



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for the kids, adults and families who will hear the great story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Pray they will understand the sacrifice He made for them and the unfailing love He has for us all.

Pray they will understand the relationship He wants to have with them and the difference it will make in their lives.

PRAY!!!

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

I praise God for all of your faithfulness and generosity towards our ministry over the years. God's blessings have been upon us, year-end and year out, because of your faithfulness. God is a miracle worker. In the beginning (start of ministry), we committed to God that we would seek to be faithful in seeking His kingdom first, and that we would trust Him to provide all our needs for the ministry and for us personally.

Last year I devoted a good bit of time to prayer and fasting. In the journaling I do, recording God's blessings and my interaction with him, I give a title to each year's account. In most cases I know what the year of ministry is going to be about, what spiritual lesson is going to be defined in my character by God, at the beginning of each year. They call this forward thinking, pre-planning, or good old spiritual discernment. I do not know the details of each year, but I know the type of year I might have. Last year was called "Pressing Forward- a test of perseverance and endurance".

It was fitting that in the end of the year, moving into December, we were behind budget over 20K. We normally have a big fourth quarter giving, but this was a large amount, a deficit we have never had to face. In the midst of it all I felt inclined not to harp on the amount of money we needed to pay our bills, rather I sought to testify to all the great things God had done throughout the year in our communications with our supporters. If you remember we closed last year with a baptism celebration of 7 souls and providing two families in need a miracle Christmas. Needless to say, as we were faithful to seek His kingdom first, God was faithful to supply what we needed for ministry and personally. The December giving for 2014 provided 21K, leaving us with a net margin profit of about \$50 for the year. Glory to God in the highest! I wanted to share this with all of you because my God is a big God. Nothing is too big for Him. And when we turn our lives over to Him, He will do big things through us. Our ministry motto is to "Dare to attempt something so big if God is not in it you will fail" (DL Moody). Thank you Lord Jesus!

I know many of you have already heard this testimony of God's provisions, but I felt inclined to share it as we began our new year of newsletters, knowing many have heard this great news and have been faithful to give. We should all jump for joy at the gracious hand of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you think this is a cool testimony, then I ask you to pause for a minute and think about eternity with Jesus. Now that is AWESOME!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAISE THE LORD OUR 9TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS MARCH 25. PRAY FOR A WONDERFUL DAY OF LOVE!**
- 2) PRAY FOR THE EASTER EVENT AT THE APT COMPLEX & IN DULUTH ON MARCH 18.**
- 3) PRAY FOR NEW DISCIPLES IN DULUTH.**
- 4) PRAY FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
- 5) PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULNESS TO THE WILL AND CALL OF THE FATHER!**

“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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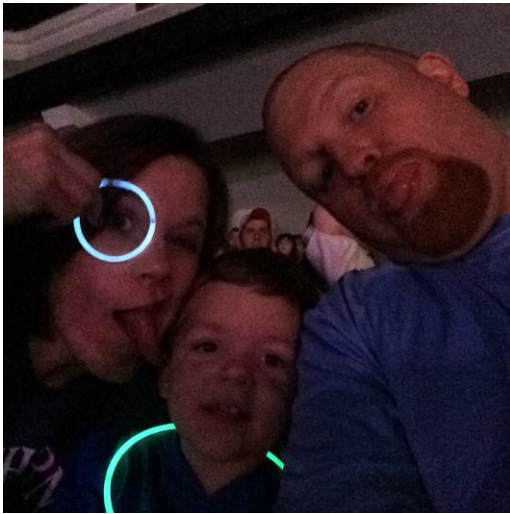
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This testimony also sets the tone for this year's ministry which is entitled the “Eye of the Needle”. Our pressing forward in ministry and pursuit of God has left us needing to pass through a narrow passage which will lead us into a new harvest field. Some saints have been called to journey with us through the narrow passage, and others have been called to remain on the other side, tending the sheep we leave behind. Over the course of 2015 RCM will be working on its third outreach post in Duluth, GA centered at Shorty Howell Park. We are still in a process of developing and training leaders related to existing ministry in the apartments of Norcross, but over the course of this year our new leaders will begin to take over more responsibility concerning the apartment communities. This is extremely exciting and challenging as we work with an all unpaid servant staff. God is moving to unite people according to His will and His ways. It is our job to be patient, as we wait and listen to the Lord for directions. Talk about a refining fire. God you are amazing and awesome. It is my joy to serve you, Lord, as we are blessed to serve with others! Our prayer is that by the end of 2016 RCM will have added an additional 75 disciples under the ministry covering. This will expand our outreach to have around 175-200 disciples (k-adult) under our care each week. Numbers are not near as important to us as those who are faithful and growing in Christ. Yes, Lord, make us more like Jesus!

