

The Day that Changed the World

A young, recently married woman was keeping the two boys of an unwed mother in the 1930's when the mother did not return for her children. She and her husband elected to raise them as their own. Soon after, her husband died and she raised these two boys by herself.

Bo, as her grandchildren affectionately called her, was a Christian and a member of the East Main Street Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, TN. She never remarried and focused on these two boys, her Christianity, and trying to make a living in the depression era as a single mother. The day she decided to become a Christian changed the world for her and many others. The day she decided to raise these two boys changed their world forever. That day changed my world, my children's world, and the world of many others.

You see, Bo was my grandmother, supporter, cheerleader, defender, mentor, teacher, moral example, and model of Christianity.

During VBS last week, we looked at three days which changed the world. Those three days have changed every single day since that time. If Jesus had not been willing to come to earth, live the life he lived and teach what he taught, be despised and rejected, crucified and raised, then Bo would not have been a Christian. She would not have taken in those boys and raised them as she did. One of those boys raised my siblings and me in the same way and eventually, we raised our children similarly. The day she put Christ on in baptism was a day that changed the world.

How about you? Have you made that one foundational decision in your life that will change your world and the world of countless others? Decide today to become a Christian. Make today the day that changes your world! If you are a Christian and not living as a Christian should, then make today the day that changes the world for you too!

“Behold, now is ‘the day of salvation’” (2 Corinthians 6:2, NASB).

For the elders,

Gary Woodall