



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

Spring
2007

Hi Everyone

As I reflect back on the many experiences we have had since we opened I can truly say that each day we must find blessings in every event. Some days we find ourselves scratching our heads but we soon realize EVERY event is a blessing!

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Quarterly Newsletter

Since January at
the Center

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him” Romans 8:28

I would like to thank everyone who donated, participated and organized our 3rd annual yard sale and auction. We had a great day and raised \$6k for our programs and operating expenses. I would also like to thank those individuals and families who have faithfully supported their pledges that they made in November during our annual Fundraising Banquet; we are still asking that you can consider how you can help by offering financial support for the remainder of our expenses for 2007. We need to raise approximately \$40k to meet our budget requirements for the rest of the year.

- ☺ 50+ volunteers have assisted us with our various programs and activities
- ☺ We have encouraged many high school students who play basketball at the center to register for tests and classes that will prepare them for further education.
- ☺ 2 of our afterschool students placed 1st and 2nd in their schools' spelling bees.
- ☺ Come by and see how we're growing!

On April 21st a large number of individuals participated in a mission day through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina (CBFNC) assisting us at the center with many outdoor projects including painting, sign installation and grounds maintenance. They also shared God's love by assisted a local family paint the interior of their home. The churches that were represented in the Littleton community were Littleton Baptist Church and Warrenton Baptist Church.

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I am also excited to share CBFNC's plan to have a family weekend experience in November to do additional projects and outreach in our community bringing families from around the state to assist us reach our local community with God's love. We will be sharing additional information with you about this project and how your group can also participate in similar projects.

Please be in prayer for our children and staff that will participate in our summer camp this year that they will experience the hope and encouragement that God has promised through His Son!!

Because of Him
Juli

Science and Math Fun Day Scheduled!

Friday, May 11th

3:30PM—5:30 PM

Take advantage of this opportunity to let your children see through science experiments and math games that learning these subjects can be fun!

Call The John 3:16 Center to register your children for this special activity. Children must be registered by May 5th and be in grades 1-8 in order to participate.



Volunteer Spotlight: Margie Duckett



I am a retired Registered Nurse. We moved to Lake Gaston in 2001. I ran HealthLink in Roanoke Rapids for 3 years. After they ran out of grant money, I decided to stay home. I wanted to do something to help my community. I had heard about the John 3:16 Center at church but thought, "I haven't been around kids in 20 years! I won't know what to do with them!" I waited months and I kept getting a little "mental nudge" telling me to volunteer at the John 3:16 Center. Finally I went and filled out the application.

I don't know if I have blessed anyone by working there, but I have certainly been blessed by doing it! The kids just grab hold of your heart and you find yourself looking forward to seeing them the next week. Last Wednesday night at church, I peeked in at the little kids in the AWANAS program. There was one of the John 3:16 little boys in the group. He saw me and ran over. He said, "What are you doing here?" I replied, "This is my church." With a grin, he replied, "Mine too!" I was so proud of him. I'm proud of all the kids at the Center. Juli told me when I applied that they would steal my heart, and she was so right!



NOW HIRING SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS!



The John 3:16 Center is currently looking for 4 summer camp counselors, two male, two female. Counselors must be at least entering their senior year of high school. There will be 9 weeks of camp, including 1 training week.

Summer Day Camp will be held Monday through Friday, from 8:30am- 3:30pm.

Be important in the life of a child by sharing Christ and His special promises. This is also a great experience for those interested in Youth Ministries!

For more information please call (252)-586-1800 and ask for Juli or Shannon. Or e-mail us at care2001@earthlink.net.

GED Update

Our GED Class, under the direction of Halifax Community College, is going well this semester. We opened on January 8th with 4 students and will end this semester on May 8th with at least 16 students on our roster. We are averaging 7 students a day.

I am very proud of the hard work of most of our students. At least 4 of them have passed sections of the GED and all of them are making progress toward their goals.

We are thankful for the opportunity both to teach and learn, and are grateful to The John 3:16 Center for making this available to us in Littleton. Our summer classes will resume on May 24th at noon here at the Center. We will be moving to St. Alban's Episcopal Church on June 4th for the remainder of the summer semester.

Thank you,
Martha Nida
GED Instructor

The John 3:16 Center's 2007 FREE Summer Day Camp

Camp Dates

June 11—June 15
June 18—June 22
June 25—June 29
July 9—July 13
July 16—July 20
July 23—July 27
July 30—Aug. 3
Aug. 6—Aug. 10

Grade Level

Entering 6th—9th
Entering 3rd—5th
Entering 6th—9th
Entering 3rd—5th
Entering 6th—9th
Entering 3rd—5th
Entering 6th—9th
Entering 3rd—5th

Registration begins May 1st!

