



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

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Hi, Everyone!

Often times, I find myself, as I am sure many of you do, caught up in the tasks in front of me: the schedules, obligations and the daily chores, that I lose sight of what is really important. However, somehow God always has a way of bringing me back to His primary purpose: the responsibility I have of sharing His grace and love with those around me.

At the center, we are blessed with God's abundant grace, which has allowed us to touch so many lives in ways we may never know through the generosity and support of His people. It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter for 2007 and we are already making plans for Christmas and our 2008 programs.

You will notice in the newsletter the Board of Directors' plans for the annual fundraising banquet and encourage each of you to consider how you can assist us to continue serving God throughout the holiday season and into next year.

The "Board" voted on our operating budget for 2008 last week; the budget they approved is \$134K, which is an increase of 17K from 2007. I am sure that you share my excitement that we are able to offer so many programs and services to the community on a comparatively small budget to other agencies and groups in the area.

I would like to thank everyone who has been faithful in sending their 2007 pledges and look forward to seeing you at the banquet on November 30th. I encourage you to be prayerfully considering the ways you can support us in 2008.

Because of Him,

Juli

I would like to thank everyone who in some way contributed to the completion of our addition. We had many great workers, donors and businesses who made it possible for us to complete the addition so that we can run simultaneous programs and events. It is being well used and enjoyed already and I know we will continue to enjoy it. Thanks!!!!

Since July at the Center

- ☺ We have distributed school supplies to 50+ students and have the ability to keep them supplied throughout the school year.
- ☺ 130+ children attended our Free Summer Day Camp this year.
- ☺ 7 of the 11 children who made decisions to accept Christ during Summer Day Camp were baptized at the lake in August.
- ☺ We have given clothing to over 110 individuals.

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FREE KIDS CARNIVAL

The John 3:16 Center

Littleton, North Carolina

November 3, 2007

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Music, Preschool Games, Crafts, Inflatable Rides, Climbing Wall
Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, Popcorn

***INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US
FOR THIS FUN DAY TOGETHER!***

Sponsors: Littleton Baptist Church, Warrenton Baptist Church, Wise Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Henderson
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship North Carolina

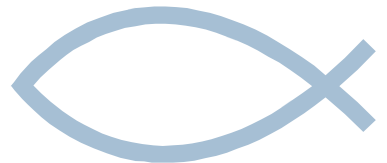


The John 3:16 Center

sponsoring

YWAM

“Youth With A Mission”



YWAM's purpose is to train and send missionaries to reach people who have never heard the Good News of Jesus. We trust many will be encouraged to do their part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Everyone in Grades 7-12 Welcome!

November 10 & 11

-Discipleship Training

-Drama

-Work Project

More information to follow.

For more information about YWAM

www.ywamCarolina.org

*You Are Invited to
The John 3:16 Center's Board of Directors
Second Annual Fundraising Banquet*

We will be hosting our
Second Annual Fundraising Banquet on
Friday, November 30th at the
Chockoyotte Country Club in Weldon.
Hor d'oeuvres will be served from 6:30—7:30 PM
and dinner will be served at 7:30 PM.

Information about The John 3:16 Center
(now entering its 4th year of serving this community)
and entertainment will be provided. Dress for this
event is business casual.

Table sponsors are needed for this event. The cost
of sponsoring a table is \$150. Table sponsors will
have their names listed in the evening's program
and on their tables. They may also invite people to
join them at their table for the event.

For more information, to sponsor a table, or to RSVP,
call The John 3:16 Center to speak to Juli Jenkins or
Shannon Smiley at 252-586-1800 by November 9th.

Volunteers Needed For Assisting with:

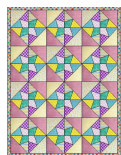


Keeping our clothes closet in order
Our afterschool program
Getting computer room ready for use
Nearing Christmas—wrapping gifts

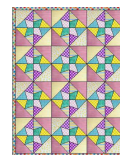


If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, or have a special skill you would like to share with our children, please contact us.

Quilt Raffle



The quilting class taught by The Piecemakers made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off, benefiting The John 3:16 Center. The quilt is currently on display and tickets are available at The John 3:16 Center for prices of \$1 each or \$5 for 6. The drawing will be held at the Fundraising Banquet November 30th (see page 3). You do not need to be present to win.



GED Class Update

Our GED class is continuing to thrive. We have had 21 students enroll so far this semester and 1 has graduated since our Fall term began. Our students range in age from 17 to 71, come from various ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds, yet find common ground and fellowship in striving toward a common goal—that of furthering their education. We all say, “Thanks for the opportunity!” —Martha Nida



Christmas Preparations



Christmas Toy Drive

We will need toys to distribute at Christmas to families who would otherwise not have gifts for their children.

We are asking that churches or businesses begin accepting toys November 11th and drop them off or arrange to have them picked up before December 12th. Gifts are given to ages infant and up. Examples of gifts that would be appropriate are: board games, baby toys, dolls and Barbies (ethnically diverse), toy cars and trucks, stuffed animals, balls, books, etc. Please send no toy guns, other toy weapons, or used items.

Please do not wrap gifts; we need to see them in order to give each to the child for which the gift is most appropriate. Donations of wrapping paper are also welcomed.

Santa's Stop

Santa will be visiting The John 3:16 Center again on December 22nd. Registration for this event will be held December 3rd-14th. A gift will be given to each registered child that attends. All are welcome to register and attend.

Live Nativity

This is a wonderful way to remind the community of the reason we celebrate Christmas! Churches, groups, and Sunday school classes are invited to participate in a Live Nativity at The John 3:16 Center December 17-December 20. We would like to have one group each night from 5 pm-7 pm. Please call to arrange the night that would work best for you.



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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



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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