



# The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

## A Note From the Director

July  
2006

Hi Everyone!!

I am always excited to share with you the many blessings and events that we have had at the center since our last newsletter. Summer is in full swing and we have had 3 weeks of camp since the children got out of school. We have had about 75 children at the center enjoying our activities and devotions. Our counselors and assistant counselors are enjoying the children and the many opportunities to witness and share God's love with them. You will have a chance to read about our summer staff on page 5; their future plans along with their personal walks with God. Thank you to all who have sponsored a child for camp, if you have not had a chance to do so you will have an opportunity on page 3 of the newsletter to respond to our need for additional camp sponsors.

I would also like to share with you a very special individual and how her service at the center has been truly inspirational. Blair Jarrells was a volunteer at the center and many of you may have known her by the poetry she wrote. Blair passed away on June 2, 2006. She may not have had material and monetary gifts to share with us but she had the humility and compassion to jump in and help pick up trash, sweep floors, and do yard work. Her first words were always "Hey, how are you doing?" not "What can you do for me?" I am so grateful to have known Blair, to call her my friend and I will miss her greatly. In Blair's words I will share with you how she felt about our center and the community.

Juli

### "The Angels Came"

In our little town there was so little joy.  
 So sad were the faces on each girl and boy.  
 There was no place for the children to play.  
 The streets were getting more dangerous each and every day.  
 Then one morning, up drove a big black van.  
 A lady came up with a big smile on her face.  
 Beside her was a big friendly man.  
 At one glance, I knew they were our friend.  
 Finally I knew that the sadness in our town, would soon come to an end.

Soon there was much progress made.  
 Our town's people were happier than they had been in a decade.  
 In a few weeks the land was cleared, the tree's were down.  
 There stood much barren ground.  
 There to assist them were the many volunteers.  
 In our town there were suddenly much happiness and many cheers.  
 There was enough room for the center they had planned.  
 They had a great celebration, and the children they'd laugh and play.  
 They were so happy, they began to pray  
 They were thanking God for the coming day.  
 Prayer changes many things.  
 There's so many blessings, each new day brings.  
 Keep the faith and from sin reframe.  
 I'll never forget that special day when the angels came.

By: Blair Jarrells

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Thank you to the following churches who have chosen The John 3:16 Center as their local mission project for their VBS.

☺ Pleasant Hill Christian Church—Gasburg, VA

(Monetary donations & canned goods)

☺ E. 10th Street Church of Christ—Roanoke Rapids, NC

(Monetary donations & school supplies)

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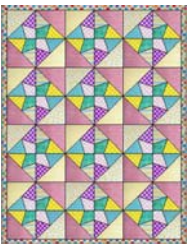
# You Are Invited

Who? Grades 2-12 and Adults  
When? July 31-August 4, 2006  
Where? The John 3:16 Center, Littleton  
Time? 10 AM until 2 PM Daily

WHY? To have a great week of fun as we explore the Holy Bible and Build Bridges with Christ Jesus

MUSIC  
BIBLE LESSONS  
GAME TIME  
CRAFT TIME  
SNACKS AND LUNCH  
MANY MORE SURPRISES!

Register at The John 3:16 Center on Monday July 31 at 9 AM.  
You must be a Parent or Legal Guardian to register a child.  
For more information, call 252-586-1800.



## Quilting Class

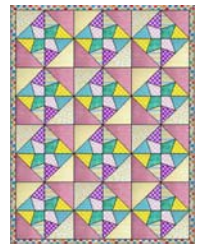
August 7-11, 2006

1 pm-3 pm

Only 15 students will be accepted: 9-10 students who are 8-12 years old and 5-6 students who are age 13 and up.

Since space is limited, you will want to sign up early to give your child the opportunity to learn quilting. Please plan on having your child attend the full week of quilting class.

To register your child for this class, please call  
The John 3:16 Center at 586-1800.





