

MOUTHPIECE

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Summer Update

"God is my strength and power!" How incredible to hear over a thousand voices sing out this truth in churches throughout the north, south, and midwest this summer!

During our travels, we've noticed that many kids (and adults) are "plugged in" to all sorts of things — sports, video games, music, social media, and more — but less and less of them are really plugged in to God's power!

This year's VBS, *ElectriCity*, an energetic VBS set in the early 1900's, transported citizens of all ages on an unforgettable journey to discover how to "plug into God's power!"

We don't have power over our spheres, peers, tears, fears, or years; but here's the good news — God does! He's our "great all-powerful God"!

We, like author and teacher Howard Hendricks, believe "it is a sin to bore people with the Bible!" So, through drama, music, unique sets, lighting, sound effects, and more, our goal is to present the truths of the Bible in such a way that engages people, encourages them in their Christian walk, and stirs a desire within to learn more about God and His Word!

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to see His power at work in the hearts and lives of all that attended *ElectriCity* this summer! All glory to God!

VBS Stats

- 1 Week of Training Camp
- 9 Weeks of Vacation Bible School
- 2,317 Miles Traveled (x3 Rigs)
- 1,062 Students Enrolled
- 52 Salvation Decisions**
- 10 Received Assurance**
- 2,435 Verses Memorized
- 319 Visitors Brought

September Events

7 - 8 | Concert & Sunday
Pepperell, MA

22 - 25 | Refresh Conf.
Moravia, NY

15 - 18 | Refresh Conf.
Hill, NH

29 - Oct. 2 | Refresh Conf.
Tioga, PA



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Life on the Road

We were blessed to have three young people join us for our summer tour! Carrie (8th summer) expertly provided impeccable organization backstage and managed all our costumes and props. Zach (2nd summer) thrilled audiences with his juggling skills and high-energy characters. Trevor (1st summer) jumped right in as Malchijah's right-hand man, providing assistance with tech and photography. He also volunteered to teach the teen Sunday School class at several churches.

Drew (age 8) and Zachary (age 6) became more involved in the dramas and particularly enjoyed "helping Uncle Chijah" at the tech cart backstage.

Side Notes

- Is your church looking for a new mini-drama for Christmas or Easter? Join Mary, Peter, Nicodemus, and others as they tell the amazing story of Jesus from His birth in Bethlehem, the "House of Bread", to death, and miraculous resurrection! Featuring original music and script and minimal costumes and props, this 25-minute musical drama will make you laugh, cry, and revel in the wonder of our Savior, "Jesus, the Bread of Life"! Available on our website.

We appreciate you! Thank you for supporting us through prayer!

THE MERRILL EVANGELISTIC TEAM



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 2 SAMUEL 22:33

