

Faith walking itself out by showing our community that EVERY single person no matter the ability is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

What a celebration it was to have our culminating activity for our Bible study and dance to have a recital.

Bailey's Thoughts Use or Don't:

When we first started the Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Dance Team we didn't know if people would be interested, if anyone would come to Bible Study, or if I could continue to come up with different dance curriculum throughout the year. BUT GOD! The truth is that we constantly remind ourselves of this in ministry; it's not because of us, but what God is doing. As we grow, as we have a wait list for dance class, as we have a need for more Bible Studies, as we get to have a dance recital; I am constantly humbled and blessed that none of this would be possible without God!

Throughout the first year I would have a smaller show for our parents/caregivers after each dance session. The room was tight, but the families/caregivers always made it work. We would fill up our dance room with our 20-25 dancers, 7 volunteers, and usually 30-50 guests. We didn't feel right about limiting family members and wanted to give other people in our dancers' lives a chance to see all they accomplished and have worked so hard on. The need for a dance recital was a huge need!

On my heart it was always that I wanted to do the dance recital in a way that glorified God and not myself. Many told me to charge for the recital. It would have been easy, but this was a beautiful day to show how capable my dancers are, to freely share the gospel, and be able to share what God is doing in Northern Colorado through FCA All-Abilities!

My dancers did AMAZING! From adjusting to the space, to remembering to smile, remembering all the curriculum, and helping each other out. What a team they truly are! My dancers push themselves hard and consistently challenge themselves and each other in both dance and their faith! They are capable of so much! Dance Team/ parents/ caregivers truly you all make our hearts so full!

I want to thank Good Shepherd for always welcoming my dancers with arms open wide and hosting our dance recital! Shout out to Hayes that really helped us pull off the dance recital in so many ways! For the dance recital we were expecting maybe 50-70 guests. We did not count, but I would say we had over 200 people there. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it an amazing celebration!

I had two favorite parts of the recital that tie together. The first was throughout the recital I could look out into the audience and see our other athletes up in the aisles dancing to the music with us. In any other recitals people probably would have thought that was distracting, in our dance recital I think that is perfect and truly brings a smile to my face. More than showing what we have been working on, I love that dance brings people together and brings joy. So if people are dancing and singing with us that is amazing! To go along with this I loved the end where everyone stood up and joined us in the YMCA. Other athletes joined us in the front and it was a beautiful image of unity! God is good and we are blessed as we reflect on this year and our community!