
Kids 4 Christ Update

for volunteers & supporters of Kids 4 Christ



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Growing, Growing, Growing... ***Increasing Attendance Presents New Challenges***

During the month of April, Wednesday night attendance at Kids 4 Christ reached a record average of 97, peaking at 111 on the 27th. This recent surge of growth has led to new challenges and changes for the group.

To keep classes from becoming unmanageable, the new class year is being moved up from July to June 1st. On the 1st K4C will split its three oldest groups by gender - making six classes out of three (for a total of nine groups). Separating classes by gender should also lead to better behavior all around, since boys (and girls) tend to behave better away from each other.

Unfortunately, adding classes spreads the volunteers thin - no class will have adult assistants, with the adult teachers being helped by teenagers. Two of the classes, 2nd & 3rd grade boys and girls, do not have an adult teacher at all and will have to be taught by guest volunteers and Jr. Assistants.

The growth spurt has also made transportation a more pressing issue. As more children attend each week, vehicle capacity is stretched to the limit. The only solutions to that problem are either adding more vehicle routes (on top of the six being run now) or purchasing a larger vehicle to run some of the routes with.

K4C had already planned to purchase another bus after reaching a goal of \$10,000, but the Board decided in early May to purchase a vehicle regardless of funds available and hope that the Lord will provide for bills to be paid. The search for a new bus has started and will hopefully find a solution soon.

Growth is the best kind of problem to have, and prayerfully God will continue meeting the financial and volunteer needs of Kids 4 Christ. Please be in prayer about these challenges and follow the direction God gives in regards to working or giving to the program.

Recent Happenings

Pancake Breakfast

The pancake breakfast fundraiser held at Kids 4 Christ on April 16th was a huge success, raising hundreds of dollars for the purchase of a new church bus. \$637 of tickets were sold and an additional \$278 was donated during the event.

Beyond the satisfaction of supporting a good cause, everyone who attended the breakfast was treated to a great meal of griddle-fresh pancakes, country sausage, and a drink. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, worked during the breakfast, or contributed food in preparation for the event.

Mothers' Brunch

Less successful than the pancake breakfast, the Mothers' Brunch held on May 14 was a complete blowout. Although nearly 100 invitational postcards were mailed out the week of the event, not one mother showed up for the meal. The only attendees? The K4C director and the event speaker.

Volunteer Spotlight

Kids 4 Christ would not be possible without the selfless work of dozens of volunteers. The volunteers of K4C put in countless hours each week to further the goals of God in the community.

This month K4C would like to spotlight a departing volunteer, Ms. Pat Robertson. Since August 2003 Pat has been a substitute teacher, greeter, and food server, plus directed the clothing ministry for a year.

Pat and her husband Robbie feel led to another ministry and in June will retire from participating in Wednesday activities. The Robertsons plan to continue helping K4C with special events, and we pray for their success with that and in future ministry.

Kite Flying Trip

On April 16th, after the Pancake Breakfast, K4C took twenty children on an outing to the Chickamauga Battlefield park to picnic, hike, and fly kites. All the kids had a good time and especially enjoyed the trip's highlight - a hike up the steps of Wilder Tower. The outing was a reward for three months of good or perfect attendance.

Illusions for the Lord

Noted illusionist and minister Jerome Rewis spoke at Kids 4 Christ in late March, using "magic" tricks and props to illustrate the Gospel message. The 96 children attending that night all listened closely to Rewis' presentation, and even some of the older cynical children were amazed with some of the tricks he used in illustration.

The Truth never changes, but the methods used to spread it have to move to match the culture. Illusionists, sports camps, pizza parties, and other alternative activities can all be used to reach today's generation of lost youth.

