



The Good News from The John 3:16 Center

A Note From the Director

Hi Everyone:

I hope this newsletter finds you all enjoying your summer! We have had an extraordinary year with summer camp and plans for our upcoming programs, which will conclude a memorable year! We have had approximately 150 children participate in our free summer day camp, some of whom have made decisions for Christ, which will eternally influence their future.

Many of you have already have been made aware that effective January 1, 2010 The John 3:16 Center will have a new director, as I will be retiring from this phase of my walk and vision for the Littleton community. I am very excited to let you know that I will be training Shannon Smiley, my assistant, to assume my role as director and am confident that each and everyone of you will support her as generously and prayerfully as you supported me.

Our Fall plans are already under way for our GED program to resume and our after school program to begin another year of beneficial tutorials and Christ centered learning. We will also be having our SAT prep classes including test prep registration and necessary materials to succeed with their plans to further their education; among other planned activities.

Again, I would like to thank you for everyone's support throughout the year and ask that you help to make our transition throughout the remainder of this year a smooth process through monetary donations, volunteering and always prayer. After 5 years of the center's existence, it has been my pleasure to watch God work through the lives of countless individuals, children and families offering hope for a future through Jesus Christ.

Because of Him,

Juli

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Quarterly Newsletter

Since June at the Center

- ☺ More children than ever before have participated in our free summer day camp!
- ☺ Our 5th quilting class, led by the Piecemakers is next week and we are excited to see the children's projects this year!
- ☺ Food has been distributed to more than 30 individuals.
- ☺ We want to thank Mike at Quality Printing for donating the doorhangers for our "Christmas in July" campaign..

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A Big THANK YOU to All of our Summer Camp Sponsors and those who donated supplies to make it possible!



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As with all such lists, this one is not exhaustive. We appreciate the support of all who have brought supplies, volunteered time, and kept us in their prayers! Thank you!

Free SAT Prep Class

Offered once in the fall and twice in the spring

Date and time to be announced

Books will be provided.

Assistance with SAT registration fee available. We do not offer the SAT at our property; this class is intended to prepare students to take the SAT, or to assist them in increasing their score on subsequent tests.

10 students will be accepted for each class on a First Come—First Served Basis.

For more information,
Call Shannon at The John 3:16 Center at 586-1800.

Afterschool will be starting again soon!

We will begin taking applications for afterschool at The John 3:16 Center on August 17th. Up to 20 children, First Grade and up, will be accepted for this program. A waiting list will be kept for any openings that occur during the school year. Afterschool will begin September 14th (the Monday after Labor Day).

This program is free of charge to participants, but does require a 2-hour a week volunteer commitment from each family. During this program, students receive a snack, assistance with homework, reading time, character building instruction, craft days on Fridays, the opportunity for music lessons, and more.

If you have any questions about the program, or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call The John 3:16 Center at 252-586-1800.

School Supply Collection Drive

Once again, we are collecting school supplies and uniforms for students who would otherwise be unable to purchase these. The following is a general list of school supplies that we could distribute to these children.

Book Bags	Pencils/Pens
Notebook Paper (wide ruled)	Pencil Pouches (not boxes)
Glue sticks (no liquid glue)	3-ring binders
Composition Books (black & white)	Markers
Pencil Sharpeners	Scissors
5 subject notebooks	Colored Pencils
3-prong portfolio folders	

HELLO!

Meet Our Summer Camp Counselors!

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Hello, my name is Andrew Atkinson. I will be a freshman at Halifax Community College this fall. I go to Lake Gaston Baptist Church. This is my 2nd year as a camp counselor and I'm really enjoying it. The children are always ready and willing to learn about our Lord and Savior.

Hi, my name is T.J. Curl. I'm a rising senior at Halifax Academy. I've had a great time this year playing games with the kids and teaching them about God and all the wonderful things He can do. This is the one job I've had where I actually look forward to having to work. It's just amazing to play with these kids and get to know them and watch them grown in their walk with Christ.

Hi! My name is Bonnie Currin and I am currently a senior at Barton College. I am studying Elementary Education with a cognate in Social Studies. This is my fourth summer working as a camp counselor and it has been a very rewarding summer as I watch them grow. I love getting to know the children, spending time with them, playing games, and most importantly, sharing God's Word. This opportunity will be one I will carry with me for the rest of my life and I have grown so much from this in my own walk with the Lord. I am so thankful to have this opportunity and to have a chance to impact the lives of these children.

Hey Everybody! My name is Terri Little and I am a Sophomore at Campbell University. Go Camels! My major is Middle grades education with concentrations in science and math. I was blessed to be raised in church, accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at age 9, and have been following Him since then. I have been blessed to be able to go on foreign and in-state mission trips for the last 7 years. God has led me to The John 3:16 Center which is a great mission for our area for three years now and there is nowhere else I would rather work that allows me to show God's love. I absolutely love working with the children there. They are teaching me things while I am also teaching them. The John 3:16 is a great place for children to go and not only learn about God but to also be able to interact with other children.

My name is Destiny Newsome. I attend Halifax Academy as a rising junior. When I applied to The John 3:16 Center, I was looking for a job close to home with good hours. Before my first week of camp, I was pretty discouraged so I started praying about it. Summer Camp this year has helped me chance into a better Christian.. I bonded with all of the kids and had an amazing summer. I will never forget how much the center has impacted the lives of those kids as well as mine. Thank you for this opportunity and I hope to work there again.

Hi, my name is Kimberly Smiley. I'm a rising sophomore at Chowan University. I really enjoy working with the kids. Their enthusiasm is contagious and I love having the opportunity to direct them towards Christ. This is my third summer working here and it is still such a rewarding experience.

Hi, my name is Samantha West. I am a rising senior at Halifax Academy and a member of the Senior Beta Club and also a member of the Year Book Staff. I live in Littleton and have a rather large family with three sisters and two brothers. My future plans after graduation are to be accepted to East Carolina University and to pursue the Nursing Program. This is my first year working as a camp counselor and I have to say this has been the best job and experience of my life. The kids have brought me much joy as I have watched them play and learn about God. I hope to work at the center again next summer!

Fundraising Yard Sale

**September 5th (Labor Day Weekend)
8:00 AM–1:00 PM**

at Littleton Baptist Church

**Cleaning out your attic or storage building?
We are accepting donations of furniture,
electronics, tools, household items, etc.
for our yard sale.**

**Donations for this yard sale will, as usual, be
accepted on Saturdays from 10am–2pm.
If this time poses a problem for you,
please contact 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.**

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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 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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