

# ***Kids 4 Christ Update***

**November & December 2004**

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## **Incredible Growth!**

### ***Weekly Attendance Soars as K4C Moves Into New Building***

In August when Kids 4 Christ was evicted, many expected the program to shut down or go through a major setback. But like many of Satan's plans, that curse turned out to be a blessing for Kids 4 Christ.

The five weeks meeting in the rec center and a city park were difficult for everyone, but they were anything but a setback; September attendance, while meeting at Lowell Green Rec, soared from the mid-70s to the 90s, breaking records every week.

That sudden growth was almost more than Kids 4 Christ volunteers could handle, especially with class being held each week in a rec center that did not have enough space for all the classes. Several groups had to meet outside to make room, putting pressure on K4C to find a new home before the start of winter.

Around the time everyone was losing patience and wondering if God had taken His people out of Egypt only to die in a desert, He sent opportunity to rent the former Walker County Telephone Co. Building on Withers St. in LaFayette. A building with lots of class space, a play area, kitchen facility, and room for growth. A building that will hopefully house Kids 4 Christ for years to come.

What was intended to be a bad became a good. The eviction of Kids 4 Christ resulted in more financial support, higher weekly attendance, and a new facility with more space for the children. The old building would be too small for recent growth, so God was really just preparing the ministry for the future - growth, independence, and new opportunities to reach LaFayette with the Gospel.

# September & October Happenings

## Making It Official

Now that Kids 4 Christ is completely independent - renting a building, paying insurance, and owning vehicles - it has become necessary to officially incorporate as a nonprofit ministry. Since "kids for christ" is already registered as a business in the state of Georgia, Kids 4 Christ has filed to be incorporated as K4C Ministries, Inc. Paperwork was sent in over a month ago and should be made official by the state in the next few weeks.

Once the state finishes, paperwork will be filed with the IRS to make K4C Ministries an official nonprofit 501(c)(3) business, eligible for the same tax benefits as a church. Until then your contributions will still be tax deductible because the NWGA Baptist Association has given K4C permission to use its tax ID number for as long as it is needed.

## Supporter Appreciation

On October 16th a small group of K4C donors and volunteers gathered at Center Grove Church to celebrate the new home of Kids 4 Christ and show appreciation for the ministry's many supporters. While turnout was disappointing, the event gave volunteers, financial supporters, behind-the-scenes workers, and other interested members of the community a chance to meet and break bread together. An inspirational message was presented to the group by Center Grove pastor Chris Hulsey.

## Change Collection Cans

To increase community financial support for Kids 4 Christ, collection cans have been placed in several area restaurants. The wrapped coffee cans say "give your change to support change!" and encourage customers to donate their pennies and dimes to help K4C reach disadvantaged children. The cans will be left out indefinitely, but everything put in them through Thanksgiving will go to purchase kids Christmas presents.

If you operate a store or restaurant, please consider a Kids 4 Christ can for your own business. Setting out a collection can costs nothing except a little bit of counter space.

## Special Outings

During September and October Kids 4 Christ took kids on two different special outings. A third trip, a hayride scheduled for early October, was postponed until November 13 due to rain. One of the two that were attended was a special youth rally at Lifegate Church, featuring Karen Wheaton and the Chosen Generation, an inspirational group from Alabama. The other outing was a 4th and 5th grade class trip to the Enchanted Maize Maze below Rock City.

Each of these events show the children that their hard work in attendance and learning is appreciated and has real benefit for them. They also reenforce the idea that Christians can have fun without doing sinful things.

## Monthly Milestones

Average Wednesday night attendance in September & October: **83**

Highest Wednesday attendance in September & October: **96**

Wednesdays in September & October that broke or tied old attendance records: **6**

New children attending at least once since September 1st: **42**

# Noteworthy Needs

## Volunteer Positions

In less than three months average weekly attendance has grown from mid-60s to high-80s, but the number of Wednesday volunteers has not changed since early summer. Several new people are helping on Wednesdays, but several others have decided to quit - leaving the program in need of new people to fill these positions created because of growth.

### ●Vehicle Chaperones

Chaperones ride on a K4C bus or van to help keep the children calm and under control. Chaperones also help drivers handle route checklists. Service is needed on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 8:30. Chaperones can choose to do only one of the trips if they want to help but still attend their church.

### ●Class Assistants

In order to successfully teach, K4C teachers need other Christians to help kids listen and learn in class. Assistants are needed on Wednesdays from at least 5:45 to 7:30, but service is needed as early as 5:00 to work with early kids.

