



# Kids 4 Christ Update

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When we began our Wednesday night program in June 2002 it was easy for me to communicate with the half-dozen people who were involved, but after 19 months we have grown so large and have so many supporters that it is impossible to talk to everyone regularly. Every worker and contributor is a part of the Kids 4 Christ team, and every team member should be "in the loop." This newsletter is being sent to every church, business, and individual involved in Kids 4 Christ so that you will know what the ministry has done and plans to do in the future.

These updates will be published only occasionally, when we have news or a need that everyone should know about. Even though this update is accurate at the moment it is being printed, events scheduled here may have to be changed, and others may be added. The best source of information is, as always, the schedule on our Web site, [www.k4c.info](http://www.k4c.info). You can also contact me at any time through my cell phone / voice mail at (706) 639-3234.

I am forever appreciative of everyone who has answered God's call and contributed to Kids 4 Christ, and I hope this update will inspire and motivate you as you see what God has done and will continue to do in LaFayette.

With deep appreciation,

Gail Marks  
Kids 4 Christ Team Leader

# December Happenings

## LaFayette Christmas Parade

On Friday, December 5th, Kids 4 Christ participated in the LaFayette Christmas Parade. A dozen of the best-behaved kids from our Wednesday night classes were picked to join their teachers and a few parents on a "float" in the annual holiday event. The kids threw candy, sang songs, and had a lot of fun despite the rain and cold. The event was a huge success because it made the community more aware of our group and showed the kids that you don't have to sacrifice fun when you become a Christian.



"Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith, and purity."

-1 Tim 4:12b (CEV)

## Santa Comes to LaFayette

Santa Claus paid a visit to Kids 4 Christ on December 10th, handing out gifts to 67 children. The kids all loved their gifts, which were donated by churches and individuals from all over Walker County. The kids also learned about the real meaning of Christmas when they participated in Jesus' birthday party.



## Puppet & Art Presentation

For our last session of the year on the 17th, Kids 4 Christ gave the kids a special treat - a special show presented by renowned local missionary Linda Summers and her puppet team. The kids learned about the gospel as they were entertained by the puppets and Ms. Summers' artwork. The program concluded with an invitation, which resulted in one child accepting Christ.

## 4th Quarter Milestones

Average Wednesday night attendance, October, November, & December: **56**

Highest attendance on a Wednesday: **74** (new record)

Number of families helped through the clothing ministry: **200+**

Christmas cards mailed to prospects, contributors, & children's families: **360**

In 2003 we had 11 children who attended class at least 95% of the time.

We also had three kids who did not miss a single night all year.

# Noteworthy Needs

## Volunteer Positions

The incredible growth of our Wednesday night program has led us to add a fifth Bible class. The new 3rd and 4th grade class started on January 7th, but we still need a permanent teacher for that group. We could also use a few extra teaching assistants or qualified backup teachers for the other classes.

On the 7th we also added a new van to our fleet, giving us extra capacity to transport children to class. But the extra vehicle has stretched out our chaperones and we need a few extra people to ride with the drivers and handle discipline.

We also need someone who enjoys sports to work as director of recreation. This person will be in charge of planning and supervising (with help) all activities in our gym and on the playground.

## Roofing

Some sections of the roof on our building are at least 30 years old, and we are beginning to have a serious problem with leaks. Patching helps sometimes, but the problems are growing worse and some cannot be easily fixed. We have been told that repairing these problems will cost a substantial amount of money, but it is something that should not be put off any longer. We are not sure what to do about this, so please just pray that God will somehow send us a roof.

## Other Donations

We could really use some comfy beanbag chairs for our new game area. If you have some in storage or know where we could buy some at a good price, we would be very interested in hearing from you.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Gail.

# Current Projects

## Clothes Closet Relocation

During the holiday break we began moving the clothes closet into a new room off Chestnut St. The old space is too small, and we felt that it was unsafe to have members of the public coming in the same part of the building where the children's activities are held. The closet should reopen in late January with new hours (Wednesdays 10 to 1) and an after-hours drop box for donations. Please hang on to your donations until then because we cannot process new items until the move is finished.

## Game Area Renovation

In December we also began renovating the Game Area in front of the gym. The room is much warmer and looks better now with new paint, but we can't finish the work until the roofing problems are straightened out.

## Kids 4 Christ T-Shirts

K4C logo t-shirts are now available for kids and active volunteers! These shirts have proven to be very popular, but don't worry - another batch is being printed up soon and there should be plenty for every volunteer.

## Church Tours

We will be giving building tours to several area church groups during January. These tours help outside groups understand what we're doing and some of the challenges we face. We are also scheduled to speak to several church groups and hope to get more people involved in Kids 4 Christ. If your church or organization would be interested in a tour or a presentation, please let us know.

# Schedule of Events

## January 16 - Good Attendance Appreciation

On Friday the 16th at 6:30 PM we will be taking the 11 Kids 4 Christ kids who had excellent or perfect attendance in 2003 out for free pizza. We will pick the kids up at their homes and then take them to the LaFayette Pizza Hut. All active teachers and volunteers are invited to join us for some good food and fun.

## January 24 - Home Visitation

We will resume our visitation program on Saturday the 24th at 1:00 PM. This is not an outreach program but an inreach, to develop better relationships with the children who already attend class on Wednesday nights. Home visits help us to see the individual needs of each family, understand what kind of home environment the kids are coming from, and establish relationships with parents. If you would like to go please meet at West LaFayette around 1:00.

## Late January - Volunteer Meeting

Because Kids 4 Christ is growing so quickly and most of the new people are from different churches, many of our new volunteers do not know each other very well. To work on this, a "get acquainted / worker appreciation" dinner will be held sometime in late January. If you are an active volunteer, look for invitations in the mail soon and plan to attend with your spouse or favorite friend.

## Mid-February - Work Day

The West LaFayette gym is badly in need of some maintenance work. Sometime in February we plan to hold a work day and address some of the repair needs. Work that needs to be done includes removing a drop ceiling, painting/cleaning walls, painting/cleaning the concrete floor, and doing some electrical and plumbing repairs. We will also be working on the playground that day, doing fencing, cleaning up, and installing a permanent outdoor basketball goal.

## Mid-March - Fundraiser Yardsale

Sometime in March we plan to hold an indoor yard sale to dispose of some unneeded items that have been donated to the clothing ministry. This sale will raise funds for our continuing activities or roof repairs. If you have an item you want to get rid of that would be inappropriate for the clothes closet, it might be appropriate for this sale. The exact date and time of the sale is TBA.

These scheduled events may be changed or cancelled as necessary. For an up-to-date list, please see our Web schedule at [www.k4c.info/schedule/](http://www.k4c.info/schedule/).

"We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose." -Rom 8:28 (CEV)



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