



Boys Home of Virginia



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The Way of Love: Formation Focus for Chapel

A Note from Pastor Anne:

Do you know the seven practices that comprise the *Way of Love* for a Jesus-centered life? Ask any of the students at Boys Home and they will likely state --Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest. Each week in chapel the focus has been on one of these practices.

Turning to God was the first practice highlighted. Students read Scripture about biblical figures who turned their lives to God -- Abraham, Moses, James and John, Levi and Paul. Then the floor was open for students and staff to give their own life examples of the practice. One houseparent said coming to Boys Home had turned her life around in a wonderful way and brought her closer to God. Two students spoke of how they turned around schoolwork, behavior and faith during their time at Boys Home. Executive Director, Chris Doyle, shared his own story of turning around from trouble in school and friendships, with the help of coaches and mentors. They provided the motivation needed to take his current job. All were invited to turn to God and to keep making turns to walk with Jesus.

Learning began by helping the students become familiar with the Bible and its Old and New Testament. Together they include 66 books with history, stories, poetry, gospels and letters to Christians. The focus then centered on Jesus' core teaching in the beatitudes. To strengthen the teaching, eight students each read and described a beatitude. Listeners were invited to nominate someone in the community who modeled each quality. During discipleship, the students read from Matthew 5 and discussed which of the beatitudes they wanted to make their focus.

Prayer started with everyone learning and understanding the Lord's prayer. At chapel a simplified liturgy using the themes of "thanks", "help" and "wow" has often been used. In this liturgy students are asked to name an item of thanks, an area of needed help or a an exciting "wow" in their lives. Now students are learning how to write their own personal prayers of the people focusing on the church, nation, world, local community, those suffering and the departed.

Worship, bless, go and rest will be the focus in the weeks ahead. Jesus invites all of us to keep growing in the way of love that He modeled and taught. As the Boys Home students continue to grow in their faith and walk with Christ, please keep them in your prayers.



Pastor Anne (right) and current student Kenny (left) explore the *Way of Love* through scripture.

GET INVOLVED

DONATE

- * Become a member of the crew that supports Boys Home on a monthly basis, *Carpenter's Crew*. More information online.
- * Make an individual donation at **www.givetoboyshome.org**.
- * Make an in-kind donation to our Wish List. Find the list at **www.boyshomeofva.org** located at the bottom of the home page.

SPREAD THE WORD

- * Sign up for the Boys Home newsletter at **www.boyshomeofva.org** under "Mailing List."
- * Forward *Liaison Links* to other members of your church, friends and family.
- * Like us on Facebook & Instagram or follow us on Twitter.

STAY UP TO DATE

- **October 13:** Fall Open House
- **October 31:** P. Buckley Moss Raffle Drawing
- **November 5:** 6th Annual Boys Home Harvest Hustle
- **November 29:** Giving Tuesday

STUDENT PRAYER CORNER



Josh Eng's Prayer:

"I am currently praying for my success in school."

Your continued support of Boys Home is touching lives and changing futures for the better.

Thank you for all the ways you support these young men.

Thank you, St. John's Episcopal Church in Glasgow, Virginia , for the annual camping trip.
A Boys Home alumnus joined the trip. The staff and students had a wonderful time!



Upcoming Events

**You are invited to
Boys Home's Fall Open House**

Thursday, October 13, 2022

10 a.m.—2 p.m.



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Schedule of Events

10:00 a.m.— Registration in the gym

10:30 a.m.— View student displays from various classes.

11:00 a.m.— Meet and greet with several administrative staff members

Mark Miller— Intake & Evaluation Director

Jason Bush— Director of Facilities

Kenny Bess— Program Director

Teresa Johnson— Principal

12:00 p.m.— Lunch will be served

12:45 p.m.— Enjoy a self-guided tour of the facility.

1:30 p.m.— Student panel discussion in the chapel

Please RSVP by Friday, October 7 to Melinda at 540-965-7707
or email at mnichols@boyshomeofva.org.

If you or a member of your parish feel called to support Boys Home, please contact the Development department at (540) 965-7717, or by email at ebrelsford@boyshomeofva.org.



Boys Home of Virginia P. Buckley Moss Raffle 2022

**\$5.00 per ticket or
\$45.00 for 10 tickets**

Print #140 - Concord Covered Bridge
Framed by Loving Art & Frame
of Covington, VA.

Drawing will be October 31, 2022!



For more information, call 540-965-7707
or visit www.boyshomeofva.org!

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or credit card info to:

Boys Home of Virginia
Attn: Melinda Nichols
414 Boys Home Rd.
Covington, VA 24426

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Saturday, November 5, 2022
Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.

Jackson River Scenic Trail—Intervale Trailhead
1903 Dressler Drive, Covington, VA 24426



Half-Marathon

9:30 a.m.

\$45

after 9/15 - \$50

10K

9:45 a.m.

\$30

after 9/15 - \$35

5K

10:00 a.m.

\$25

after 9/15 - \$30

Visit www.runforboyshome.org to register
or call for more information 540-965-7707.



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