



We had one main worry as we began the process of putting this trip together. We worried that the hand bell team (the Ringers) and the non-ringers (the Roadies) would be feel like two separate groups. We wanted a unified 30-member team that worked together. During our preparation for this trip we talked extensively about how we could keep the group from feeling separated. The trip began at 9:00 am on Saturday, and by 9:15 we realized we had no reason to worry. Our youth are a family. In every place we went our youth were commended for representing Christ through the way they treated each other.



My name is Jonah Hughes. I am 14 years old, and I will be a freshman in high school next year.

I have been a Christian for my whole life, and I was raised in a Christian home. I have great parents who have taught to love God with all my heart.



I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe God sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. I believe He rose from the dead, and He is coming back. Being with others who also believe this is a blessing to me, that's why I like to hang out at youth group and church.

Every summer our youth group goes on a mission trip. I haven't gone until this year because the handbell tour was around the same time, and going on both trips and paying for both trips would be too much. This year, the trips were combined and it has been a blessing to go on both trips at once.

Working and helping people through manual labor has been awesome and is a great form of ministry, but what too many people don't know is that when we glorify God through music, it can also be a from of ministry. We play handbells to glorify God and to tell others about His awesome joy and love. When you connect music to God, we are doing our job. That is what music is to me.

I want to thank Joey for teaching me about ministry through work and Mr. Mark for teaching me about ministry through music.

Left: Matthew Robertson serves Thomas Langley during the footwashing service.
 Middle: Kathryn Mays works on the mission site.
 Right: Hunter Hughes pushes a wheelbarrow of bricks during our physical mission work on the Gulf Coast.



Left: Almost all of the youth splash in the hotel pool after a bell concert.
 Middle: Tracy Clatterbaugh, John Thomas Paul, Hallie Worthington, Cole York, and Kathryn Mays play the card game "May I" on a steamboat in New Orleans.
 Right: Katie Kavanaugh plays the guitar in Biloxi, Mississippi.



Left: The Ringers and Roadies set up for the evening concert in Pass Christian, Mississippi.
 Middle: Before the Hand Bell concert in Pass Christian Father Colby joins the youth for dinner.
 Right: Two Roadies, Tracy Clatterbaugh and Desiree Duff, sets out the ringer's robes and crosses.



Left: The ringers perform at the home concert.
 Middle: A group photo from the work site on the gulf coast. Four youth are not in the picture because they were either sick or hurt.
 Right: a group photo of the entire mission team after the New Orleans concert.

