



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for the students at Valencia apartments as they go to VBS at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church. Pray that they would hear the good news of Jesus!

Continue to pray for the students over the summer, that they would make wise choices in who to hang out with and what to do over the long break. Only a few weeks left!

PRAY!!!

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

Thank you for your continued love and support of RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES. Over the summer we labored diligently in sharing the Gospel message in hopes many might come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is our joy to persistently do what is necessary to see others come to know Jesus as the Christ. Our work is satisfying because our knowledge of Jesus grows as He works through us to accomplish His will. This blessing of knowledge, God working in us, generates a greater expectance/hope of the world to come, eternal life in heaven. The work of His followers is never complete until the final trumpet sounds and we see Jesus face to face.

Before sharing some recent ministry events I want to ask you to ponder a few thoughts. Why is it that you never see a tornado whip through a junk yard and leave behind a newly built sky scraper or some other recognizable newly built machine from all of the junk parts it just picked up and swirled around? Or why is it that one can disassemble a watch, put all the parts in a box, and shake it for a million years and never witness the watch come back together? Did you know the chances of life forming on its own are $10^{40,000}$? Did you also know that mathematics says that any number above 10^{50} is impossible? My friends, God gave you each a brain for a reason. There are many laws of science that are precise and measurable within our universe. These laws give us opportunity to study and gain evidence of human existence and a creator God.

There is a God and He does want you to use your intellect and your rationale to accept the evidence He provides for His existence. Please do not spend all of your time here on the earth living day to day, rather think of the life to come in eternity. The probability of death is 10 out of 10, 100 percent! Don't you think we should spend some time in serious thought on where we are going after this life? Don't be the stubborn male driver who thinks he knows where he is going only to discover and prove that he has no idea of where he is going. We use our minds a million times per day to make decisions. The question of eternity can be just as rational a decision as any of the other choice we make every day. However, we must take the time to explore the evidence. We do not have to exercise blind faith, rather our human reasoning will point us in the direction we need to go, and then faith is required to accept Christ for eternal life. God gets people 99% of the way and then says trust me for the extra 1%. Why do we hold onto to that 1% so much? God has proven He is faithful if we will truly study the evidence.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, THAT VOLUNTEERS WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR TIME.**
- 2) PRAY FOR VBS AT SIMPSONWOOD NEXT WEEK.**
- 3) PRAY FOR MATT, ASHLEY AND NOAH AS THEY GO ON VACATION NEXT WEEK. THAT THEY WILL REST, RELAX AND HAVE FAMILY FUN!**
- 4) PRAISE THE LORD FOR ALL THE WORK HE CONTINUES TO DO!**

“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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Here are a few examples of our faith in action during the months of July and August.

- 1) July 8-10 we hosted a three night VBS with our partners at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. We had 75 adults and children attend each night from the community and 20 servant-volunteers serve from PCBC. Each night we shared a meal, shared a Bible story, and some fun games and activities. Adults and children we prayed over, some people made a decision to accept Jesus, and a community was strengthened by God's love for all of His creations. Simple, but powerful, and effective.
- 2) Our July outreach provoked within me the idea to start a weekly worship service at the Corners Apartments. However, I had a few hurdles to overcome. One, I needed to ask for permission from the property manager of the apartment community because of fair house laws. 98% of apartment communities will say No, if we asked to have a weekly worship service. However, I felt God was in this so I proceeded. However, I needed to overcome one other obstacle as well. The obstacle was to share Jesus with the property manager who is living a homosexual lifestyle. As you might imagine I was a bit nervous thinking I might offend the property manager by sharing Jesus, but I could no longer avoid sharing God's love with him simply because I thought he might respond negatively. Even if our entire ministry at this location came crashing down this man deserved to know God loved him, accepted him, but also needed him to repent and turn to Jesus. My fears were filled with joy through my obedience to God. The property manager allowed me to start a weekly service and he was so intrigued by our conversation on eternity that he invited me to lunch again. This time he said he would pay. God's ways are trustworthy. God loves all people and sent Jesus to die so they might have life!
- 3) Chris was the emissions man who checked our cars in August. He had many thoughts on religion and spirituality, but basically he was like a dog chasing his tail. His thoughts went in a circle and served him no good. I challenged him to think about the prophecies found in the Bible. How is it that 2,500 archeological discoveries have been made concerning the Bible and not a single one contradicts the Bible's content. Biblical prophecy is a rational thought which can lead us to a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Chris was stumped and did not have an answer for the evidence I provided. Let's stop



thinking we are smarter than God and trust him with the 1% of faith He requires for us to have eternal life.

- 4) For my birthday in August I received a gift certificate for a massage. The massage therapist talked a lot during my massage so rather than complain I figured I would share Jesus with her. Although, she did not come to Christ at that moment she knew what I said was true. In our conversation I used personal testimonies to reveal God's love for her. Did you know the Bible is a bunch of eye witness testimony, personal accounts of Jesus? Why are eye witnesses good enough to convict criminals but not proof enough that God exist?
- 5) In August we started our weekly worship service on the tennis courts at one of the local apartment communities where we work. The first night we had about 12 adults and 20 youth and kids. Last week, week four, we had about 40 total people and added two new families. This is amazing because this is what most people in the community make of our worship service. I get texts like, "Mr. Matt what time is the thing tonight with the guy and the guitar?" These sheep need a Shepherd and we are there to teach them how to worship God. This is another mystery but truth of the Gospel message of Christ. People are attracted to His light. People want to receive His love, God wants people to receive His love. Therefore, He makes true worship appealing to those who do not even know to what it is they are attracted. Another big praise coming from the start of this worship service is one of our high school students translates for me. God is using him to provide the Spanish speaking community what I cannot do on my own.
- 6) September 2 was our kick off date concerning our after school programs and our ESL classes. We have 70 students in our after school programs and about 12 adult ESL students. Pray for us as we minister to them over the course of the school year. The blessing is that we now have been ministering long enough in the same community that we have six high school students who help us mentor our elementary students. These students have been with us since their elementary school days. Our discipleship cycle is coming full circle and people's lives are being transformed. Human transformation is the number one evidence God exist. Come to Jesus and live!

In Christ
Matt Johns

