

Winter Bash Workshop in Dallas, Texas

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Twenty-six Unificationist youth and six dedicated staff from Texas and Arkansas gathered for a Winter Bash program in Dallas. Slightly different from their usual workshops, this event was concentrated over three days. The staff decided to incorporate Greek Mythology into their program, under the premise that the mysticism of the gods were eventually challenged, and their intents for humans were questioned.

“We believed this would create a comfortable atmosphere for people to question or test their own faith,” said one of the event organizers.

Several guest speakers from the community came to talk about their experiences in their pursuit of a life of faith. They also heard from their District Pastor, Rev. John Jackson, about what one can do to help deepen their faith. In addition, two Generation Peace Academy graduates held a Q&A panel.

On one night of the Bash, they incorporated a small challenge night portion. The activities were internal, team-oriented, and reflective, and provided a healthy challenge for participants to better understand their personal faith.

They finished the Bash by taking everyone to see the new Star Wars movie.

“We didn’t promote this Bash heavily because it was experimental, but I believe everyone had a great experience,” said a staff member.