



RE-CHRIST

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for volunteers for the after school program.
We need 30-35.

Pray for the students of the after school program.
We look to serve 60 students all year!
Registration is 8/9 & 8/11

We have several students who have kindergarten siblings who will finally be able to join us this year!

PRAY!!!

Pray for wisdom, guidance, and like mindedness for all those involved in

RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES.

Pray for God to continue to complete the work He started in us as fulfillment of His word!

Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

WOW! I feel like I have opened all of my ministry updates this year with this expression. However, I do believe it is the most accurate way to describe everything that has been happening in our lives and ministry. So far this year we have welcomed our first child, Noah, into the world; I am only one comprehensive examine, two major papers, a few discussion board Q&A's, and four weeks from completing my Masters through Liberty University; and God has been blessing the ministry through our after school programs, 8 outreach events throughout the year thus far, one fundraiser dinner, two mission trips, and a Vacation Bible School; all which resulted in **FIFTEEN** professed salvations unto the Lord Jesus Christ. The RE-CHRIST family has been working diligently to make Jesus known in our community and due to our efforts Jesus has shown favor on us and those in our community.

In addition to the saved souls, RE-CHRIST MINISTRIES has also been able to help numerous families in need of benevolence. One family, who we have known for 5 years, suffered a difficult time as the mother had to have her leg amputated due to diabetes. During this process they were unable to help with their rent for a couple of months while disability was being worked out and we provided them with assistance. Life is hard at the poverty level and government disability does not work exactly how many of us think. The process is very difficult especially if you are trying to earn a living and make just enough to support your family, but not nearly enough to weather storms of this magnitude. Another family we helped also fell on financial hardship last year. Once again a family living on minimum wage was put to the test. This particular family had been working hard to open their own African shop. Therefore in view of God's mercy we came alongside of them to help them with the necessities of life in order to help them find financial stability. This was an act of God's generosity towards this family and now they have a shop which supports their family. This family of five continues to be reminded of the love of Jesus every time they see us. Some other benevolence stories consist of helping a widow get her two sons in sports camps this summer, providing a middle school student from our after school program the opportunity to go on a mission trip with our local church, and several gift cards for food to those in need. A simple food card brought a man to tears one day as he received the love of God through our mercy giving. Praise the Lord for giving us what we don't deserve, hell and damnation, and providing the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus the Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR REST AS
ASHLEY & I GET AWAY FOR
A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE
FALL. MY MOM WILL BE
WATCHING NOAH.**
- 2) PRAY FOR ESL
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.**
- 3) PRAY FOR FINANCIAL
BLESSINGS AS WE SEEK TO
CONTINUE TO BE A
BLESSING TO OUR
COMMUNITY.**
- 4) PRAY FOR POWERFUL
FALL TRANSITION FOR
GROWTH AND DEPTH OF
THE MINISTRY.**
- 5) PRAY FOR A CHURCH
PLANT**

**“And my God will
meet all your needs
according to his
glorious riches in
Christ Jesus”
Philippians 4:19**

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It has been almost two months since last I reported too you so I will now attempt to recap in an informative and brief manner. After school ended in late May, Ashley, Noah, and myself made our way to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to help with “Beach Camp” for the youth of our church. Four middle school students we disciple from the apartments were a part of one hundred and fifty students and twenty-five adult volunteers. Don’t let the title of “Beach Camp” throw you off because I only saw the beach one time for fifteen minutes. However, it was fifteen minutes of my life that I will never forget; twenty-six youth were baptized in the Atlantic Ocean and needless to say everybody who was out on the beach that day got a real glimpse of the glory of God. The entire beach stopped to admire the sea of red shirts (beach camp shirt) as students shouted and praised God at the top of their lungs for each youth who was baptized. And if that was not enough, for my hard work as head chef for the week (cooking for 175 people, three meals per day plus snacks), God rewarded me the opportunity to help a young girl struggling with drugs to see the light of Christ and come to know Him as Lord and Savior. Glory to God!

