



BEHIND the SCENES

Ministering To and Through America's Youth

April 2022

Laying a Foundation to Build



Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him. Luke 14:29

When I read that verse, it made me ponder what God has for us here at TFC in terms of laying a foundation and building more structures to help us minister to teens.

These were things my father was good at – finding ways to acquire or build what we needed to help us minister to and through America's Youth.

As I take full responsibility for casting that vision and funding whatever plan we come up with, the weight is not a small one. This is magnified when I read the above verse, and realize that God can provide, but that does not exempt us from planning. It is my job to see the needs we will have in the future and prepare today to begin meeting those needs.

Many have pressed us to raise money to build a "Bruce Cicchese Memorial" gymnasium, or some other type of building that will help us minister more effectively. But in the past five years, our expected building needs have swung like a pendulum between gymnasiums, student housing and staff office space. Right now, it is impossible to guess what the greatest need will be in just a couple years.

But if we wait until the need is fully upon us, we will have a much greater task in raising the funds needed to build whatever we need.

So the Board of TFC has asked me to begin a fund – the Bruce Cicchese Memorial Building Fund. This fund will be a place to put money so that as our vision crystallizes, we will have funds to pay architects, raise more money, and generally obtain the building that meets our needs.

That could look a lot like a multipurpose building – something that can function as a gymnasium or office space. It could also be an addition to the existing building. Or it could take a form we haven't yet imagined.

The *Bruce Cicchese Memorial* building fund is already in existence and has more than \$10,000 in it! We do not yet know what we will need first, but it is only a matter of time before we need more space. Your gift now, designated to this fund, will help us pay costs for research, planning and future fundraising. Your prayers now will help us to wisely discern what God has for us.

On a related note, I want to thank each of you again. The Bruce Cicchese Memorial Scholarship fund was funded with \$26,000. This money has been invested, and the increase/interest will be used to fund scholarships for teens to attend Summer Camp, Bible Quiz Nationals, Ambassador College and other TFC events for many years to come – or until the Lord returns!

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I can't express how blessed and honored I am at the outpouring of generosity that has happened because of the way that you loved and appreciated the ministry my father had here at TFC for more than 30 years. It seems almost impossible to move forward without him, but God is faithful, and I know that God has many blessings yet in store for TFC. Your continued partnership will make those blessings a reality. Thank you. -- JimC

What's Happening.....This Month at TFC



Spring Break Mission Trip

Jeff Wright led our Spring Break Mission Trip to Living Word Camp in Grand Rapids, MN. Eighteen youth went and were placed into 4 different work teams. One team worked all week on putting in Maple flooring in one of the cabins. One team tightened up the loose boards and the 3rd story loft of the lodge. During the 4 days they put in over 3,000 screws!



One team gave the Douglas fir boards character and stain. One team worked on felting the bunk bed legs and staining trim boards for the lodge. There were many other odds and ends jobs like shoveling snow, tar papering the floors and cleaning glass. This is the youngest group we have ever taken and it did pose some challenges but was a wonderful trip overall.

Every day each youth had a memory verse to quote by the time dinner had rolled around. They spent the week going through the book of Acts for their personal devotional time. Each of the teens were instructed to jot down 2 or 3 points of interest from the material they read for devotions that day. It was so impressive to hear the students insights into the Word of God. It was so powerful, after 45 minutes of the students sharing insights and getting questions answered there wasn't much time left for the Bible teaching led by Elisha Wright. The Personal testimonies and talking about the Lord's work in our lives was so powerful and inspiring.

TFC wins BQF Northern Regionals

Congratulations to *Revelation*, our TFC team who are this year's Northern Regional Champions.

Unashamed also did well, finishing in second place, with *Sundown* in fourth.

Three individuals also earned top quizzzer trophies:

4. Sebastian Bork
6. Joel Pendergast
7. Ranahan Garrett

Nationals this year will be held in Coralville Iowa.

April 24th-27th. The theme is *Doers of the Word*.

We have 55 quizzers going to nationals this year making up 8 different teams. Please keep the teens and coaches in your prayers as they hide Gods word in their hearts and for safe travels !



— In Memory —

Donations were given to Teens for Christ in memory of Irene Green and Janice Smith.

— APRIL —

Nat'l.Practice.....9th
Nat'l.Practice.....23rd
BQF Tournament ...24th-27th

LOOKING AHEAD

— MAY —

Lakeland City Clean-up Day.....7th

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