

Clifton Avenue Church of God

Pastoral Ponderings

Summer is in full swing or should say sweat. We had a glorious first BBQ/Concert and I'm still trying to pin down Team Xtreme so we can do it again. I cannot thank all our volunteers enough for stepping up and making it special. I'm still getting comments from our community residents who enjoyed so much the ministry of Level 3:16.

We know that reaching out is at the heart of Urban Ministry effectiveness for Jesus himself, while observing a multitude of people

hurting and harassed, challenged the disciples to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the fields which are white and ready to be harvested. We must go as God opens doors to extend our love & friendship to our neighbors and others God might put in our path.

Our theme for August is "Expectations High, God at Work." We are partnering with an awesome God to see lives transformed. We begin August with the Springfield Camp Meeting and

Bro. Marvin Middlebrooks, and by the 21st, hope to have an explosion of kids getting school supplies as they gear up for another year. May we be Jesus' hands, feet and voice as we serve the Lord.

Love and Prayers,
Pastor Dave

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Counseling Corner

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can-and the wisdom to know the difference-AMEN!

(Read Proverbs 4:1-23)

Many of us grew up in a dysfunctional family. Our parents scarcely seemed to care about us at all, let alone provide wise guidance for us. This deprivation can leave us wondering how we can fill the void in our life.

Some people grew up in a family where they received wise advice and where wisdom was modeled and taught by their parents. But if we haven't, we may feel like the rest of the human race has passed us by. Some of us feel anger, resentment, and shame because we had little guidance and never learned how to make wise choices. We may ask ourselves shouldn't someone have shown me the way? Ideally, all of us should have had wise and godly instruction. The book of Proverbs records a father's godly instruction to his son: "For I, too, was once my father's son, tenderly loved by my mother.... My father told me, 'Take my words to heart.... Learn to be wise, and develop good judgment. Don't forget or turn away from my words. Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you'" (Proverbs 4:3-6).

For those of us who were neglected and given little or no guidance by our parents, it's not too late. We have a Father in heaven that is eager to give us the wisdom we need. James advised: "If you need wisdom-if you want to know what God wants you to do-ask him, and He will gladly tell you" (James 1:5). Our heavenly Father loves us tenderly, as a parent should. He is always there for us, waiting to give us the wisdom we need whenever we ask for it.

Pastor Tina

Couples Get Together....

TBA

Bring a dessert or drinks

Please RSVP @ the church: 324-5398/cacog1@aol.com



Springfield House of Prayer

616 N. Limestone
Upper Level of Marriage
Resource Ctr.

August Hours

Please contact Ben at
937-206-0124 or e-mail at
ben@vineyardnorthridge.org



Kids Hope USA

As I said last month our KidsHope ministry needs volunteers. Mentors, Prayer Partners, and Encouragers. Mentors are just one aspect of Kids Hope. Last school year we had 5 precious mentors. Our goal for this coming school year is to have 10 mentors at Lincoln. But Laura....I am not available during the school day. Mentoring is just one of the ways to be involved in this ministry.

We need prayer partners that go to battle specifically for 1 mentor and 1 child. This means: 1. Make a commitment to faithfully pray for a KIDS HOPE USA mentor and the KIDS HOPE USA child he/she is assigned. 2. Contact the KIDS HOPE USA mentor on a regular basis to get a progress report on the Mentor/child relationship, the Child's strengths and weaknesses, and any other prayer needs including joys and concerns the mentor has. This behind the scenes involvement is essential the success of this ministry.

We also need Encouragers. There are many different things an Encourager will do. Maybe you want to focus on encouraging the mentors with notes or small gifts or you want to focus on encouraging the principal or staff with notes, baked goods, fruit or candy. Maybe you want to be a secret pal to our prayer partners. OR you like to plan parties and want to plan a party for the Kids Hope students and their mentors. The possibilities are endless. You might have an entirely different idea that God has laid on your heart of something you would like to do to encourage those involved in this ministry.

My challenge to you this month....begin praying for Kids Hope and asking God to lead you. Then...be open to His leading. Matthew 18:5 says, "Whoever welcomes a child in my name, welcomes me."

Any ideas, comments or questions??? See me, Laura Hufford 536-6168 or lhbuilder@aol.com



Clifton Ave. Programs

Pantry Outreach

Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday
 9:30am Breakfast
 10:00-11:30 Pantry

If you want to volunteer, contact
 Sis Debbie Hilliard

uniqueblessed@aol.com

(937) 324-1138

Crusaders

Wednesdays at 6pm.

Is on Summer Break...See you in
 the Fall :)

A Meal & Message

Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm

Free dinner, warm fellowship, a
 word of encouragement

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 the Fall :)

Celebrate Recovery

RC will be visiting other CR groups
 throughout the summer. If anyone is
 interested in visiting these ministries,
 please contact Pastor Tina (937-360-
 4079) for dates, places and times. Cele-
 brate Recovery at Clifton will resume
 in the Fall with a new day and time.

