



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

October
2006

It is amazing to look back and see how God has blessed The John 3:16 Center and our local community. Two years have passed since our doors opened and we have seen amazing things; we now have 4 GED classes weekly, our after-school program is full and children are waiting. The summer was full of excitement and activities: summer camp, bible school and specialty classes. Our greatest reason to rejoice is that hearts and lives are being committed to Jesus Christ; eight individuals were baptized at the lake in August.

This time of year also allows us to look forward to the future and plan for our next year at the center. We have prepared our budget for 2007 and are optimistic that with everyone's help and participation we can meet our budget requirements for the coming year. Our operating budget for 2007 is \$111,000.

I am excited to share with you our plan and invitation to join us at our First Annual Fundraising Banquet on November 10 at 6:30 PM at The Littleton Community Civic Center also known as the Senior Center. Local businesses, churches and individuals are sponsoring tables so that everyone can come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and consideration of our local community. We will have pledge cards available so that you will be able easily make your donations throughout the year. We now have the ability to accept MasterCard and Visa donations and can process those monthly. Thank you for your continued prayers and support! I am so excited to see how God will use his faithful servants in 2007.

In His Name, Juli

We would like to Welcome 6 transition students from NorthWest Halifax High School to the center!! The transition program offers learning disabled students an opportunity to experience a work environment, while feeling a sense of accomplishment outside of school. This valuable program trains individuals to transition from school to work and become self-sufficient and self-reliant. We are blessed to be able to offer another community based opportunity for our children and their families.

We would like to thank the Amsler family and those who gave memorial donations to The John 3:16 Center in honor of Mr. Peter Amsler:

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Quarterly Newsletter

Since July at the Center

- ☺ After-school has begun again and we have children registered from Grade 1 through High School
- ☺ We have distributed school supplies to 40+ students and have the ability to keep them supplied throughout the school year.
- ☺ 130+ children attended our Free Summer Day Camp this year.
- ☺ Eight individuals were baptized at the lake in August.

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

We will be hosting our
First Annual Fundraising Banquet on
Friday, November 10th at the
Littleton Community Civic Center (Senior Center).
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 third 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 \$125 and each table seats
twelve. 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, and RSVP, call
The John 3:16 Center to speak to Juli Jenkins or
Shannon Smiley at 252-586-1800 by October 20.

GED Class Changes

GED Class now meets at
The John 3:16 Center
four days a week. The new
schedule is as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays 10 am–1 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12–3 pm

If you or anyone you know are interested in
the GED classes, please call or stop by the
center during these hours to speak with the
GED instructor.



Saturday Donations

Due to increasing our programs,
we no longer accept donations
during the week, except by
appointment. While we appreciate
the generosity of all who donate
to us, donating during the week
interrupts our programs &
distracts our students.

Donations will now be accepted
Saturdays between 10 am
and 2 pm. Other times
by appointment.

Thank you!



Preparing for Winter & Christmas



Hats and Gloves

The weather has just begun to cool, which means we need to be ready with winter hats and gloves for children who do not have them. Please help by collecting such items for us.

Christmas Toy Drive

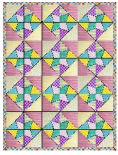
We will need toys to distribute at Christmas to families who would otherwise not have gifts for their children. We are asking that churches or businesses begin accepting toys November 12th and drop them off or arrange to have them picked up before December 11th. Gifts are given to ages infant and up. Examples of gifts that would be appropriate are: board games, baby toys, dolls, Barbies, toy cars and trucks, stuffed animals, balls, etc. Please send no toy guns, other toy weapons, or used items.

Santa's Stop

Santa will be visiting The John 3:16 Center again on December 23rd. Registration for this event will be held December 5th-16th. A gift will be given to each registered child that attends.

Live Nativity

Churches, groups, and Sunday school classes are invited to participate in a Live Nativity at The John 3:16 Center December 18-December 22. 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.



Quilt Raffle

The quilting class taught by The Piecemakers made a beautiful quilt to be raffled off, benefitting The John 3:16 Center. The quilt is currently on display at A Frayed Knot, the new quilting store in Littleton. Tickets are available at A Frayed Knot & The John 3:16 Center for prices of \$1 each or \$5 for 6. The drawing will be held at the Fundraising Banquet November 10th (see page 3). You do not need to be present to win.



BELK COUPONS



The new Belk store is opening soon and Belk has given local non-profit organizations coupons for "Charity Days," an annual event held by Belk. Charity Days are October 27th & 28th. The coupons are \$5 each, which goes directly to the non-profit. The purchaser receives a coupon, good for \$5 from 8am-1pm on the 28th & 20% off throughout the event. There are very limited exclusions. Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing a coupon.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS



The Lake Gaston Food Lion has agreed to work with us to purchase turkeys for our families at Thanksgiving. All you need to do is shop 6 of 8 weeks, present your free Thanksgiving card, MVP card, & spend \$45 per visit. You will receive 6 different weekly tickets, which in turn, you can send to us, and we will redeem those tickets to purchase the turkeys. Please let us know if you are willing to collect for us, so that we have enough weekly tickets to purchase turkeys for our families. If you do not participate in this promotion, but would still like to help, you can buy a frozen turkey and

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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, 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**

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