



# The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

## "The John 3:16 Center

### A Note From the Director

Hi, Everyone!

We have so many reasons to rejoice and be grateful! God has blessed our center with many things that enhance our community and the lives of the families. We have a summer staff that works very closely with the children and provide many new activities for them. We now have a softball field and within the next week or so, we will have the basketball court complete. We also have a 19-foot water slide that the children have enjoyed and are anxiously waiting for "Miss Juli" to ride. Since school ended we have had an opportunity to meet many new children and their families and share with them the blessings that God has given us. Our greatest joy is the children who have made commitments to Christ by accepting Him as their personal Lord and Savior and others that have realized that some of their behaviors are not aligned with God's plan for their lives and have chosen to seek His will for their lives.

Although my heart is grateful, it is also saddened by the loss of a friend, a volunteer, and a sister in Christ.

Sometimes words are not adequate to describe another persons' impact on our lives and these are no exception. On June 2, 2005, Judy Currin joined our Lord in heaven. She is the wife of Reverend Mike Currin and mother of Bonnie. Judy was a volunteer at the center and delivered food to families, helped sort clothes, and taught the "Children in Action" program to our after school children among countless other things she did. Judy had many special gifts and talents; the one gift that I looked forward to in a day was her godly encouragement that she shared abundantly with everyone around her.

Thank you Judy for all you have done, thank you for being an example of how God wants every one of us to live, and thank you for being my friend.  
You are greatly missed.

*"I thank my God every time I remember you." Phil. 1:3*

In Christ,  
Juli

We want to thank those who gave memorial donations to The John 3:16 Center in honor of Mrs. Judy Currin:

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### Since April at the Center

- ☺ 70+ children have enjoyed our free summer day camp, from grades 3-9.
- ☺ 12 gallons of pickles have been eaten by the children in our summer day camp in 4 weeks!
- ☺ In the last 8 weeks of after school, 481 snacks were served. 802 meals have been served during the first 4 weeks of summer day camp.

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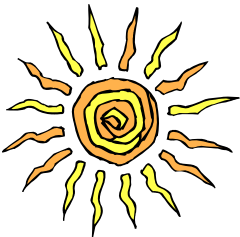
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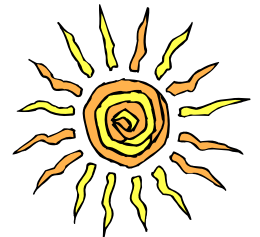
## Meet our Summer Day Camp Counselors...

Hi, I'm Ashley Atkinson and this summer I have been blessed with the role of female counselor at The John 3:16 Center. I'm a senior at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina. I will soon graduate with a degree in Elementary Education and Spanish. The Lord has placed a calling in my heart toward full-time mission work. I'm so excited to have a chance to spend my summer training for that job; I have the opportunity to share my passion for Christ with the children here at the center. I praise God for the work He has already done and the work He will do in the hearts of the campers, counselors, and staff this summer. We are off to a great start and I'm truly enjoying getting to know my fellow counselors.

Hey guys. My name is Josh Peters and I have been a counselor here at the center for four weeks now. It has been a very exciting time as Ashley, Bonnie, Kelsey, and I have watched the kids spiritual life as well as mine grow into what is pleasing to God. This is my sole purpose for coming to work at the center, to share to the kids what has been true in my life-a God that loves and provides. I am currently attending Johnson Bible College where I am studying to become a youth minister. This has been and will continue to be a good experience and will be good for my future ministry.



## ...and our Assistant Counselors!



Hello everyone. I am Bonnie Currin of Littleton. I am a Senior at Halifax Academy. When I heard there was a need for an Assistant Counselor at The John 3:16 Center, it sounded like it would be a great job for me because I love children. I also thought it would be a good opportunity for me to grow, develop my leadership skills, and to help the children learn more about God. So far, I have had a great time working and getting to know the campers and other counselors.

