

Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church

16 Trees – 73 Volunteers – 86 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church

These students put their faith into action by planting trees!

This was Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church's first CommuniTree planting, and they did a great job.

The church applied for a mix of 16 shade trees—8 red oak and 8 red maples—to plant in the Marantha Memorial Gardens to help beautify the cemetery. These trees will provide shade for people visiting loved ones in the cemetery, while also increasing tree canopy on site and in Berkeley County.

In the weeks leading up to the tree planting, the students learned about the parts of trees and their benefits to the environment.

Planting day took place on

Friday, May 4, starting at 9:00am with Tanner Haid and Zach Norris from Cacapon Institute, as well as Project Leader Jordan Jones, placing all of the materials out at each hole.

Over the course of the day, all 61 students at the school, from kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade, participated in planting the trees.

Each class was split into two groups, and each of the groups planted two trees.

The students were responsible for filling in the holes with soil, mulching the trees, installing the stakes, tubes, and arbor tie,



as well as watering the trees.

A water tank with a pump was purchased to help water the trees throughout the summer.

The church has plans for planting more trees in future planting seasons.

According to Jordan, "This was probably the smoothest project we have ever been apart of. We can not wait...to do this again!"

A word from the Project Leader, Jordan Jones:

"Our favorite part was getting outside and getting our hands dirty. Knowing that we are doing something to help the community is also a great benefit. The memories of the kids laughing and having a good time are priceless. The volunteers have learned the value of hard work and helping out."



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