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We are currently in our eleventh VBS for 2025. We have enjoyed every week and see much fruit from our labor. While at Bailey's Grove Baptist Church in Asheboro, NC I took a picture with their skit crew. Thought you would enjoy seeing the goofy folks I get to work with sometimes.

An interesting story from there is concerning a special needs man named Ken Allred. Two years ago, while I was there I appointed him the sheriff and gave him a badge. I guess he has worn it ever since and told folks on a regular basis that he was Ranger Walker's sheriff. He literally has worn out his badge so I brought him up in front of the crowd and gave him a new badge. It sure was fun to make his day special.

A couple weeks later we were in Martinsburg, West Virginia at Loretta's home church, Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church. We often have adults come to VBS to accompany their children. At SBBC a 75-year-old granny came on the bus (this was probably 90-degree weather making the bus about 100). She came the last two nights. On the night of Champ and Dixie's performance, I saw her raise her hand for salvation and went out to talk to someone during the invitation. The preacher told me she said, "I want you to know that I did what that man said and now I am saved". What a great feeling to know you helped me be there to give the Gospel to this lady who is in the last season of her life.



SOUL WINNING REPORT

We have had almost **1800 children** plus adults in attendance over the last 11 meetings. That many people heard a clear presentation of the gospel. **315** made a decision to trust Christ. VBS is a great tool to get the gospel out. Many religions will allow their children to attend this when they wouldn't darken the door of a regular church service. Thank you for helping me go with the gospel.



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Remember when...



In 2005 Kevin had met a man who was traveling with a few inflatables to enable churches to have Big Days. Immediately Kevin thought it would be a perfect ending to the Vacation Bible School. Promote the upcoming carnival all week long and invite the family for the last night. It was definitely an idea from God and has been used tremendously to help churches throughout the United States to get out the gospel. We bought a bounce house for \$1,500 and had a friend in North Carolina help us make carnival game frames. We started out with ten midway style games like “knock it off”, “ring toss” and a host of others that we made up with inexpensive components.

After a season, Kevin thought it worked so well that in 2006 he decided to use the carnival throughout the year. We added an obstacle course that we had to raise the money to buy because it was \$4,000. So, we did the obstacle course, bounce and the ten carnival games for quite a while. That original obstacle was given away to a church that has a camp two years ago when we were down to not having anyone travel with us. It was huge and took quite a bit of time to set up and tear down. God did provide a smaller obstacle course in the same year.



Then while Kevin was guiding a man on a hunt he mentioned what he did for a living. The man was a Christian and interested so Kevin talked about his dream of having a mechanical bull someday for his “Cowboy Carnival”. At the end of the week that man told him he was going to buy him that bull. This was a \$15,000 item. Never dreamed we would have the money for it. It was delivered in December of 2007. We have purchased at least four new hides for the bull. Years ago it was \$500 last year we had to pay \$1,000. We have replaced the mat that surrounds the bull once and really need to replace it again because it is so worn and has some bad holes in it.

Now the carnival consists of a bounce, bull, obstacle course, slide, train, shooting gallery, baseball game, basketball game, western playland, teen wrecker ball and a neat carnival game tent with four games. We also have five midway style games that we have kept with us.

Wow it is so exciting to see how God put together the carnival and has used it to get folks to come to church to hear the gospel. You have enabled us by keeping these vehicles on the road. Our expenses are massive each year. But because of you we are still doing the same old thing and will continue to do so as long as we have the strength.