

MOUTHPIECE

SUMMER | 2026

GROW

Jeremiah 17:8, the theme verse for our *Crosscut Creek* VBS this summer, shows what it means to be “as a tree planted by the waters.” That picture of being rooted, growing, and bearing fruit became more than just a theme for us. It shaped the message we wanted every child to hear: Jesus is the Living Water.

We were privileged to partner with nine churches to reach children and families with the gospel and help them grow in their understanding of Jesus. It took a lot of people, preparation, and more than a little costume changing to bring that message to life on stage! On Day 3, our intern, Will, started with five costumes layered on top of one another and peeled them off as he completed each role on stage!

Our prayer is that the truth shared this summer will take root and bear fruit in the lives of those who heard it. As Willow Mossgrove, our resident TreeTalk blogger at *Crosscut Creek*, reminded us, “You can’t grow strong by sitting and scrolling, so what are you waiting for?! Come on! Let’s get growing!”



A Summer of Impact

- **51 Salvation & Assurance Decisions**
- 2,820 Verses Memorized
- 24 Bibles Given Away
- 1 Week of Training Camp
- 9 Weeks of VBS
- 3 Patriotic Concerts
- 1,941 Miles Traveled (x4 Vehicles)

Fun Facts from Crosscut Creek:

- Over 15,000 Audio, Video, & Lighting Cues
- 6+ hours of memorized script
- 58 different costumed characters

Upcoming Events

Aug. 29 - 30 | Refresh Conference
Morganville, NJ

Sept. 13 | Sunday Services
Pepperell, MA

Sept. 20 | Sunday Services
Rhinebeck, NY

Sept. 25 | Men's Conference
Ulysses, PA

Sept. 27 - 30 | Refresh Conference
Moravia, NY

Oct. 9 - 11 | Refresh Conference
Machias, NY

Oct. 18 - 21 | Refresh Conference
Gifford, PA

Oct. 25 - 28 | Refresh Conference
Tioga, PA

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Keeping Joy in the Journey

April marked 34 years of ministry on the road for Randy and Tricia. They also celebrated their 42nd anniversary last week. It's been quite a journey!

Speaking of journeys, Randy and Tricia just received word that their Winnebago Journey needs a new exhaust manifold gasket. Thankfully, the Lord provided a Cummins engine service center about an hour away. We're praying for a smooth repair and a quick turnaround. God has always provided, and we can trust He knows what's best!

(Per the local's recommendation, we enjoyed some spectacular ice cream creations at The Crazy Mason in Concord, NC. What a treat!)

Side Notes

- We are so thankful for our summer interns. Please pray for them as they jump into a busy fall of school and ministry. Trevor is interning at Manley Baptist while pulling a hefty credit load at Carson-Newman University. As part of his training at Crown College, Will is heading over to England for the fall semester to get hands-on experience working with local pastors.
- Dave and Drew are currently on a 2,200+ mile trip, transporting the VBS trailer from New Jersey to its winter resting place in Alabama. Please pray for safety and that all will go well with the truck and tires.
- You are a blessing! Thank you for supporting us with your prayers as we continue serving the Lord on this journey.



THE MERRILL EVANGELISTIC TEAM

Randy & Tricia Merrill; Malchijah, Cora, & Esther Merrill
Dave, Miranda, Drew, & Zach Peets

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
that bringeth forth his fruit in his...*

season

PSALM 1:3



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