

Kids 4 Christ Update

July & August 2004

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100% Unanimous: Camp Was Great ***Camp Trip for Younger Children Lots of Fun, Led Three to Christ***

Thanks to community support that went well beyond merely generous, we were able to provide 13 children with a free week-long stay at Bible camp during June.

Through their own work at scripture memorization, Bible reading, behavior, and good attendance, 17 elementary-age children earned the right to stay at Camp New Dawn during the week of June 6th. Of those 17, 14 kids were able to go, with 13 staying for the entire week.

Camp New Dawn, located on New Dawn Farms in the Davis Crossroads area, provided the children with a week full of fun and learning, from hayrides and campfires to frog racing and Bible study led by missionary Idella Simmons.

During the week three of our kids accepted salvation - a good memory they won't soon forget. All the children said they had a great time and would go back again as soon as they could. There were no complaints at all during the bus ride home, and many of the children sang songs they learned during the week.

Some children from the youngest class who were not eligible to stay at New Dawn all week went on Friday the 11th to pick up their older siblings and go on a hay ride at the farm. Another group of older children will be attending camp during the week of July 11th. We also plan to take the children with good attendance during the next three months back to the camp during October for a hayride.

May & June Happenings

ADVENTURE! Bible school

Last month's K4C ADVENTURE! backyard Bible school reached about 50 children, half of which had never before attended a K4C event. Three sessions of children's activities were held, at the Max Stoker rec. area, the Henderson St. basketball court, and in Simmons park in Linwood. We are staying in contact with the children who came to each session and hope to see them soon in our Wednesday night classes.

Allstar Wrestling

The Christian wrestling event hosted by Kids 4 Christ on May 22nd was a success by any measure, even though the wet weather limited attendance to about 100 people. But of those 100, six accepted Christ during the closing invitation.

That invitation was led by Center Grove Youth Minister, K4C board member, and former professional wrestler Rev. Jim "Dirty White Boy" Powell. Rev. Powell has kept himself in shape and occasionally brings "wrestling crusades" to the area in order to reach those people who would not otherwise hear an invitational message.

Kids 4 Christ was proud to sponsor and host Allstar Wrestling in May and hope that we can bring it back sometime in the near future. We look forward to hosting other family friendly community events as the year continues.

Volunteer Needs Met

Through previous Updates and several of our special events, God has sent the people needed to fill all of our open Wednesday night positions. As we enter our third year, Kids 4 Christ is now in better shape, volunteer-wise, than ever before.

Some of the positions now filled had been open almost a year, filled by substitutes or volunteers who were to the point of being burnt out. With all the jobs finally taken care of we have a teacher and regular assistant for all of our classes, and have teenage "Jr. Assistants" for the four youngest groups.

The volunteers on hand now meet most of our current needs, but there's still room for more help on Wednesday nights. While the current situation is a blessing, we will require more workers to continue growing, to serve as substitutes, and to replace workers who leave the group. There's still plenty of room - and opportunity - for more adults at Kids 4 Christ.

Youth Work Week

On the week of June 14th 20-25 youth from Center Grove Church came to Kids 4 Christ to help with some outstanding maintenance projects. The kids painted, did yard work, helped with ADVENTURE!, hung clothes, and sorted bookbags for the Back 2 School Blast. Much was accomplished through a few kids willing to give up their mornings for five days.

Monthly Milestones

Average Wednesday night attendance in May and June: **61**

Highest Kids 4 Christ attendance on a Wednesday: **80** (new record)

Number of individual children attending a K4C class at least once since June 2002: **319**

Average number of families helped through clothing ministry each week in May: **32**

Noteworthy Needs

Back 2 School Blast

As mentioned in previous Updates, Kids 4 Christ will once again host a back to school cookout, the Back 2 School Blast, on July 24th. The first Blast held last August was a huge success with almost 300 adults and children attending. During the 2003 event we had live entertainment, gave away school supplies, and provided a safe event that could be attended by every member of the family.

This year's blast will be bigger and better, with more music and entertainment, the same great food, and more school supplies being given away in packed bookbags. We expect at least 500 people to attend, and hope to give away 200 or more bags of school supplies.