## We still need sponsors for Summer Camp!



Our 2nd year of FREE Summer Day Camp is underway and we still have many unsponsored children! Our goal is to provide a day camp for 25 children per week for 7 weeks, allowing 175 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 you may see how God has worked in his or her life because of your generosity. Last year more than 90 children participated and it was so exciting to see how God worked in the lives of those children. We are 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children you wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check to: The John 3:16 Center Post Office Box 1541 Littleton, NC 27850

### Another Way to Support Our Free Summer Day Camp:

#### The John 3:16 Center Summer Camp

#### Supply List

Powdered Drink Mix (plastic container—Dollar General)

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

Sandwich size Ziploc bags

Paper towels

Paper plates/bowls

Napkins

Toilet Tissue

9 oz. Cups

Antibacterial hand soap

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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
- Weekend and holiday enrichment programs
- Outdoor recreation including a walking trail, soft-ball 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

## **The John 3:16 Center Thanks All Those Who Are Currently Sponsoring Children for Our Free Summer Day Camp!**

Our Sponsors Include:

The Boat Lift Store—Doozie Boat Lifts  
Dr. Doris Brown  
Christian Men at Work  
Cindy Ruth Circle of Weaver's Chapel  
Rev. Mike Currin  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Fussell  
Nell Haskins  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Knarr  
Andrew J. May  
Ollie Royster  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Tillson

## Meet Our Summer Day Camp Counselors!

Hello Everyone! I'm **Bonnie Currin** from Littleton, North Carolina. I recently graduated from Halifax Academy. I will be attending Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina, majoring in Deaf Education and minoring in Elementary Education. I am excited to see where the Lord leads me in this next step of my life. Last summer, I worked as an Assistant Counselor and learned many things about myself, the children, and the purpose of the center. This year, serving as a counselor, it is my prayer to have many new opportunities to serve the Lord and His children.

Hi, I'm **Tyrell House**. I came to know God at the age of 12. Before that, I was a good kid but was hanging out with the wrong group of people who didn't like doing school work and did whatever they wanted. I had a wake up call in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when I didn't pass. During 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, I would always fall into temptation and I could never get myself out because I would always go back and do the same stuff over again. I figured out that I wasn't living right and started going to church at Lake Gaston Baptist. My two friends Tommy King and Joshua Nida led me to Christ, along with a few other people that do not live here anymore. I want to thank them for leading me to Christ because I don't know where I would be if I wasn't. Working at The John 3:16 Center, God is teaching me how to work with children. He is giving me the chance to make new friends and teach others about Him.

My name is **Amanda Alston**. I will be attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this coming fall as a freshman. I plan to major in Deaf Education and am very excited about this next step in my life. This is my first year working at The John 3:16 Center as an assistant counselor. I enjoy working here because it is a wonderful ministry to the community. As an assistant counselor I am expected to help out wherever I am needed. I play games with the children, prepare lunch for the children, wash dishes and clean up after the children, and help with the devotions if needed. I am thankful for this opportunity that the Lord has given me and look forward to sharing my faith with the campers throughout the summer.

My name is **Gesine Crockett**. I am a rising senior at Cornerstone Christian School. I have been singing in the Tar River Children's Chorus for three years. I plan on attending college to double major in Vocal Performance and either Publication or Psychology and minor in Piano. The first or second day of working as a counselor, I realized how good it felt not to be working behind a cash register. Yes, it was work, but it felt great to be doing something that could actually result in some kind of good (not that working behind a cash register couldn't!) whether it happened that day or sowed seeds for good in the future. I enjoy it and look forward to sowing more seeds in the future in whatever way God would have me to do so.

My name is **Rhea Brown**. I am a student athlete at Bryan College where I have played one year of varsity basketball. I am majoring in Biology with hopes of eventually becoming a Sports Medicine Physical Therapist. I trusted Christ as my Saviour when I was seven years old, but I didn't have a deep relationship with Him until I decided to give my life to Him completely in 2001. Serving at The John 3:16 Center was an amazing experience. I loved being a part of the kids' lives and learning from each of them.

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