### ●Substitutes

On rare occasions when regular K4C volunteers have to be out, substitutes are needed to fill their jobs. Positions range from vehicle drivers and chaperones to class assistants and food preparers. Substitutes are only needed occasionally so anyone could serve this way and still regularly attend their home church.

## Winter Clothing Needed

The Kids 4 Christ clothing ministry is no longer open, but a need for warm clothing still exists in LaFayette. To meet some of that need, K4C is collecting warm coats, shoes, and sweats for any underdressed children coming through this winter. If your kids have outgrown their winter clothes, K4C has a few who can use them.

## Christmas Collection

The 2004 "Kids 4 Christmas" collection began on October 1st, but so far only \$200 has been donated to purchase Christmas gifts for LaFayette's neediest children. Collection ends on November 24th, so you only have a few weeks left to send in a contribution. Please remember that this collection should be in addition to normal giving because K4C still has regular expenses that need to be taken care of.

Beside gifts purchased with financial contributions, K4C also needs donations of new kid-size mittens, gloves, and knit hats. These warm items will make every child's Christmas package complete. These items (and financial gifts) can be dropped by the K4C building on Wednesdays or sent to the PO box.

All of the gift items will be given to the children on December 16th at the K4C Christmas Party. Everyone who contributes to the Christmas Fund is welcome to attend and see the child they've sponsored.

## What Can A Dollar Do...?

No matter if you contribute five dollars a month or five hundred, every penny given to K4C somehow reaches a child with the Gospel. Like the widow and her one mite, it's amazing how far a small donation can go.

<b>\$1 buys...</b>	1 younger child's meal
<b>\$1.69 buys...</b>	1 CEV Bible
<b>\$5 buys...</b>	25 Bible tracts
<b>\$7 buys...</b>	50 birthday postcards
<b>\$10 buys...</b>	1 christmas gift
<b>\$20 buys...</b>	drinks for 1 week
<b>\$23 buys...</b>	100 postcard stamps
<b>\$40 buys...</b>	2 weeks fuel for 1 van
<b>\$40 buys...</b>	sandwiches for 1 week

*If you can help with any of these needs, please contact K4C (see info on back page). Please remember all of these needs in your daily prayers.*

# ***Schedule of Events***

## **November 13th, 4:00 - Good Attendance Hayride**

On Saturday the 13th, K4C will take children with good attendance during July, August, and September on a hayride at Camp New Dawn. This outing includes dinner, the hayride, and entertainment. Pickup will start around 2:00. This event was originally scheduled for early October but was postponed because of weather. Adult chaperones are still needed.

## **November 24th, 5:00 - Christmas Donation Deadline**

Donations for "Kids 4 Christmas" are due on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in order to leave enough time for purchasing the gifts before Christmas. Mittens and hats purchased as gifts should also be turned in by the 24th.

## **November 24th - Thanksgiving Schedule**

Kids 4 Christ classes will be held as normal on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

## **December 3rd, 6:00 - LaFayette Christmas Parade**

K4C will once again participate in the city's annual Holiday parade, held on Friday December 3rd. The 20 children with best attendance during 2004 will be invited to join Kids 4 Christ volunteers on the group float. Anyone wanting to participate should be at the K4C building by 4:00 so everyone can be in place by start time.

## **December 16th, 6:00 - K4C Christmas Party**

Any child who attends on a Wednesday night during December will be eligible to come to the K4C Christmas party on Thursday the 16th at 6. This is a special meeting night set aside to give the kids their presents and fellowship with their families. Regular pickup routes will be run, but parents are being encouraged to bring their children and see the new building. Anyone in the community interested in attending this event is welcome to come out - refreshments will be provided for all who attend.

## **Holiday Schedule**

Kids 4 Christ will not meet on December 22nd or 29th so that volunteers and children can spend holiday time with their families. Class will resume on January 5th. (Regular office hours are also canceled during the two-week period.)

## **January 22nd, 11:00 - Good Attendance Skate Party**

To reward all the kids who miss one Wednesday or less during October, November, and December, K4C will be taking a trip back to Chamlee's Roller Rink in Trion for a day of fun. Pickup will begin around 9 AM on Saturday the 22nd. Lunch will be provided for everyone who attends. Adult chaperones are still needed for this event!

*These scheduled events may be changed or canceled as necessary.*

*For an up-to-date list, please see the Web schedule at [www.k4c.info/schedule/](http://www.k4c.info/schedule/)*



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