But in order to make this year's Blast a success we will need a lot of volunteers present at the event. Serving food, helping park cars, packing bookbags, supervising children on the playground, setting up tables, and cleaning up after - there's a job suitable for almost everyone at the Blast.

The food, drinks, entertainment, activities, and school supplies are already being taken care of. We appreciate everyone who has worked so hard to help put this event together for the community. All that remains now is recruiting enough volunteers to handle the expected crowd of people. If you think you can help with this event in any way, please contact us as soon as possible so jobs can be assigned to each worker.

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Building Workday Planned

While the Center Grove youth who came and worked on our building in June got a lot done, we still have several projects that need to be taken care of before the summer ends. We have tentatively planned an adults work day for sometime in September, details to be announced in the next mailing.

Window Heat & Air Units

Through community support we have been able to purchase one of the new window heat and air conditioning units needed to make our old building more comfortable year-round. But there's still a need for several more - we need to have at least 4 more of those put in before the weather starts cooling down.

Clothing Needs

The Clothes Closet is currently closed for the July 4th holiday, but once it reopens on the 14th we will be trying to meet the community's need for school clothes. Right now children's pants and bluejeans are especially needed (jeans in adult sizes too, since some children can wear larger sizes.) Please remember us as you clean out your childrens' closets this month.

Donations are accepted any time the Clothes Closet is open or can be left outside our Chestnut St. entrance after hours.

Food Donations

A month ago we sent an e-mail to all our supporters asking if anyone could donate or sell an old freezer to K4C so we could store more food on a long-term basis. Thanks to that we have had two large freezers donated and have room to keep a lot of extra food to feed the children. Now we need to fill up that extra freezer! Bread, cookies, meat, and other food that can be stored frozen are always needed for Wednesday nights and special events.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact us (see info on back page). Please remember all of these needs in your daily prayers.

Schedule of Events

July 2nd, 4:00 to 11:00 - LaFayette Freedom Festival

This year K4C volunteers will be working the crowd at the annual Independence Day celebration in the city rec center. We plan to hand out candy, popsicles, and advertising material to everyone at the rec.

Independence Day Schedule Changes

Kids 4 Christ classes will not be held on July 7th in order for our volunteers to take a well-deserved break and enjoy the July 4th holiday week. The Clothes Closet will not open during the two weeks surrounding Independence Day, June 30th through July 10th.

July 11th to 16th - Older Kids Camp Trip

On Sunday July 11 K4C will be picking up a group of middle school-age kids who earned a trip to Bible camp during May. The kids will stay at Camp New Dawn in Kensington until Friday the 16th. This trip was made possible through generous community support.

July 24th, 4:00 to 8:00 - Back 2 School Blast 2004

Before school resumes, cap off the summer with a K4C community event. Just like last year, we will host a free cookout at our building for everyone in the community. This year's Blast will feature entertainment, face painting, music, food, and a drawing for several door prizes. We will also be giving away book bags and school supplies to all the kids who attend, while supplies last. The Clothes Closet will be open during the cookout.

August 7th, 2:00 PM - Perfect Attendance Bowling Trip

In early August we will take all the kids who had good attendance during April, May, and June to bowl at Galaxy Bowling in Dalton. We will pick the kids up at home and bring them back before dinnertime. Interested adults are welcome to go with us to serve as chaperones and bowl for free along with the kids.

Early August (TBA) - Jack & The Beanstalk

Our three youngest classes will enjoy a clown production of "Jack & The Beanstalk" at Lifegate Church in LaFayette. The performance will be held in August, exact time and date depending on a decision by Lifegate.

September 10th - Chosen Generation

Karen Wheaten and The Chosen Generation will be performing at Lifegate Church on Friday, September 10th. This well-known group talks about growing up in the projects and overcoming life's challenges to accomplish God's work. Kids in 6th grade and up who regularly attend K4C on Wednesday nights will be invited to attend.

These scheduled events may be changed or canceled as necessary.

For an up-to-date list, please see our Web schedule at www.k4c.info/schedule/



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