

“Utilizing the body of Christ for the work of Christ in the city.”

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- **82% of fourth graders in Mississippi are below grade level in reading.**
- **83% of fourth graders in Mississippi are below grade level in math.**

statistics provided by the Children's Defense Fund

At the Neighborhood Christian Center, we believe that the key to reducing these devastating numbers is through seeking *changed hearts and educated minds.*

Christmas at the Neighborhood Christian Center

NCC partners with Kroger Foods, KLLM Transport Services, and local businesses and individuals to provide over 500 Christmas meals to families

Every year, NCC works to foster our relationship with the children and families involved our after-school tutoring programs by providing hundreds of food boxes to needy families in the inner city. This project works to reinforce the unconditional love and mercy of Jesus Christ with the families we are actively ministering to and to other families in need in our neighborhood. The Junior High Class at First Presbyterian and other groups from around Jackson packed over 500 food boxes the morning of Saturday, December 10th. The Crossroads Sunday School class provided their services along with other volunteers to distribute these boxes to families on Saturday, December 17th.

And it's not too late to reach out to your neighbors in the inner city of Jackson...

\$20.00

will provide a Christmas box with everything a family needs to serve a hearty Christmas dinner this holiday season.

If you would like to give a box in someone's name in lieu of a Christmas present this year, NCC would love to send them an honor card telling them about the gift. (Please include the mailing address along with your gift if you wish to have a card sent)

NCC hosts a Christmas Party for all its tutoring sites

On Thursday, Dec. 1st, over 155 children, parents, staff, and volunteers gathered at the McCravey-Triplett Student Center on Belhaven College's Campus. Everyone enjoyed food provided by MMI Food Services, and beautiful table arrangements made by the 6th grade Sunday School class at First Presbyterian. Students from Mission First, Ash Street, Institutional AME, Tabernacle of Praise and First Presbyterian showcased their talents by singing, dancing and performing skits that they had prepared for the evening. Each child also received a gift certificate to Wal-mart from NCC's Board of Directors. Thanks to everyone who helped with this very special time of fellowship and a time to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ!!!



“Utilizing the body of Christ...



Mrs. Sarah Thomas: Ash Street Site Director

Mrs. Sarah Thomas is a retired certified School teacher with Jackson Public Schools. Mrs. Thomas has also taught at: Holy Ghost Catholic School, Hinds Community College, and in the Rankin County School system. Mrs. Thomas received her Masters of Science in Education from Jackson State University as well as her Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education. Mrs. Thomas belongs to the MS Professional Educators, and is an Alumni of Lanier High School.



Mrs. Amanda Adams: Teacher

Mrs. Adams is one of the primary teachers at our Ash Street location She is a native of Kosciusko, Mississippi and this is her first year with the Neighborhood Christian Center.



Ms. Rhonda Boose: Teacher

Ms. Boose is a teacher at NCC's Ash Street location. Before teaching at the Neighborhood Christian Center, Ms. Boose studied Biology and pre-Physical therapy at Hinds Community College.



Mrs. Emily Hardin: Testing

Mrs. Emily facilitates the academic testing of the STAR Reader Assessment program at Ash Street. The children's reading skills are tested every nine weeks and through this test, NCC is able to determine the grade level at which each student is currently reading. Mrs. Emily also collects report cards for the students at Ash Street to further evaluate their performance in school. Mrs. Emily received her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies/Elementary Education, and currently serves as teacher's assistant at Madison Station Elementary in the Special Education department.



Ms. Lauren Morris: Dance Teacher

Ms. Morris teaches dance to the children at Ash Street. She also dances professionally with the Living Water Dance Company in Jackson. She is currently pursuing a Masters in dance education from UNC-Greensboro. Lauren previously created and implemented a dance curriculum in inner city Charlotte, NC. Lauren has volunteered in different capacities with NCC since 2000, and currently heads the creative motions dance program at Redeemer Presbyterian and well as Fridays at Ash Street.



Mrs. Latonya DeVroux

Mrs. DeVroux is a volunteer at Ash Street and has two children in the program, ages 9 and 12. Mrs. DeVroux also lives across the street from the Neighborhood Christian Center's Ash street site.



Civitan Club at Mississippi College

Service Chairman, Walker Boggs, and his crew from MC's Civitan Club volunteer every Thursday at Ash Street. They serve as tutors as well as positive male role models for the children at NCC.

