

At the close of each production, we spend a few minutes in class the next week talking about the show and give a grace-filled critique. On these weeks, our devotion will feature a testimony from one of our students. This week, we asked Mylanie Boone, who joined STP in 2012, to share a little about her experience in our ministry.

My journey at Spiritual Twist Productions started with a "chance" email and a praying mama. I was interested in doing drama and theater, but the theaters that we had looked at were not doing age appropriate shows for a 12-year-old girl. My mom found two places. I don't even remember the name of one, but the other was called CYT, which is now known as Spiritual Twist Productions. My mom emailed both places and told me whichever place emails back first would be the one that we went with. So, because I'm writing this, you can guess that STP emailed back first.

I remember walking in the first day as a very nervous young girl not knowing anybody and wondering if I was even going to be able to make a friend. Little did I know that everyone sitting around me, though I hadn't met them yet, were going to be amazing friends. I was taught by great leaders and mentors. I remember thinking my TTA's (the teacher training assistants) were the coolest people in the world, and I wanted to be just like them. I loved hanging out with them every time I could.

Looking back from a graduate's perspective, I understand why I was so drawn to my TTA's and friends at STP. Spiritual Twist Productions is an environment where everyone believes that worshipping God comes first, that God gets the glory, and that is the reason we put on the shows. Although we are a drama focused facility, STP is ministry minded, and its members are like-minded in their desire to honor God. It is comforting to be able to come into a place where you know no one will tease you. Going through late middle and high school, having a safe haven like STP really empowered me. I can go into places where people who are not like-minded and I am able to remain strong to my own faith knowing that there are people that believe like me! I am not alone! There are people who want to worship and honor God!

STP has given me the opportunity to lead as a TTA and now as a Directing Intern. I learned so much, not only about leadership in general but about leadership under the influence of Christ. Though they are similar, leadership in Christ is different. I can do anything that God calls me to do, and He will give me the strength to carry out His will. If He calls me to jump over the moon, and if it's truly in His will, I'll be jumping over the moon! That's the message that I have truly gathered from STP. I can be a leader in Christ, rely on God, and trust in Him fully. He will help me carry out His will for His glory.

STP Motto: *In everything you do, put God first and He will direct your path and crown your efforts with success. Proverbs 3:6*

