

## Remembering Betty

In 1995, Burl and Betty Traylor took a group of young ministry students to share the Gospel on the street corners of New York for a week. They visited Metro Ministries, an inner city ministry to the kids of New York City. Betty felt the Holy Spirit wash over her, anointing her and telling her she would do this work in Jacksonville. Just one year earlier, they had followed God's call and began working with City Center, a local church reaching out to the unchurched of downtown. Now the Lord would use this journey to New York to move them along in His journey with Burl and Betty.



His Word so that it might change their lives.

In 2003, Betty left her 35-year career as a Respiratory Therapist to "retire" into this ministry running six sites and working tirelessly six days a week. Later, Robbie would be added - of all the children Betty spiritually raised in this world, the only one who could truly call her "Mom".

Now, 2,500 Funday School services later, 19 Birthday Parties for Jesus, and untold numbers having heard the Gospel and turning to

Christ, Betty retired to her true rest. On March 6, 2015, the Founder of Sidewalk Funday School went Home to be with her Lord.

While we miss Betty terribly, our hearts are not troubled and the ministry God gave to Betty already carries on - at six sites, six days a week. Mrs. Betty knew her Savior, she knew her mission...

*No one was more selfless, more giving, or more Christ-like than Betty Traylor. She was a joy to be around, and an encouragement to others even when she faced discouraging times. She leaves a legacy and an example for us to follow.*

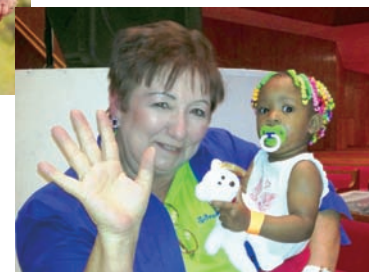
Mac Brunson  
Betty's Pastor, First Baptist Jacksonville

After much struggling with the Lord, Betty and Burl committed to the vision they knew God was giving them - to reach kids in unchurched communities throughout Jacksonville. Sidewalk Funday School, as the name implies, would be an exciting, impassioned presentation of God's Holy Word set in a fun atmosphere of rollicking praise music, a loud sound system, crazy games...and a blue tarp.

All this was meant to involve Betty, Burl and those that would come alongside them, in the lives of these children every week. They would not simply tell of the love of Jesus Christ but they would show His love to them as well, and watch them come to know Christ as their Savior, learn songs about the Lord, and learn



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Luke 4:18. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor, He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

## Remembering Frank

Just a few days after Betty's homegoing, SFS lost another treasured family member. Board Member, Frank Neece unexpectedly went home to be with the Lord March 15, 2015.

Frank led his entire family, wife Beth and daughters Amy and Abby, in serving with SFS every Tuesday at Desert Winds Apartments where Beth is our site leader. As a family, they showed their steadfast love and service to the Lord and their love to the children to whom we minister. Frank was a true man of God whose strong, Spirit-tempered leadership will be greatly missed on our board, but we are thankful his impact will continue through Beth, Amy and Abby.



Frank also ministered with The Gideons and faithfully served as an usher at First Baptist Church. He worked at CSX Transportation as a Director in the Mechanical department for 40 years, with plans to retire in April. As a testament to Frank's impact on those around him, his funeral was filled to overflowing with friends, family, and many, many coworkers. Those who attended were blessed to hear Beth's eloquent, loving, and endearing words with which she honored her husband.



*"Our heart's desire was for a different outcome but we know none of this has taken God by surprise and that He has not forsaken or forgotten us. He is still in control!"*

*Frank was genuine. The way you saw him at work, church and everyday life was who he was privately at home. 1 Corinthians 13 truly embodies Frank's life. He was kind, patient and self-sacrificing to Amy, Abby and me and others.*

*Only eternity will reveal the number of lives that have been impacted by Frank's kind, warm, and gentle spirit but I'm confident... it will be many"*

Beth Neece remembering Frank

## Even Though We Have Lost Some Servants, Ministry Continues in Old and New Ways



### Happy Birthday Jesus Party

The annual "Happy Birthday Jesus" Christmas party was celebrated on the first Saturday of December. FBC Jacksonville graciously opens their doors to allow us to use their facilities for this event. With great excitement, for the first time we were able to combine this with the Children's Department Christmas musical to provide a real treat for our kids – a Christian production of the caliber most of them would otherwise not get to see were it not for this annual event. God's great and perfect timing brought the play's Director, Teri Van Duyn and our President, Kimberly Hansen together (you should ask Kimberly to tell you the story when you see her) to arrange this combination. Both of these women have a tremendous heart to reach children for the Lord and to help "train them up in the way they should go". Through the generous donations of those who support this ministry, ten buses were rented to bring some 500 children and 25 parents from seven

sites. They soon were engaged in games and singing and then were presented the gospel through the program with a call to come to Christ by this ministry's great friend, Pastor Angel Santiago. Afterwards, while they were leaving, they were given perhaps the only Christmas present they will receive. The greatest gift, though, was Jesus Christ as some 65 decisions were made for Him. In addition to Mrs. Van Duyn, FBC, and Pastor Angel, we want to thank our other partner ministries without whom this experience could not have been accomplished.