My name is Kelsey Adams. I'm sixteen and have been homeschooled my whole life. Working with kids is something I love to do. It's so rewarding to see a smile spread across their faces. I'm so thankful God has provided me a way to serve through The John 3:16 Center. I'm grateful to all who have given and make this place a reality. God is doing amazing things in the lives of these kids. I'm happy to be a part of His work.

## VOLUNTEERS and DRIVERS NEEDED!

Even though it seems summer has just begun, we are beginning to plan for our afterschool program, for which we will be accepting applications August 25—September 2. Afterschool will begin on September 6. We need volunteers to help with the children in the afterschool program, assisting in serving snacks and with homework.

If you play guitar or piano and would be willing to instruct some of our children in one of these instruments on a weekly basis, please volunteer to teach music. We have several children who would like to learn to play these instruments.

We need drivers to transport children from school or home to The John 3:16 Center and to return them home in the evenings, as well as to transport GED students during the day. There will be an application process for drivers.

If you would be willing to volunteer even a few hours a week to help us meet any of these needs, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call us if you will be able to help so that we can begin working out a schedule. We will also begin to have incentives for volunteering certain numbers of hours this fall.



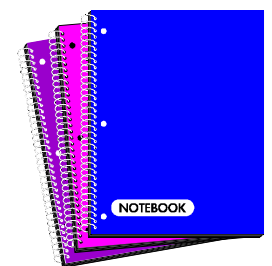
### School Supplies Needed!



As we look ahead to the beginning of the school year, we not only need to be prepared with volunteers and drivers, but we also need to begin to collect school supplies for children who would otherwise have difficulty purchasing these items. If you are able to donate some items, please bring them to The John 3:16 Center. Some suggestions are listed below.



- Backpacks
- 3 prong portfolio folders
- Pencils
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Notebooks
- Crayons
- 3-ring binders
- Pencil pouches
- Gluesticks
- School Uniforms-Khaki pants/shorts
- Navy blue or White shirts



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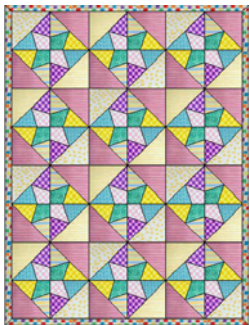
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" 'For God so loved the WORLD, that HE gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.' " -JOHN 3:16



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

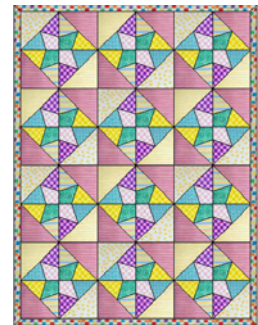


## Quilting Classes

August 8-12, 2005

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 classes.**

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

## **The John 3:16 Center Children's Reflections and Memories of Mrs. Judy Currin**

*Mrs's Judy was nice. She tauhgt us about Jesus and sheperts. She tauhgt us about other contry's and how they worship God.*

*Love, Jaray L.*

Mrs. Judy ment a lot to us. We loved her very much. She taght us about Jesus. I am going to miss her very much. –Rajanee H.

*Mrs. Judy I love you. Mrs. Judy thank you for teaching us on Friday. Mrs. Judy thank you for teaching us songs. –Trevor C.*

*Mrs. Judy was a kind and nice loving person. And I am going to miss you. And we love you all. –Amber C.*

*Dear Mrs. Judy! I miss you very much. You were the best of me. You teach well and you make sure that we are happy. Love, Franklin P.*

*Mrs. Judy was a nice and loving person who cared about children and I remember when Mrs. Judy let us read and show each other the places where the children lived on the map and I loved her very very much. I miss her very very much. Love, Shequena J.*

Mrs. Judy was a very nice lady. She told us a lot of things about people that was sick. She did thing that help other people. She was a caring lady. Love, Adam P.

*Mrs. Judy was a nice lady. I Still Love her She teached us very well and She is very nice and I really miss her For, god so love the world that he gabe his only begoden son that whosoever belive in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 Form Tyquashia J.*

*Mrs. Judy was a sweet woman she was nice she is a pertty woman we loved her alote I am going to miss her alote she is good Love-Melissa C.*