25 students will be accepted for each week of camp on a First Come—First Served basis. Please note that all grade levels refer to the grade the child will enter in the fall. Application forms MUST be signed by a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN and will require a copy of the child's birth certificate and medical insurance information.

Camp is from 9am—3pm and children will need to bring a towel and change of clothes each day for water games. Each day will include games, a devotional, crafts, and more.

If you have any questions, please call The John 3:16 Center at 252-586-1800 or stop by 407 East End Avenue, Littleton (behind the old car wash) to pick up an application.



A Poem by one of our Students:



J is for JESUS...which is the topic of my poem
 E is for equality...He treated everyone fair no matter there gender or race
 S is for super...JESUS is supernatural. He preforms miracles everyday.
 U is for unique...JESUS was the most unique man to walk on earth.
 S is for Savior...He is the Savior known and made for man.

By: Natarshia Corley

In Honor of Mother's Day:

Dear Mom, I want to tell you that I love you. You are a good mother to me. Mom, you're my angel and God loves you just like I do. You gave me blood to live. You are the person I knew first. God told you to take care of me until I'm old enough to take care of myself. Happy Mother Day! Love, L.J.

Dear Mom, I am going to get you a new car for Mother Day. From D.J.

Dear Grandmother, I want you to know this, I love you. I love you because you care and everything else. Happy Mother's Day! Love, B.C.

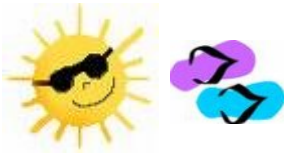
Dear Mom, How are you. I love because you feed me you and take care of me. I love you because you love me. I love you because you clothes me and help me when I need it the most. Thank you for helping me learn to read, wriht, and tigh my shoes tight. And how t count to 100 and say my A, B, C's and how to talk and to walk and color and how to spell and how to changlige my self in puzzles. Love, A.J.

Dear Mother, I want you to know this, I love you, I miss you and I wish yo were here. I love you because you care, and everything else. Happy Mother's Day! Love, B.C.



The John 3:16 Center's Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Open 10am—6pm	Open 10am—6pm	Open 10am—6pm	Open 10am—6pm	Open 10am—6pm	Open 9 am—3 pm
GED 10am—1pm	GED 12noon—3pm	GED 10am—1pm	GED 12noon—3pm	After-School	Donations Accepted 10am—2pm
After-School	After-School	After-School	After-School	Craft Days/ Special Programs	Free Play
	Music Lessons	AWANA	NA—7 pm	AA—7 pm	Family Days



Summer Camp Plans



Plans for our 3rd year of FREE Summer Day Camp are underway! Our goal is to provide a day camp for 25 children per week for 8 weeks, allowing 200 children to share in this experience. Below you will find a sponsor sheet which will enable you to respond to this opportunity. Each sponsor will receive an "after-camp" update from the child they sponsor so that the sponsor may see how God has worked in the child's life because of their generosity. Last year more than 130 children participated and it was so exciting to see how God worked in the lives of those children. We are looking forward to working with more children this year and sharing Christ with them as they do devotions, make crafts, and play games. A donation of \$75 will enable a child to go to camp for one week. <>

Sponsor Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address _____

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration: ____/____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Number of Children you wish to sponsor: _____

Please mail check or above credit card information to:
The John 3:16 Center Post Office Box 1541 Littleton, NC 27850



Other Ways you can Support Our Free Summer Day Camp



Sunday School or other groups can prepare a meal for our campers

Volunteer to teach a special craft one day

NEW Craft Supplies or Craft Supply Kits (enough for at least 25 of the same)

Donating Needed Supplies:

Powdered drink mix (in the plastic containers)

Gatorade (large size, if possible, powder O.K. too)

Sandwich size Ziploc bags

Paper towels

Paper, plastic, or styrofoam plates/bowls

Napkins

Toilet tissue

9 oz. Plastic Cups (no styrofoam)

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" 'For God so loved the WORLD, that HE gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.' " -JOHN 3:16



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The center will provide opportunities for parental and community involvement in the lives of their children. We look forward to realizing this vision by providing the following services through the center:

- **After-school check-in**
- **Programs and structured activities for children**
- **Free summer day camps**
- **and holiday enrichment programs**
- **Outdoor recreation including a walking trail, softball field, basketball court, and playground**
- **Counseling services provided by local agencies**
- **Parenting classes and workshops**
- **Conflict Resolution workshops (adult and youth)**
- **GED and Literacy classes**
- **12 Step support meetings (AA, NA)**
- **Family outreach (free clothing, home furnishings, hygienic items)**
- **Food pantry**

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