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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for students as they may encounter difficult situations at home.

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Pray for the students to come to know Jesus in a real relationship where He is all they need for their worth.

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I hope each of you are doing well. I give thanks to God for each of your lives and pray that no matter what your situation today, you know that God loves you. His arms are extended towards you. He is ready to embrace you as you are, and hold you through all of life's experiences. However, we must turn towards him and remain in His arms to receive His loving embrace. It is like your son or daughter jumping into your arms and you not wanting to let them go. It feels so right to you, and the love you have for your child is so real. However, sometimes children want to struggle and break free from your loving embrace to embark upon life in their own way. This saddens any parent's heart as all they want to do is love on their children. God is no different. Let us be children who understand our Father's love and desire to remain in His arms and in His love. God will release us to go and do things in this world, but we should never want to struggle in His arms. Jesus loves you, and proved His love for you, by dying on the cross. Remain in His embrace. Here is the ministry summary from August-October. Thank you for your prayers, labor, and financial contributions that make all of this possible. We love you.

- In August, I met a young man named Nate. I shared the Gospel with him and although he did not receive Christ, he did start reading the Scriptures. In September Nate's apartment caught fire and he was forced to relocate. All the family were spared, but the fire has brought about the reality of life and death for Nate and the family. Pray for continued opportunities to follow up and encourage Nate in the Lord.
- While prayer walking my neighborhood one afternoon, God brought a stranger to me. Samantha was looking for directions as she drove around the community looking for her lost vehicle. I did not know where she had left her car the night before in a drunken stumper, so I provided her directions to heaven. Pray Samantha can find her way to God.
- In August some of our middle and high school students had opportunity to play a soccer game against some of the students they met at Camp Grace this summer. It was a joyful time for the students.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR THE FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER TIME WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. PRAY THAT IT WILL BRING MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION WITH THE LORD AND EACH OTHER.**
- 2) PRAY FOR UNITY IN OUR FELLOWSHIP.**
- 3) PRAY AS WE BEGIN PLANNING OUR 2016 5K AND FOR FINANCES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2015.**
- 4) PRAY FOR OUR HEARTS TO ALWAYS YEARN FOR THE LORD!**

“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”
Lamentations 3:22-24

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- A new movie on prayer, called the War Room, hit the theaters this fall. I took 12 high school students to watch the movie so they could gain a better understanding of what prayer should look like (prayer closet). Visual aids help in the learning process. Pray this movie will help start a prayer revival in the hearts of these students and throughout God’s church. Thank you for your support that enables us to provide opportunities to our students.
- Mrs. Robin, a staff worker at the park where our third mission sight meets, was suffering from pain in her chest one night. Healing was declared and the pain left her. The next day she learned she had bleeding ulcers. God did not fix the ulcers, but did remove her pain that night. She described the pain as a knife in her chest and when it was removed she came and testified before the church. Praise the Lord!
- A neighbor and friend of ours who is going through a divorce has found refuge in our home as he finds resolution and healing in this challenging process. We are blessed to use our home for God’s purposes. Thank you for supporting our family so we have a home which can be used for God’s glory.
- Our after school programs in the Columns and Valencia Park apartment communities started in September. We have 70 students this year in a discipleship process. Students are growing in the Lord. Some 3-5 grade students started their own initiative by journaling to God concerning the lessons being taught.
- Update on some of the older students: Adrian finished his first cross country season and surpassed his personal best during each race. He shaved almost 4 minutes off his 5K time from the start of the year. Adrian is asking how to become a staff person with RCM. Maria made the high school cheerleading team and the top ten for Home Coming court. Great improvements of self-worth in Christ as she has overcome suicidal depression. Karen completed her second year of Color Guard and her second year of mentoring in the after school program. She now says she wants to become a school teacher. Ernesto is experiencing a powerful work of God in his life and I see this brilliant character of humility growing. He is developing a new hunger for God. Rebecca is preparing herself to be the first college bound student in her family. She is connecting with others through extra school activities, preparing for college acceptance, but remains mindful to keep her



obligations to the Lord. Join us in praying for a harvest of high school leaders that will help to start a legacy for the community.

- Axel, Omar, Edgar, Jesus, and William prayed a prayer of repentance and sought Jesus for salvation during the month of September. We now are seeking to teach them the ways of Christ and make disciples of them. Pray protection and fertilization of these seeds that have been planted.



- I began meeting with the high school students on Friday mornings for prayer before school. This is to help them to learn the power and pleasure of starting your day with devotion to God. Pray the students learn and grow in this spiritual discipline.
- Ashley started to tutor a boy from Jordan named Laythe. Laythe is in the fourth grade and for their reading they read The Jesus Storybook Bible. I have not witnessed this much excitement in a young man in a while concerning the things of God. He comes over twice a week and wants to read the God book before doing anything else. Ashley too is getting to grow in the discipleship process as Laythe often lies about his homework, so that he can read the God book. Pray for Ashley and Laythe.



