



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

Hi Everyone

WOW! It is almost hard to believe that we are approaching another year at the center and the many blessings and successes we have already had this year—and we are only half way through! The center had its first SAT Prep class with students from a variety of high schools in the area and anxiously await the results of their tests and encourage them with the possibilities that lie ahead of them. We are also in the process of preparing for our 4th year of Free Summer Day Camp and we are excited to be a part of what God has in store for our staff and children.

I would like to thank everyone who faithfully supports us through their pledges and donations throughout the year and encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they can support us. We realize that we share the same concern due to the current economic situation. However, God is already there and our programs are very valuable to “our” children and the families of our community. More importantly, the center has the ability to glorify Him by sharing our many successes and continuing our outreaches, using these as a means to convey God’s plan of salvation as we display His love through providing needed services.

The Board of Directors would like to share their thanks with everyone who donated items for our 4th annual Yard Sale/ Auction, the countless volunteers who helped organize the event and the Littleton Fire Department for cooking their famous Brunswick Stew for us. It was a beautiful, fun-filled day, and we raised \$4K toward our operating expenses.

Please let me share with you the sentiments of our 15+ children in our after school program—“WOO HOO school is almost over!” This year, for the first time, we have been able to provide this program to children in two counties by offering transportation from Warren County to our program.

Contained within this newsletter, you will once again have the opportunity to sponsor a child for summer camp. Although we receive a grant from the United Way for camp, we have needs that surpass our allocation from them. In spite of this, we do not turn anyone away, as the children truly appreciate having a place where they can participate in activities, learn about living faith, and have meals provided during the summer.

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

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Quarterly Newsletter

Since January at the Center

- ☺ Several of our afterschool students participated and did well in Battle of the Books (one was on a winning team!) and school spelling bees.
- ☺ We assisted 5 high school students in registering and preparing for the SAT.
- ☺ Our food pantry has assisted over 20 families and more than 60 individuals.
- ☺ CONGRATULATIONS, GRANDMA!!!!

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CHILDREN'S GOLF CLINIC PLANNED!

New Program!

Plans are underway for a one-day children's golf clinic at the Lake Gaston Golf Club in Gasburg, VA.

Up to 10 students, age 8 and up, will be accepted to participate. Lunch and transportation from The John 3:16 Center will be provided to students.

Volunteers with golf experience are needed to assist in supervising the children who participate.

The clinic is tentatively scheduled for a day during the week of August 11th. More information will follow.



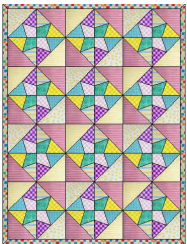
GED CLASS UPDATE



The spring semester for our GED class has been a good one. We had a total of 18 students enrolled. One of our young men graduated the program—and we are so proud of him and all his hard work! Also, two ladies each passed 1 of the 5 sections of the GED. Three other students were prepared and scored high enough to sit for at least one section, but for various reasons were unable to take the test. It has been a very productive semester.

It is with mixed feelings that I say good-bye to you folks and the GED class. I have taken a position in Wilson as the Performing Arts Director with the Arts Council of Wilson. But I am confident that God will send the right replacement to carry on this good work. I covet your prayers and promise that mine will be with all of the endeavors of The John 3:16 Center. I love you guys!

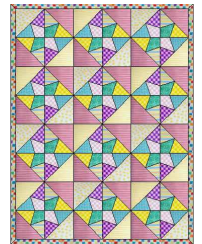
Martha Nida



Quilting Class

August 11-15, 2007

1 pm—3 pm



This is the 4th year that the Piecemakers Quilting group has offered this class at The John 3:16 Center. Those who attend have always had a great time and have created their own beautiful and unique projects to take home. 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. Parents/guardians may attend with their children and work on their own projects!

To register for this class, please call
The John 3:16 Center at 586-1800 by July 31.



The John 3:16 Center's 2008 FREE Summer Day Camp

Camp Dates

June 16—June 20
 June 23—June 27
 June 30—July 3
 July 7—July 11
 July 14—July 18
 July 21—July 25
 July 28—Aug. 1
 Aug. 4—Aug. 8

Grade Level

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

Registration begins May 15th!

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.



The Children Say...



What the John 3:16 mean to me is love and care. When I came here at summer camp is fun when we get on the water slide. Most of all I love the leaders They make me feel safe. John 3:16 is fun.
Love, J.S.

I like the John 3:16 Center because when you are feeling blue, they will help you to become happy again. The center will help you do all our homework. When you finished with your homework they will help you with your reading skills. When it is five o' clock you do your chore, then you can go outside or play games. When it is summer they have summer camp. At summer camp we play games, such as basketball, baseball, kickball, and exc. We play watergames.—B.C.

The John 3:16 means to me is that we have fun we do homework we appreciate what God did for us and how we should play together and be respectful and appreciate. We should play nice. That's why I like to come here to the John 3:16.—M.S.

The center is specail to me I like the center. They have water slide in the summer but that's not all They help me with my home work. I like the center it is so specail to me.—A.S.

The John 3: 16 Center has become a big part of my life. To describe the center in one word would be "Superkalifraxalisticaspiealliedosish"! Seriously when I come here I don't feel pressured to fit in or say or the right things. The center is wonderful because I learn something new everyday.—N.C.

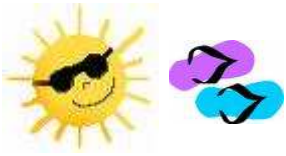
Center is fun. It is big I love The Center. I like playing game. Everthing is beufful.
I lik larning about God.—J.S.

I Love John 3:16 Center because it is so nice To be here and fun and we get To go out side and play every day I love To go here it is not borried here at home it is What I like about the John 3:16 center we get To do our homework and get To play out side and When we get finished doing Chores We get To do fun things Two like play games and we just love Two go here. Love, T. B.

The center is speshle to me. I like the center it is cool. I love the john three sixteen because it is fun. Love, K. F.

The John 3:16 Center's Summer Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Open 9am—5pm	Open 9am—5pm	Open 9am—5pm	Open 9am—5pm	Open 9am—5pm	Open 9am—3pm
Summer Camp 9am—3pm	Summer Camp 9am—3pm	Summer Camp 9am—3pm	Summer Camp 9am—3pm	Summer Camp 9am—3pm	Donations Accepted 10am—2pm
GED—TBA	GED—TBA	GED—TBA	GED—TBA	AA—7 pm	Free Play 9am—3pm
					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
- Craft Supplies or Craft Supply Kits (enough for 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



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
- Holiday enrichment programs
- Outdoor recreation including a walking trail, softball field, basketball court, and playground
- Referrals to 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)
- Family outreach (free clothing, home furnishings, hygienic items)
- Food pantry

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