After our beach bonanza, we brought thirty elementary students from the local apartments to the Vacation Bible School at our church. In addition to the thirty students participating, we also engaged two of our middle school students as helpers. One adult from the community came with us to help with recreation time in the gym. There were nearly four hundred students total who attended VBS, twenty of which gave their life to Christ. Praise the Lord! Six of the students who made professions of faith came from the thirty which we brought with us from the community. Praise the Lord! The best was one of the six students from the apartments was a middle school helper who was not even suppose to be at VBS, but God opened the door for her to serve and then He served her the gift of salvation. Praise you Jesus! Over the past couple of years, thirty percent of the VBS professions of faith at our local church have come from children we have brought with us from the community. Therefore we are planning next year to begin doing a VBS on location at the apartment complex. Rather than having only thirty students attend from the community we are praying that a hundred students will attend by us bringing the Gospel to them. And if our statistics will hold than we will see around 30 kids come to faith. Glory!

By this time in the summer I was a bit exhausted and in need of a little rest, but that would not be the case. The following week I was off to Dallas for three days for some work related training with a partnering non-profit organization called Apartment Life. I came home just in time to celebrate my first Father’s Day which was done in style with a big juicy steak! The last week in June and into the first week of July I traveled to Montana on mission trip. This was the third year in a row I have been to Montana and I see the Lord working in so many ways. Three years



**THE
STORE!**



VBS 2011



ago adult Bible studies were just starting and now they have grown to about 30 people. This may not sound like much but trust me for the area this is great growth. The youth group has also grown and they average about fifty kids on Wednesday night. These are a stiff necked people but God is winning them over for His glory. Three students gave their life to Christ while we were in Montana this year. Please pray for all the kids as we received word last week that one of the girl's dad drown and another girl's mom tried to commit suicide for the second time. Furthermore, cancer has nearly brought to death brother Jim who was a main component in the bus ministry at the Canyon Baptist Church. Two other children living and attending Canyon Baptist Church are about to become orphans due to the cancer that is destroying the life of their mother. These two children are sweethearts and are at a total loss watching their Mom die. Please lift up Canyon Baptist Church and the people of Hungry Horse, Montana.

Throughout the month of July we have shifted our focus to planning for the fall. However, we were able to put on five outreach events yielding in three professions of faith. Praise the Lord! Thank you so much for the Creative Ministry Group from Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. who helped us with several of these events. One event was our first Sunday service at the Corners Apartments. It was a beautiful Sunday morning as we gathered on the tennis courts to bring praise and glory to God's holy name. Thirty-three people from the community were in attendance as we shared breakfast together and allowed God's Word to speak to our hearts through worship and teaching. We now are in the process of trying to continue Sunday worship once a month. God is continuing to put strength in our ministerial legs at RE-CHRIST and we are looking forward to another dynamic school year. Please continue to remember us in prayer. We need wisdom to plan, finances and volunteers to implement our plan, and the faith to keep moving forward. The fall is stacking up to have great potential in kingdom growth but there is still much to be done between now and then. Thank you all for reading our updates, praying for our ministry, and supporting us through various gifts. Bless these people in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen!

Brother in Christ
Matt Johns

Please enjoy the
attached pictures
from our summer
events!

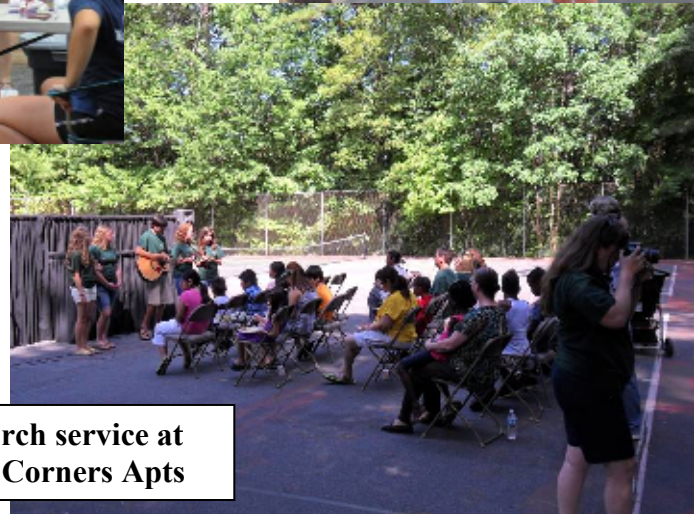




**MONTANA
TRIP**



**BLOCK
PARTIES!**



**Church service at
The Corners Apts**