At our Ash Street Center

We offer:

- Our largest After-school tutoring program: 5 afternoons a week
- A curriculum based on academic and spiritual enrichment
- Administrative offices, emergency food pantry, toy room, computer room and a large fenced-in-playground
- 3 Teachers for our After-school Program
- Over 50 volunteers of all ages to help with one-on-one after-school tutoring
- Instruction in: Music, Dance, Art and Theatre
- Certified Education Specialists
- A JPS Speech Therapist for K - 2nd graders
- Reading Assessment technology
- Computer Room with educational games

Support the Neighborhood Christian Center:

- Financially
- Volunteer
- In-kind Gifts
- Prayer

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NCC Kids



Lykeenan Kelly
 Age: Seven
 Grade: 2nd
 School: Barr Elementary
 Favorite subjects: Music and Art
 Favorite activity at NCC: Playgroup
 When Lykeenan grows up he would like be:
 A policeman or a doctor.

Tiara Traylor
 Age: Eight
 Grade: 2nd
 School: Johnson Elementary
 Favorite subjects: Math and Science
 Favorite activity at NCC: Drum Class & “shooting hoops”
 When Tiara grows up she would like be:
 A music teacher



Dominique Loggins
 Age: Nine Grade: 4th
 School: Galloway Elementary
 Favorite subjects: Math
 When Dominique grows up she would like be 3 things: 1. A Lawyer 2. a long-distance runner and 3. A Professional Singer.
 Dominique has attended NCC for 5 years.



Marquiz Pendleton
 Age: Eight
 Grade: 4th
 School: Galloway Elementary
 Favorite subject: Math
 Favorite activity at NCC:
 Playing on the NCC playground



Rosalyn Dulaney
 Age: Eleven, Grade: Fifth, School: Galloway Elementary
 Favorite Subject: Reading
 Favorite NCC Activity: computers, homework and outside
 Rosalyn would like to be an architect when she grows up

Talor Hinton, Age: 9, Grade: 4th
 School: Johnson Elementary
 Favorite Subject: Spelling
 Favorite NCC Activity: Art



NCC Tutoring Site Schedule

Neighborhood Christian Center
 417 W. Ash Street, Mon-Fri., 2:30-5:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
 1390 North State Street, Tues. 5:00-6:00pm

Institutional AME Church
 3032 Bishop Street, Mon-Thurs, 4:00-5:00

Tabernacle of Praise
 1917 Forest Avenue, Mon-Thurs, 2:30-5:00

Mission First
 275 Roseneath Street, Mon-Thurs. 2:30-5:00

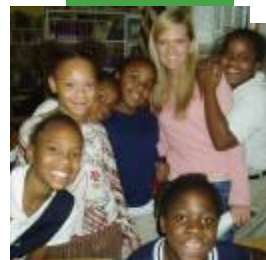
Redeemer Presbyterian
 640 East Northside Drive, Wed., 4:00-5:00



LiSimba Young
 Age: Nine
 Grade: 2nd
 School: Davis Magnet
 Favorite subject:
 Everything
 When LiSimba grows up he would like to be:
 A professional basketball or football player, or a professional bowler.



Armesha Williams
 Age: 9, Grade: 4th
 School: Galloway Elementary
 Favorite subject: Math
 Favorite NCC activity:
 Playing with tutor from Mississippi College





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NCC'S WISH LIST

- **After-school Snacks (perishable & non-perishable items)**
 - **Dictionaries!!!**
 - **Construction Paper**
 - **Computers/Printers**
 - **Dry Board markers and erasers**
 - **Mouse pads**
 - **Story books**
 - **Formatted diskettes**
 - **Educational Software and games**
 - **15 passenger Van!!**
 - **Religious Materials/ Bibles**
 - **Winter Coats (for adults and children)**
 - **Piano/keyboard**
 - **Projection Screen**
 - **Primary writing tablets**
 - **Playground equipment**
 - **Personal Hygiene items**

If you have or would like to donate any of these items and would like to donate them, please contact NCC at: 601-352-9049

The Neighborhood Christian Center is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability



*"telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all."
Acts 10:36-7*

This year because of your support...

- Our After-school tutoring programs are maintaining an enrollment of **over 100 students** hearing the gospel and receiving academic enrichment **at 6 sites all over the city.**
- Hearts for Arts, had a **50% increase of teenagers** participating in a 2 week performing arts camp
- Summer Super Stars for Christ **reached nearly 200 students** in its five weeks of enrichment activities held at First Presbyterian Church.
- **55 professions of faith in Jesus Christ were made** during Super Stars.
- **Over 200 individuals and companies contributed** financial or "in-kind" goods
- **Over 350 volunteers** from 4 states and 5 denominations shared the love of Christ through their involvement with NCC
- **Over 500 families will receive Christmas food boxes** to enable them to serve a hearty Christmas dinner this holiday season
- Local families will have access to NCC's **Adopt-a-Family program and Christmas Toy room.**

And much, much more....

Can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for next year...

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