In other news this year, I was blessed to have a few very special days with my family. To be honest, currently and for a season, my family is being asked to give much of me in order that God's will can be fulfilled. These seasons of life can be stressful on the family, but they are also character building as we exercise the faith and the spiritual training we do together in our home. Furthermore, I too realize all families experience these stressful work related challenges and do not think they are simply related to vocational ministry. My heart goes out to those who serve in the military, travel extensively, required to work long hours, or even have two jobs to make ends meet. Not to mention the challenges of a single parent. These families we lift up to you God and pray protection, unity, and love into their homes.

As I was saying; the special days this year started with Noah's fourth b-day party. We had all of his friends over to our house for a Paw Patrol blowout. Another special day was a day Ashley got the family tickets to go see the greatest show on earth, the circus. And the final special day was a day called Donuts with Dad at Noah's school. You can see some pictures from the first two occasions below and here is a paper Noah wrote to me on the day of Donuts with Dad. Noah writes (fill in the blank questions)

“My Dad's name is Matt and he is four years old. He weighs 512,548 pounds (ouch), has black hair, and kinda of brown eyes (at least the eye color was right). My Dad's favorite food is chocolate candy (Noah's favorite food). My Dad's job is to clean



my toys (discipleship is a process) up and hang out at work. He plays at work (lies I tell you). My Dad and I like to go see monster trucks (Noah's joy is big machines and animals). My Dad is smart, he knows his colors, how to drive (that's my boy), and how to play and seek. My favorite line is this one. I love my Dad because, "I just do." My son, Noah Richard Johns. What a blessing, thank you Jesus!

As mentioned, the life of the ministry has been full since the start of 2015. Two students received divine healing. One student sprained her ankle and could not walk. A prayer of healing was offered on her behalf and she was running around immediately. Another student was in a knee brace and could not run or bend his knee. A prayer of healing was offered up on his behalf and he was jogging through the parking lot with me with his knee brace off. Both students had smiles of amazement on their faces as God took their pain and healed them. Finally, relating to student ministry, twenty of our youth students went to a Christian concert called Winter Jam. These kids have never experienced 10 different types of Christian music or have worshiped with 30,000 others before. Yep, they were blown away. God is using all sorts of mysteries to reveal Himself to this special and unique group of teens.

This year was our third annual "Run to Love 5K" race, held on February 14th. Ashley is continuing to do a tremendous job with the planning, coordinating, and execution of this race. I love my wife with all my heart! We had 165 racers, double from two years ago, and netted our biggest profit margin. The race is a great way to connect the community with our ministry, share the Gospel with others, and provide a revenue stream for the ministry from outside the church. God is continuing to grow and bless these efforts.

. I would also like to acknowledge with special thanks Rocky Creek Baptist, Simpsonwood United Methodist, and Peachtree Corners Baptist for their blessed partnerships throughout our years of ministry. From 5K races, to monthly support, to supplying laborers for ministry, and providing special finances to meet the needs of families in our community; these local churches have been a praise on our lips from the beginning. This is God's design and He deserves all the glory, but there are so many people who make every touch of His grace possible on each live we minister. It is one of the coolest things to witness God allow us to share in His glory. When we report these events/testimonies to you we do so on behalf of all the people who are connected to our ministry. Each person works to keep the ministry moving forward and on behalf of me and my family, we say thank you to all who sacrifice their time, energy, resources, and talents. Heaven is going to be that much more rewarding as we will finally see the totality of this work of the Lord known as RE-CHRIST



MINISTRIES. Please enjoy the photos from this year and thank you for praying, giving, and serving to fulfill the work of the Lord.

In Christ,

Matt



