House of Faith Family Pool Party! The hotdogs were delicious and there were no leftovers!