



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

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Quarterly Newsletter

Since January at
the Center:

- ☺ Almost 200 people attended the 'Kid's Carnival', hosted by CBFNS March 28th. The rain held off and many families enjoyed the event!
- ☺ Food has been distributed to more than 50 individuals.
- ☺ Many teens and adults are once again enjoying the use of our basketball court!
- ☺ 59 bags of clothing were given away at our most recent clothing give away April 18.

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My family and I would like to express our gratitude for the notes sent, prayers prayed, and support offered by so many of you to us during this difficult time.

Juli

Hi, everyone!

As Juli has been unable to be in the office due to a family emergency, I have the opportunity to share with you what has been going on at The John 3:16 Center since January and what we have planned for future months. This year is passing so swiftly...it is hard to believe that summer is nearly here and that plans for our Free Summer Day Camp are underway! The excitement is growing in the children as they prepare for their End-of-Grade tests and look forward to the end of the school year.

The Kid's Carnival, sponsored and held by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina on our property, was a great success last month. Almost 200 individuals participated! Many men and women had their blood sugar and cholesterol levels checked, and the children enjoyed gifts of reading materials, hygienic supplies, and the opportunity to participate in many activities, including a climbing wall, giant inflatable slide, and obstacle course. Participants also had the opportunity to hear the Chowan University Gospel Choir.

The first of our planned Fundraising Yard Sales was this past weekend. We appreciate those of you who donated items to us for that purpose. There is information about our next yard sale on the page 2. We are still looking for donations for this yard sale.

Our spring session of SAT Prep is winding down. 3 students will be taking the SAT on May 2nd. They have been doing a wonderful job of applying themselves in studying the material needed to be prepared. I have also recently heard from 2 past students...one scored 1620 and received a scholarship, and another told me he scored an 1800!

As we move into summer, we ask that you be in prayer for us while camp counselors are being hired and as they prepare devotions and activities to encourage, strengthen, and motivate the children who will attend, both spiritually and physically. We also ask that you consider sponsoring a child for summer day camp. The majority of the expenses are covered through a grant from United Way, but there is a gap between the grant amount and the actual cost of the program. Please help us ensure that we are able to serve the children of this area for all 8 planned weeks of camp.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support!

In Christ,

Shannon Smiley
Assistant Director

**We are seeking donations
for our upcoming
Yard Sale!**

**May 23rd (Memorial Day Weekend)
8:00 AM
at Lakeside Lutheran Church**

Craft vendor tables will be available at this event for a charge of \$25. If you are interested in being a craft vendor at this event, please call us at 252-586-1800.

Donations will be received on Saturdays from 10am—2pm only, in order to avoid interrupting our GED and afterschool programs. If this time poses a problem for you, please contact Juli or Shannon at 252-586-1800 to work out an alternate time.

In order to receive a donation receipt, federal tax laws require that all donated items be in working order and in “good” or better condition. No clothing will be accepted for yard sale purposes.

The John 3:16 Center's 2009 FREE Summer Day Camp

Camp Dates

June 15—June 19

June 22—June 26

June 29—July 3

July 6—July 10

July 13—July 17

July 20—July 24

July 27—July 31

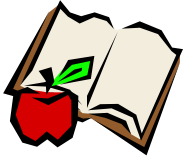
Aug. 3—Aug. 7

Registration begins May 18th!

25 students will be accepted for each week of camp on a First Come—
First Served basis. Students must be in at least 1st grade to register.
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, if any.

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. Breakfast and Lunch are provided.

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.



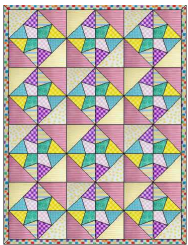
GED Class Update



Spring is here! The GED program has sprung! The number of students attending has increased to the point of some days almost filling the room! This makes me excited to see more participants in the program. The numbers talk when the number crunchers look at continuing programs.

I am very happy to report that three participants have successfully completed four parts of the GED test. Two more participants are ready to take various parts of the test. We should feel very proud of our participants for sticking with the program. Studies show that "Adults who pass the GED Tests earn scores that meet or exceed the performance of that demonstrated by 90% of the graduating high school seniors."

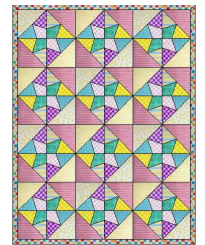
The GED program will move over to St. Alban's Episcopal Church for the summer semester, which will run from May 18th-July 21st. This makes more room at The John 3:16 Center for a busy and exciting summer program for children. I thank you very much for hosting the GED program at the center and look forward to returning in the fall. Have a great summer!



Quilting Class

August 10-14, 2009

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: Students must be at least 8 years of age and attend the full week of class.

Since space is limited, you will want to sign up early to give your child the opportunity to learn quilting. 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.



Summer Camp Sponsorship



Plans for our 4th year of FREE Summer Day Camp are underway! We will offer this program to up to 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 100 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 or lesson 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



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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, 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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