God Loves You and so do I
 Pastor Tina

Sunday School: 9:30am

Sunday AM Worship: 10:30am

Children's Church during preaching
 (approx. 11:30)

Sunday Evening Prayer:

5:00-6:00pm

We are on the web....

www.cliftonavechog.org

"No eye has seen,
 no ear has heard, no
 mind has conceived
 what God has
 prepared for those
 who love him"

1 Cor. 2:9

CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS

August 1st - Leigh & Linda

August 15th - Debbie H. & Martha

August 8th - TJ & Ashley

August 22nd - Pastor Tina

Weeks	Tithes/Offerings	Needed	Attendance
06/27/10	\$1,353.55	\$3,000.00	52
07/04/10	\$2,631.95	\$3,000.00	44
07/11/10	\$1,159.71	\$3,000.00	41
07/18/10	\$2,168.20	\$3,000.00	53
Monthly Total (July)	\$7,313.41	\$12,000.00	47.5 Avg.
Prev. Month (June)	\$11,112.43	\$12,000.00	64 Avg.
Prev. Month (May)	\$7,763.34	\$12,000.00	60.5 Avg.



August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cathy Saunders Bday	2	3 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm Paul Jr. Husted Bday	4	5 <i>Dan & Karen Birt</i> Anniv	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm	11	12 Dana Kapp Bday	13	14 <i>Pantry: 930- Breakfast</i> 10-11:30-Pantry
15	16 Jaycie Gibson Bday	17 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm Charles Mann Bday <i>Chuck Hilliard</i> Bday	18	19 Linda Crew Bday	20	21 <i>Pantry: 930- Breakfast</i> 10-11:30-Pantry <i>Back 2 School Sup- ply</i> <i>Giveaway</i> Bill Curry Bday
22	23	24 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm	25	26 Tom & Donna Dawson Anniv.	27	28
29 Marcella Maier Bday	30 Mary Schuwitze Bday	31 <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> 7-8:30pm Nicole Darst Bday				



Back 2 School Giveaway

Saturday, August 21, 2010

10:00-11:30 am



Kindergarten

3 boxes of tissue
 A book bag big enough to hold a 9X12 in. folder
 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
 1 school box
 1 pair of round-tip scissors
 2 boxes of crayons
 6 pencils
 4 folders with prongs and pockets
 2 bottles of glue, 4 oz.
 4 glue sticks

2nd Grade

2 boxes of #2 pencils
 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
 3 pocket folders-NO PRONGS
 2 vinyl pocket folders (Wal-Mart)
 1 pair pointed scissors
 2 lg. PINK PET erasers
 2 wide-ruled 1 subject spiral notebooks
 1 school supply box-plastic
 2 pkgs. Of multi-colored construction paper

4th Grade

Book bag
 3 boxes of tissue
 3 containers of Clorox wipes
 2 doz. #2 pencils
 Loose leaf paper- regular supply needed
 3 spiral notebooks
 4 dry erase markers
 BOYS: 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
 GIRLS: 1 box of sandwich Ziploc bags
 6 pocket folders

1st Grade

1 pkg. of multi-colored construction paper
 2 family sized boxes of tissue
 4 plain colored folders with pockets-NO PRONGS/TRAPPER KEEPERS
 1 pair of pointed scissors
 4 boxes of crayons (24 count)
 1 school box-plastic only
 4 lg. PINK PET erasers
 2 boxes of #2 pencils (skinny)
 BOYS: 1 box of quart Ziploc bags
 GIRLS: 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags

3rd Grade

1 box of crayons (24 count)
 2 dry erase markers and a sock
 3 wide ruled spiraled notebooks
 1 box 24 pencils (no automatic pencils)
 2 boxes of tissues
 1 pkg. of multi-colored construction paper
 BOYS: 1 box of quart size Ziploc bags
 GIRLS: 1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags

5th Grade

2 boxes of tissue
 2 doz. #2 pencils
 1 pkg. of loose leaf paper
 1 pair of scissors
 2 3-prong pocket folders
 1 box of 24 count crayons
 4 spiral notebooks
 Book bag
 1 bottle of glue
 1 pencil box- plastic
 1 spiral stenographer's notebook
 1 3-ring binder w/ clear plastic cover
 1 pkg. of 5 tab dividers

6th Grade

5 notebooks
 7 pocket folders
 Ruler & Protractor
 Loose leaf paper
 2 doz. #2 pencils- NO mechanical
 1 pack of blue or black pens
 1 pack of graph paper
 2 packs of 3X5 index cards
 1 3-ring binder (1-1.5")
 A 5-pack of pocket dividers