



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

Pray for students to strive for excellence in their school work.

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

PRAY!!!

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Hello beloved! We are on the verge of another Halloween and this year's scariest costumes are Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. Things simply do not get more frightening than that. The good news is, God so loved the world that He sent His son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and die a sinner's death so that those who sin might have eternal life. To receive the gift of eternal life one must acknowledge they are a sinner, desire to be transformed by God's love and righteousness, and believe upon Jesus Christ for salvation. This is my hope. My hope is not in man, or his policies, for we see what man is capable; rather, I choose God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to combat the scariness of this world. A literal hell is a far worse place than what is possible in the next American election cycle. Find eternal hope and security in Jesus Christ!

On September 11, 2016 (9/11) we welcomed Eden Medora Johns into the world. Oh the irony of a holy God. Eden was planned to arrive on Monday September 12, but God brought her forth on Sunday, 9/11. September 11 was one of the most horrific events in American history and it is a sign of the hope/paradise destroyed by man's sinfulness. The world is fallen and people do not live in paradise any more. Eden was given her name, which means paradise, as a sign to the world that the original paradise found in the Garden of Eden was destroyed by man's sinful choices, but is now redeemable by a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday, the day Eden was born, is the day Christians gather all over the world to celebrate Jesus Christ and grow in the hope of seeing Him again. At the next appearing of Jesus Christ the world will be restored to a place of peace, like that of the Garden of Eden, before eternity begins when paradise will remain forever for those who believe. Ashley and I desire for Eden to represent the hope of the paradise to come through purity, generosity, and love that captures the hearts of many. Only a holy God could work out all the details with this precious little child long before she entered the world on her first day. From day one, Eden is already revealing the truth of God's love. To God be the glory! Do you believe?

In other news we have been steady and consistent with the start of our after school programs. We have around 75 students K-12 grade that are engaged in a discipleship process with us. We overcame obstacles of not having enough servant-volunteer, to unforeseen renovations to the spaces we use for our after school

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR ALL OF THE STUDENTS AS THEY BEGAN A NEW SCHOOL YEAR THIS WEEK. PRAY THAT THEY WILL MAKE GOOD CHOICES. PRAY THAT HEARTS WILL CONTINUE TO OPEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD.**
- 2) PRAY AS THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS BEGIN AT THE END OF AUGUST.**
- 3) PRAY FOR THE SERVANT VOLUNTEERS AS THEY RETURN TO SHOW THE LOVE OF JESUS TO THE STUDENTS AND HELP THEM WITH HOMEWORK.**

“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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programs, and seeking to add new training for our servant-volunteers before starting this season of ministry. God continues to move RCM forward, as he has done each year, into the 10th year of ministry reaching at-risk kids and their families. Praise the Lord! I also want to add, much of our servant-volunteer shortage has started to be filled through high school students living in the apartment communities we serve. Basically, the sense of community is growing each year, and the community is continuing to care for itself more and more, rather than having to bring in people into the community to serve. However, we still need people to help us train and equip these young people. Send more laborers Lord!

In addition to the start of our after school programs I have been assisting a local church plant called GracePointe with its evangelism strategy. I have freely been giving of my time to go door to door to neighborhoods around the church and share Christ in hopes some people will start attending GracePointe. God is moving through this process and we are starting to see His favor come to reality as people are visiting the church for Sunday worship. God created us to be creative in life. He designed us to build things and it is a joy to witness God do these things as we simply follow and obey. The extra evangelism outings also provide me the opportunity to take some of our older students along and train them in evangelism. My desire is to help others become soul winners.

We have had a few special events in the last couple of months. In August I took a group of students to view the movie, “Insanity of God”. This is a biographical film about a missionary family. The family served in Africa for many years, even in Somalia during Black Hawk Down. Their office was two miles away from the crash site of the first helicopter that went down in the early 90’s. The missionary family was in their office during the time of the crash. Needless to say this is a tough area to be a Christian. After leaving Somalia they began a journey around the world interviewing people in the persecuted church. The movie details several of their stories, and challenges all Christians to pursue Christ at all cost; He is worthy! I felt the students could benefit from seeing Christianity on a larger scale and how true faith overcomes the world. Thank you for giving so we can expose others to what we know to be true about Jesus.

The middle school and high school students also had the opportunity to attend a Greg Lurie crusade. The event was held at the Gwinnett Area and thousands of people attended. To be honest I was surprised by the response at the invitation. See the picture below; over 1,000 people made first time decisions for Christ during the three day crusade. The stadium floor was empty during



the event when we attended on Friday night until the time of invitation; you can see how many people responded on Friday night. I suspect some people came forward to make a first time decision, others were renewing their previous decision, and others were supporting people making a decision. Still I was surprised by the numbers of people moving towards God. Two of our students also made decisions to move towards God. Thank you Jesus and thank you for giving.

We are also grateful to our friends at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church for allowing us the ability to partner with them in a fundraiser golf tournament in late September. We are so thankful to have wonderful partners in ministry. Thank you, all of you, so much for your continued support of the ministry God has given us. It has been a joy to serve Him through RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES over the past ten years. Your giving continues to enable us to serve a healthy student population through a yearly discipleship process, host evangelistic outreach events, do special mentorship outings with our students, and meet many benevolent needs in our community. Thank you!

In Christ
Matt Johns



