

# Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church

16 Trees – 104 Volunteers – 109 Hours Volunteered

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Martinsburg Christian Academy

Shenandoah Bible Baptist Church is “*A Place to Call Home*” for 16 new trees.

That is the church motto, and it couldn't be any more true. The pastors, staff, teachers, and students were all truly wonderful to work with and made this project a great success.

This was the first tree planting of the fall 2018 season, taking place on Friday, October 12.

Tanner Haid from Cacapon Institute and Heather Duncan with the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, along with Brother Jordan Jones and another church staffer, prepared the site for the students.

By 10:00am, it was off to the races!

Classes came out for 1 hour each to help plant the

trees. Each class was split into two groups to learn about trees and plant their own with either Tanner or Heather.

Over the course of the day, 91 students and 10 teachers got their hands dirty planting trees. They all loved the experience and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about their environment and make an impact in their community.

Before planting day, all of the classes also worked with their teachers to learn about the benefits of trees and how trees help protect the environment.



This was the second CommuniTree planting at the church, the first taking place in [spring 2018](#).

The church is excited to build upon these successes and is looking into opportunities to plant more trees in the future.

Thanks for bringing us into your “home” and hosting such a wonderful project!

## A word from the Project Leader, Jordan Jones:

*“I can not see anything different that CommuniTree could do better! They always do an amazing job of making sure everyone is having a good time and getting the education they need.”*



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