



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

What can surpass the greatness of God? Who is more powerful than God? Who displays unfailing love for all people like God? The answer is nothing and nobody. Beloved, sin (anything we say, think, or do that offends a holy God) has destroyed our ability to know and understand a holy God. People are blinded towards the reality of God's love and power because of the effect sin has on human faculties. Humans falter and fail at life miserably when held to the standard of perfection, God's standard (holiness). We are selfish, imperfect, and destructive people. Just take a personal inventory of your life history and a look at the world around us. What is it that you see? Do you see perfection? This is not rocket science, rather rational and honest assessment of natural life observations.

There are many opinions or thoughts on the subject of religion, but not all can be true. All roads do not lead to the same place for this goes against the law on non-contradiction. Have you ever felt in your heart that a certain decision was correct, then you only learned that it was not? I know I have. However, I am thankful I am not basing my beliefs on eternity around my gut feeling. No, there is much more evidence to my decision than just an unsubstantiated gut feeling. There is physical, historical, experiential, and circumstantial evidence (faith) that I consider and then proudly say, yes, Jesus Christ is Lord! How about you? What do you say happens next? What do you think is beyond this life and where do you get your evidence?

Jesus Christ came to the earth to live a perfect life, revealing God's plan for a perfect world to come (heaven), and die on a cross as the penalty of all mankind sins. The Bible says the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23). A wage is what one earns. We earn death, eternal separation from God for the lies we have spoken, for the idols we have worship (money, sports, fame, and family), the hatred in our heart towards God and others, the lifestyles we covet of the rich and famous or highly influential, and for our lustfulness of sex, power, and greed. We are a lying, covetous, murderous, sexually immoral people who pursue selfish ambitions over a personal relationship with God. If you need evidence of this statement I encourage you to keep track of your time for a week. See how much time you spend in cultivating a relationship with God. Look at your checkbook and see how much money you give towards things God cares about verses how much you spend on yourself. When we measure ourselves to the God of the Bible and His standard, perfection, we all fall short of the glory of God

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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(Romans 3:23) and stand condemned by His law. We have earned death and God will carry forth His punishment because He is holy, just, and true to His Word. God is not like man, He is not a liar. His word stands the test of time and we can look to His Word, the Bible, to see its accuracy and truth concerning its content.

In my mind this is terrible news, upon the end of my life here on the earth I will face judgment for the lies I have told, the life of sexual immorality I lived, the hatred I have held against others, the desires I have had to think money would make my life better than God. I am a liar, a thief, an adulterer, a blasphemer, and a murderer by God's standard. I will not have any excuses for my actions, but will stand before God guilty of these sins. How will you fair?

However, God does not desire any man to perish, rather He desires all to receive eternal life. Wow, that is great news! You mean that I can have a get out of jail free card? The answer is yes. God gives eternal life through a personal relationship with Christ Jesus. We do not deserve or earn this free gift, rather we must receive it. No good gift received is put aside, rather it is cherished and used according to its purpose. Furthermore, every gift given is purchased at a cost. I have never given a gift that did not cost me something. Our salvation cost God's son His life. Therefore, we need not think the idea of faith or belief is a simple intellectual decision. No, to repent means to turn from. It calls us to take action away from sin and into a relationship with God. A person who truly repents of their sins and accepts Jesus as his Savior will have a change of mind concerning sin and will have a new heart desire for the things of God, not the things of the world. Just because one goes to church, or thinks he is a Christian, does not necessarily make them a Christian. Going to Church, or doing good to people because it is the right thing to do make us no more like God than going into our garage every day and thinking somehow we have now become a car. No, one must be born again by God's Spirit. God will draw us towards Him, which is away from sin, as His Spirit works within us.

