

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pray for all of our students as preparation begins again for their big test the CRCT in April!

Pray for our volunteers as they continue to mentor the students. Pray that we will have new leaders step forward to fill in gaps to help with the kids

PRAY!!!

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Dear RE-CHRIST Supporters

This evening I am at the after school program with our middle school students. One of our students, Chris, just learned to share the story of Jesus walking on water with his peers. This is a most refreshing moment in my day and I am blessed to continue to see Chris' desire to grow in a relationship with Christ. It has been a rocky road for him and he still is learning how to say no to peer pressure and control his emotions, but little by little I see God working in his life. I have asked Chris to start coming to help us with our younger elementary students. Please pray he would take me up on this offer. Chris has come a few times thus far to help us with the elementary students, the kids love him and it is great for his maturity, but he fears this type of responsibility and would much rather do his own thing. Pray for clarity and truth in the mind of this young man so that he knows the dangers lurking all around him, seeking to distract and destroy his life. Pray Chris find freedom and liberty to be who God has designed him to be and for Chris to love good and hate evil.

This morning I am seeking to finish my ministry update for you. I have just completed teaching my Bible class at the local public high school and my heart is filled with pain. I see a generation bombarded with opportunity, but with little biblical wisdom on how to process their opportunities. The minds of this generation are wandering, they posses no ability be still and know God. However, there is a stirring deep down, a desire to know God, but a lacking of discipline and work ethic to find truth in abiding in God. We live in a post modern culture who thinks all spiritual matters are relative to one's own self. This implies people of this generation think what is true for me might not be true for somebody else. This is false thinking and breaks the law of noncontradiction. Truth does not contradict itself; it is simply truth and is relative to all people. The Bible is truth and there are no contradictions in the Bible. Pray for my co-teacher Forrest Jones and myself as we seek to be used by God to help this generation open their minds, hearts, and souls to biblical truth.

Among starting the Bible class at the high school this year, I have also been busy working on setting a vision, a plan of attack, and implementing a process that could affect 132 Gwinnett Baptist Associational Churches. In January I presented my vision to the team and the Director of the Association and they loved it. This was pleasing to me because I knew if they did not like it I would need to graciously bow out of this new responsibility. I could not continue to use the same methodologies and find the same results.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) PRAY FOR OUR 5K RACE IN FEBRUARY 2013! WE NEED RUNNERS!
- 2) PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS THAT MATT AND FOREST TEACH EACH DAY. PRAY THEIR HEARTS WILL BE OPENED TO THE TRUTH.
- 3) PRAISE THE LORD FOR A WONDERFUL MISSIONS CONFERENCE AT PEACHTREE CORNERS BAPTIST CHURCH. HEARTS WERE OPENED AND THE LORD IS WORKING THERE.
- 4) PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES THAT WE MINISTER TO AS THEY GO THROUGH LIFE EVENTS.

"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

Contact Info

For information please contact Matt Johns on his website at <u>www.re-christ.org</u> or email <u>mjohns@re-christ.org</u> It is time to change our thinking in the church and reengage our communities with the love of God. The most difficult part in this process is in the months ahead. This is when we will seek to implement the vision, incorporating it within 132 autonomous associational churches. Please pray for unity and a desire for churches to work together in order to accomplish something larger than they could ever imagine.

Our after school programs continue to press forward, but we are still seeking God to bless us with some new leaders. This will be critical for the future growth of our outreach and we covet your prayer support. Yesterday, after ministering to the elementary students we had some former students return for a visit. A mother of four, now a single parent due to a recent divorce, was asking if her children could return to the program even though their family did not live in the apartment community where the after school program is located. This family had been living with an abusive father for 10 years and finally the mother was empowered to separate and seek a new life. In the midst of hardship this broken family desires to turn to Jesus. Pray for this family and for us as we seek to be God's instrument of truth, compassion, and love.

Finally, we want to thank all of our friends at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church for their love and support over the years. We were blessed to be part of yet another Mission Conference in January. I also failed to mention in our last update a couple of items from December where RE-CHRIST was used by the Lord to share his love. During December we transported 75 adults and students to a Christmas display of a Walk Thru Bethlehem at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church. I also participated in an evangelistic gathering in Charlotte, NC which resulted in 40 people coming to Christ. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is God alone and through Jesus Christ all mankind can gain access to God. It is His power and His ways which sustains our ministry and our lives. I am blessed to have been delivered from death and damnation into light and eternal life found in Christ's kingdom on earth. Pray for our 5K race coming up on February 16th. The race is called "Run to Love" and it is designed to bring awareness to our community about God's love while generating revenue for our ministry. If you desire to help or run please click here www.RunToLove5K.com.

Brother in Christ Matt Johns



If you would like to participate in our 5K, please check out our website and sign up today! We will have a supervised kids' zone where your kids can hangout and play while you run. Then sign them up for the 1M Fun Run and get more of their energy out! It will be a fun day!

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