- Noah started soccer in September. He practices six weeks at a time and then can renew for another six weeks. At the close of the first six weeks Ashley and I brought the kids pizza and juice boxes. They were all excited and I think the parents were surprised as well. We are also using the soccer league as a way to build relationships in the community for sharing the Gospel. Pray for our ability to build relationships.
- While prayer walking the park one week I ran into a lady named Rhonda. She was in need of encouragement and prayer. God provided His love for her through me. Jesus said be in the world, but not of the world. Pray Rhonda join our fellowship at the park.
- In September, I went to South Dakota to minister to the Lakota nation. I also met with brothers from the Elijah Generation. God provided a man named Bobby healing while we were there. Bobby is a dear friend of mine and traveled with me on the trip. He was seeking a greater faith in the super natural and God provided him an answer. What better way to learn than to be healed yourself? Others we ministered were also touched by





divine healing and the Gospel was spread to this Native American Group known as the Lakota. Look up Pine Ridge Reservation to gain insight into the Lakota people and pray for a spiritual revival to sweep across the Native American Reservations.

- In October, Ashley, Noah, and I opened our home and invited our neighbors over for an International Pot Luck. We feasted on Middle Eastern food, Asian food, and American fusion. We will continue to host these events next year in hopes of building more relationships with our neighbors. We were blessed that a neighbor named Suwat said, "I know you love God by the things in your home". Pray more neighbors are drawn to our home during these events so that we can show them our love for them, and for God.
- In October, I started to disciple a man going through severe depression. The first step is helping him to visualize that he is not the same person. God has delivered him from his lowest and darkest hour and has placed him on a pathway towards a new life in Christ. If one does not believe this to be true then one will be more susceptible to deception from the evil one. Pray as we meet weekly over the next month to read and discuss the Gospel of John. Pray for the unnamed disciple as he finds his way back to Christ, his wife, his two daughters, and his church family.
- In mid-October we participated in a fall event at Shorty Howell Park. We were able to help the park host an event and were able to share Jesus with many people. The next day when I was prayer walking the park again, a man recognized me from the night before and stopped to talk with me. I was able to share Jesus with Valdemar. Pray for this man to rediscover the passion of living for Christ.
- Simpsonwood United Methodist Church hosted its annual fall festival and the families of Valencia Park were blessed to attend. I love the festival because it provides me an opportunity to bring many families from the community to this church partner, also I am blessed to walk around the event picking up trash, refilling drinks, helping to serve, or whatever seems to be needed. This is one way I get to show my appreciation to this local congregation for its partnership. Pray for the spiritual health and growth of Simpsonwood United Methodist Church.
- We hosted a movie night for the families at the Columns apartments a few weeks ago. This was





another great opportunity for our beloved Eyleen Barnes to serve the community she dearly loves. Eyleen is now in charge of the elementary after school program at the Columns and host the summer VBS. Pray for Eyleen and her family as they minister together for the glory of God.

- Ashley's mom is still in the hospital due to her struggles with Parkinson and Bi-polar disorder. She has been in the hospital for the past eight weeks but is beginning to make progress. Pray for her ECT treatments to be effective. Pray Susan is restored to her right mind and back home for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and beyond.
- Finally, Ashley and I were blessed to host our friends the Goswillers at the end of October. Tim and Susan are from Minnesota and they traveled down to visit their son who graduated from Basic Training at a military base in Columbus, GA. Tim and Susan had never been to Atlanta so we were able to give them a guided tour of the city noticing the modern land marks, and the historic King Center (Ebenezer Church). There is a powerful feeling of God's presence in that church, an epic center for the civil rights movement. There is a spirit of love, strength, and perseverance. I encourage you to visit the King Center if you live in the Atlanta area. Finally, we took the Gosswillers to eat at Mary Mac's. Mary Mac's is a local icon that has been around since the 1960's. They serve southern cooking and a lady by the name of Mrs. Jo will visit your table, make you feel welcomed and loved, and give you a small back rub while you eat. Talk about southern hospitality. We capped off the night with a Krispy Kreme donut run. That is not a bad tour of Atlanta for just a few hours of time.



Enjoy the photos from some of the events mentioned. Please pray for Erica Hoffman. She is a friend of ours and this past week she learned she had stage three colon cancer. This is odd for a 32 year old woman. She is recovering well from her surgery, but could continue to use extra prayers. Pray also that this experience would allow Erica and Matt to help share the love of God with her family. Matt and Erica felt like God allowed the cancer in Erica so that Erica and her Mom could have a deeper relationship. Erica's Mom is a professed atheist, but a three time survivor of breast cancer. Now the two share a common ground in the battle over cancer. Let's see them share in the common ground over sin and death through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Servant of the Lord



Matt Johns