God wants people to use the life of Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to live as He did some 2,000 years ago, in the modern world today. Yes, Jesus died so that you might have life, abundant life. He died in your place. He died so that you could stand before God on Judgment Day and be seen as righteous, perfect. God will not accept anybody who is not righteous to enter into heaven. Think about all the gifts you have received in your life time. Think about some that are so precious to you. Ask yourself if you can bring them with you to the other side, the life after death? Jesus, is the greatest gift one can ever receive. It is not meant to harm you or take from you, rather it is to provide you all you need to make it into eternal life, heaven. I have never met a true born again believer who has not been satisfied with his/her gift of eternal life. A born again believer



who has received, cherished, and used God's gift will continue to learn to love the gift more today than when he/she first received. The gift of eternal life is one of endless mystery and amazement. There are many people who know about the gift (intellectually), but fewer actually open the gift and discover the joy of having received a personal relationship with the one true living God. Do not miss your opportunity to receive God's wonderful gift of eternal salvation. Let me know if I can help you in any way to understand God's love for you and His desire to empower you to live an abundant life here on the earth in preparation of a perfect life to come. Having lived on both sides of the fence, I would not exchange my life in Christ for anything. I do not feel that I am missing out on anything rather God is teaching me an entire new life, one richer, fuller, and more rewarding that I could ever had imagined. God is love!

To validate my claims, here are a few stories of life transformation from our ministry over the last couple of months.

- May 8th we closed our after school programs with a grand celebration for all of our students and their families. See the photos. We serviced 60 elementary students (capacity), and 17 middle and high school students this year. Twice a week all students are engaged in Bible studies.
- This year we honored 32 servant-volunteers who have served with RCM for three years or more. We have been doing ministry for seven years.
- God's family provided scholarships (\$350 ea.) for 19 middle school and high school students to go on the summer youth beach camp trip with Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. I was in Denver, CO during the trip and instructed some of our mature students to share Christ with their peers. This resulted in three people being baptized and one person being saved. The male student I asked to share with his peers at beach camp was evicted from his home days prior to leaving for beach camp. Christ working through us brings others into His saving grace. Even middle school and high school kids can do it! Praise God, this is one of my proudest moments in ministry today.
- My trip to Denver resulted in many people hearing the Gospel and several making a profession of faith. We used an evangelism technique known as the



“Ultimate Treasure Hunt”. We asked God to give us clues concerning location, person’s appearance, unusual features, need, and name. One person, “the ultimate treasure”, my team found was a man with a beard, standing on the side walk, next to the library, wearing a black shirt, and had a whole in his boots. Another person was named Jonathan, in the park, with a huge smile, and was helping kids. He was a martial arts teacher working with kids. We located these individual by the clues God revealed to us through prayer. It is amazing to walk up to somebody who you have never met, provide a description of what they would look like and where they would be located, in a sea of thousands of people and say you are my Ultimate Treasure and I have Good News to share with you. God is amazing. The Bible says He knows the number of hairs on our head.

- One of our students, overcoming sexual abuse as a little girl, feels a desire to become a worship leader. This is a miracle because for the last year she has been suffering in anguish with her self-identity. Prayer, faithfulness, compassion, and love can shape anybody’s heart and draw them to God.
- Tim is an obese man working at CVS. He gets winded simply moving around. Moved by compassion for his weight problem one night I laid hands on him and interceded for his soul. When I closed my prayer I turned around to see a large line had formed behind me, and Tim’s manager was standing at the register. I have not seen Tim since, but that night I felt this man might not see tomorrow in his condition so I shared God’s love and prayed for Him
- Finally, a family called us one night in need of financial assistance. I prayed to God for help and He told me He would provide. The next morning I went to take my car to get an oil change and my mechanic gave me a check for the money I needed. I did not ask him, but he said God told me to give this to you. Praise the Lord!

God so loved the world that He GAVE His only begotten son, and that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Love gives!!! Love gives!!!! Love Gives!!!! Thank you for sharing in our ministry and please, please, please receive the Lord



Jesus Christ if you do not already know Him.
And if you do know Him keep, giving, giving,
and giving. You will never run out of God's
love or His resources. We love you all.

Brother in Christ
Matt Johns



