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Look inside to learn how to become a member of the Neighborhood Block Party!

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SPOTLIGHT ON: AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Every Monday and Tuesday from 3:00-5:00pm, First Presbyterian church is a place filled with: students from Jackson Prep, Jackson Public Schools and First Presbyterian members. The site is led by former missionary, Maryla Delaney and is regularly assisted by FPC members: Anne Cunningham, Pamela Houchins, Betsy Chestnut, Barb Miller, Janet Hester, Laura Damon Wofford, Nancy Fyke and Cheryl Wells. Mrs. Bobbie Smith, NCC staff also assists with transportation and supervision of the NCC children.

Typically an afternoon of tutoring consists of: Homework assistance, Bible verse memorization, daily devotionals and an afternoon snack. NCC students are each partnered with a tutor from Jackson Prep, creating an atmosphere where both tutor and student are constantly learning from one another. **Contact NCC to get more involved today!**

"Utilizing the body of Christ to do the work of Christ in the city"

After School Tutoring Sites

Ash Street Center
417 W. Ash Street, 2:30-5:30,
Monday-Friday, K-12

First Presbyterian Church
1390 N. State Street, 3:00-5:00,
Mondays & Tuesdays, K-3rd

To volunteer at one of these sites contact: Mrs. Johnnie Bruce, Tutoring Director at 601-354-8855



Neighborhood Christian Center's

Neighborhood Watch

Fall Edition, 2007



Summer 2007 gave us the unique opportunity to work with a larger number of students and allowed us to tailor our programs more specifically to meet the needs of different age groups.

In its first year, **NCC Prep**, a seven week academic preparatory camp for K-2nd graders was a huge success with over 40 students. Celebrating its **seventh year** at First Presbyterian Church, **Summer Super Stars for Christ** had an enrollment of 100 students during its academic and spiritual enrichment centered camp. **Hearts for Arts**, a two week performing arts camp was held at Belhaven College and sponsored by the Junior League of Jackson and the Belhaven Theatre Academy.

The most exciting news that we wanted to share with you are the 30 professions of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ made by children during our summer programs! We are rejoicing that our God is a sovereign God who continues to take care of His children. We are looking forward to God's blessings as we continue sharing the gospel through our spiritual and academic enrichment programs to children in need. Thank you for your continued support of our academic and spiritual enrichment programs and please continue praying for the Neighborhood Christian Center and our goal of sharing the gospel with those in need. And a special thank you to all the teachers and volunteers this summer!

This summer, over a five week period, **ALL grades tested increased their Instructional Reading Levels by 48%**

Check out pictures and streaming videos from the summer at: www.nccjackson.com

Former Student Joins Air Force National Guard

Zonnetta Loggins started attending the after school tutoring program in middle school when her family moved into the house next door to NCC's Ash Street center. We are proud to announce that after graduating from Lanier High School in 2007, Zonetta, who was a member of ROTC for four years has joined the Air Force National Guard. Congratulations Zonnetta!

Zonnetta feels that NCC was an important part of her life because the teachers and volunteers at the center helped her keep her grades up and helped her so much with her homework. After struggling in math, she remembers a volunteer teaching her different ways to apply problem solving techniques. Zonnetta also attended NCC's Summer Super Stars program and enjoyed meeting many motivational speakers from the community and is thankful for the opportunity to work on her reading and literacy skills. One of Zonetta's favorite activities at NCC was when "Miss Michelle" (Maly) taught dance classes to her and her sisters. Other favorite activities included memorizing Bible verses and preparing for the Christmas program held every year at Belhaven College. Zonetta is excited that not only has NCC has such a great impact on her own life but has helped her younger sisters: Dominique, Dorcus and Regina. Zonnetta feels that NCC helped them improve their grades and has given them the opportunity to expand their views by exposing them to so many different opportunities. Her sisters have also been able to form a lasting friendship with "Miss Michelle" who regularly picks them up and takes them to local dance performances and other activities in Jackson whenever she comes into town.





What's happening at our Ash Street Center?

Computer Classes are offered for adults in our community every Monday from 6:00-7:00pm.

Rev. Harvey Williams Teaches Music lessons to the children every Friday.

Laura Kochon, a Belhaven dance student teaches dance and creative movement every Monday.

Join us for: Men's Bible Studies, every Tuesday from 11:30-12:30.

Women's Bible Studies, every Thursday from 11:30-12:30.

One-on-one Violin classes are offered to children every Thursday and Friday by local musicians.

Help support this program by contacting Kate Morgan at: kathrynhope@gmail.com

During the 2006-07 School Year students at NCC's Ash Street center increased their Instructional Reading levels 9.6% between 1st and 2nd term and 10.1% between 2nd & 3rd term!!

Mission groups partner with NCC to improve our community

Mission trips allow students cross cultural opportunities to partner with individuals and families in Jackson's urban communities. Groups from multiple denominations worked with NCC to refurbish homes for elderly members of the Georgetown community as well as working one on one with the students in our summer programs. This summer, NCC welcomed Mission Fest, sponsored by Galloway United Methodist Church, St. Richard's Catholic Church and the youth groups of First Presbyterian in Jackson's and youth Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee. *Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out at: NCC Prep, Summer Super Stars, Hearts for Arts and those who worked on houses in our neighborhood!!*

NCC welcomes all denominations to join in our efforts to continue, "utilizing the body of Christ to do the work of Christ in the city." Please contact NCC if you or your organization would like to get more involved with our efforts!

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**Mark your calendars!!
NCC's 3rd annual Pickin' & Paddlin' Outdoor Festival has been scheduled for:
Saturday, April 5th, 2008.**

See pictures from 2007 at www.nccjackson.com



Want to get more involved in our ministry to underprivileged children in the city of Jackson?

Here's how:

- Serve as a volunteer
- Become a financial supporter
- Donate items taking up space in your house!
- Join the Neighborhood Block party!



NCC's WISH LIST

After School Snacks !!!
Bibles
Winter Coats
Unabridged Dictionaries
School Supplies
Educational Software

Call us at: 601-354-8855 if you need us to pick up any of these items

The Neighborhood Block Party is a monthly giving club designed to allow our supporters to give in a more convenient way while creating a more reliable and sustainable support system for the ministry of the Neighborhood Christian Center.

Becoming a member of the "Block Party" allows you to contribute through automatic bank withdrawal (your checking account) or through your credit card. Please see insert to learn more or to join the party!

Quick Reference guide:

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