### Community Empowerment

Mayor Alvin Brown hosted the first Renew Jax Community Empowerment Day on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at Eureka Gardens, with subsequent events held at Washington Heights and Cleveland Arms which were focused on bringing service providers from the community, directly to the neighborhoods of the residents that need them. Sidewalk Funday School, as a Faith-based partner already at work in these communities was invited to share the Gospel! We also partnered with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in the Community Action Project on April 18th to show the Love of Jesus to Jacksonville and invite folks to the Franklin Graham Greater Jacksonville Festival of Hope to be held May 29-31.



Mayor Brown and Kimberly at Washington Heights

## Board of Directors Welcomes Kimberly Hansen as New President of Sidewalk Funday School

On Tuesday, April 7th, 2015, the Board unanimously elected Kimberly Hansen as the President of SFS. For the last ten months, Kimberly had been acting as interim President at the recommendation and request of Founder and President, Betty Traylor, shortly after Betty was diagnosed with cancer. Kimberly is married to Richard and they have a daughter, Sabrina. She also serves as Vice President and Project Manager for Integrated Construction. But her first love is the Lord and her heart is to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wayne Simmons, SFS board member and Treasurer, is the longest-serving volunteer at SFS and has worked closely with Betty and Burl for over ten years. In commenting on the board's decision, he said, "Even in Betty's absence, the ministry continues. Betty would have it no other way and, in fact, when diagnosed with cancer, immediately began taking steps to insure ministry continuity. She had great trust and faith in Kimberly and was convinced the Lord had brought her to volunteer at SFS at just the right time."

Jack Cummings, Chairman of the Board, stated "Deuteronomy 34:10 tells us, 'There arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.' Yet when Moses died God had a leader prepared in Joshua. There will never be another Betty Traylor. She too was a great leader with a vision given by God. Just as God did with Joshua, in Kimberly Hansen He has prepared a leader to follow Betty. Just as Moses knew who would follow him and knew him personally and put his hand of approval upon Joshua, so has Betty done with Kimberly. She was grateful to God for providing Kimberly in this time of need. Our goal is to fulfill the plans God has given us for SFS. We continue to move forward and grow and certainly God has given us the leader to do this. For those of you who support and volunteer with SFS, please be faithful to pray for Kimberly – and all our leadership and missionaries - as we continue the journey God has for this ministry.

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### Letter from the President



*Love Jesus, Love children, Share the Gospel. I believe that accurately sums up the theme of the life of my friend and my mentor, Betty Traylor. Betty's life demonstrated what our Lord and Savior said was the greatest commandment, to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind and to Love your neighbor as yourself. She weaved the greatest commandment beautifully together with Jesus's final command, to Go and Make Disciples.*

*Before getting to know Betty, I didn't know about or understand the ministry of Sidewalk Funday School. Like probably many of you, I had heard about the Christmas party but I did not realize it was a 6 day a week children's church in multiple locations, all over the City of Jacksonville! As I got to know Betty and understand the ministry, God drew me to her more and more.*

*My heart has been towards missions since I was a young adult when my husband and I attended the first of what would be several short-term mission trips. We have even had the chance to take our daughter Sabrina on one. We had prayed for years to seek God's will on how we were to be involved in missions but the door never opened for us to go the international mission field. Once we were entrusted with Sabrina, we both very intentionally wanted to teach our daughter how to be a soul winner – and for her to know and appreciate how blessed she was for the circumstances into which she was born.*

*It became clear to me that Sidewalk Funday School was the answer to my prayers. Here was a place that not only I could serve as a*

*missionary, but we could serve as a family. The truth is that I wish had gotten involved in SFS a lot earlier! Once you experience the kids and see how hungry they are for love and the Gospel – you become convicted of the need and want to keep coming back. I am going to miss my dear friend. There was so much more that I wanted to learn from her. Please know, I view the Ministry that she passed on as a Sacred Trust. Sidewalk Funday School will continue with each step bathed in prayer.*

*I ask that you continue to pray for our board and the ministry in the wake of the losses of Betty and Frank - their impact was immeasurable. Please pray especially for Burl, Robbie, Beth, Amy and Abby.*

*Psalm 34:18 promises us, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit"*

*We will continue to follow in Mrs. Betty's footsteps – Love Jesus. Love children. Share the Gospel.*



Kimberly, Sabrina, and Richard  
in Managua, Nicaragua



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Pray for missionaries to share the Gospel unto Salvation with unchurched children.



**Offerings**

SFS could not spread the Gospel without your generous offerings.



**Participate**

Be a missionary in just two hours a week, no passport required.



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Sidewalk Funday School, Inc., 124 West Ashley Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

**Yes, I will "POP" for Sidewalk Funday School! I will:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pray for the children who can't go to church, for the ministry and the missionaries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Offer a faithful monthly financial contribution of : \$5 \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate on a local mission trip across town. I will visit the web site, <http://www.sidewalkfundayschool.com/be-a-missionary/> to learn more about this local mission opportunity!