Volunteer Service Points

Top Ten K4C Volunteers

Pat Robertson:	65 Points
Kris Marks:	62 Points
Robbie Robertson:	49 Points
LaTricia Oliver (Jr. Assistant):	44 Points
Kathy Fryar:	44 Points
Ann Andrews:	42 Points
Susan Burk:	42 Points
Judy Smith:	40 Points
Karen Oakes:	40 Points
Marilyn Ransom:	40 Points

Cumulative from 03/01/05 to 05/18/05

Ministry Milestones

Average Wednesday night attendance: March **90** / April **97**
Highest attendance during March and April: **111** (April 27 - new record)
Meals served to children during the first 4 months of 2005: **1568**
Miles traveled by K4C vehicles during April: **391**

Noteworthy Needs

Wednesday Volunteers

The most pressing need right now at Kids 4 Christ is more regular Wednesday volunteers. Two classes, 2nd & 3rd grade boys and girls, do not have permanent adult teachers at this time. Those classes are being taught by substitutes and 15/16 year old Junior Assistants. Anyone who can teach children should pray and seriously consider whether one of these needs is an opportunity that God wants them to pursue.

Classroom assistants and vehicle chaperones are also desperately needed. Assistants and chaperones help teachers and drivers do their jobs better, keeping children quiet, calm, and safe during activities.

The only real limit to the growth of Kids 4 Christ is the number of volunteers willing to put their time into the program. Many more children could be reached with the Gospel with only a few extra adult volunteers.

Summer Help

During the summer months attendance tends to drop off a bit at Kids 4 Christ, but temporary workers are needed more than ever. Substitutes are needed for times when regular volunteers take vacations or call out, and volunteers are needed for special summer activities like ADVENTURE!, MegaSports Camp, and the back to school event.

Teens who are out of school (or between highschool and college) should consider working with K4C during their time off. Volunteer work looks good on resumés and college applications and makes a huge difference!

During the summer, k4C also needs Resource Workers who can play instruments, do dramas, and set up crafts for kids to do during alternative recreational time. Resource workers are needed to work for 4 to 6 weeks at a time.

Bible Camp Sponsorships

The first group of 12 kids will be going off to Bible camp on Sunday June 5th, but K4C still needs sponsors for the Middle School age kids going to camp the next week. Sponsoring a child at Camp New Dawn for five days costs only \$25 - inexpensive, especially considering that three children were saved during Bible camp last year.

New Bus Drive

As mentioned on the front page, K4C is actively looking for a new church bus to purchase. The ideal would be a 30-35 passenger church or school bus in decent condition. Anyone interested in buying/donating a vehicle (or interested in contributing funds for that purpose) should contact K4C as soon as possible.

MegaSports Camp "Coaches"

In late July K4C will be holding MegaSports camp for regularly attending children. Volunteer "coaches" are needed for this special program - but volunteers do not necessarily have to be sports experts. The unit focuses on Paul's letters while teaching kids skills in soccer, basketball, and cheerleading. Sessions will be held for five days, July 18th - 22nd, 10 AM to noon. A planning meeting will be held at the K4C building on June 28th. at 7 PM.

School Supplies

School is out for now, but don't forget about the need for school supplies. K4C is planning to give away school supplies and book bags to needy children in July (school starts back August 1st!) and needs those items donated. The biggest need is for bags - used ones will do fine. Instead of throwing away your child's old back pack, why not bring it to Kids 4 Christ? Churches all over the area will have bag collection boxes set up during the next few months.

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

May 20: School Ends in Walker County

May 31, 1 to 7 PM: Class Setup Time & Work Day

To provide teachers with opportunity to set up their rooms for the new class year (which begins on June 1), the K4C building will be open on Tuesday the 31st. Volunteers may also come to work on maintenance projects during this time.

June 5 to June 10: Bible Camp for 1st-6th Graders

June 7, 10 AM: Kids 4 Christ ADVENTURE! Begins

This summer K4C will once again hit the backyards and parks of LaFayette with ADVENTURE! club meetings. This year's ADVENTURE! will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 AM June 7th through July 12th (no session the week of July 4th).

June 12 to June 17: Bible Camp for 6th-8th Graders

June 28, 7 PM: MegaSports Camp Planning Meeting

Volunteers interested in helping with MegaSports Camp should meet at the K4C building at 7 PM on Tuesday June 28th. Jobs and materials will be distributed to everyone at this time.

July 2, 3 PM: LaFayette Freedom Festival

K4C will have a fundraising table at the annual Freedom Festival. Stop by and see the display, buy some cotton candy, and help support the Kids 4 Christ team.

July 6: K4C Summer Break - No Wednesday Session

July 12, 10 AM: Kids 4 Christ ADVENTURE! Ends

July 12, 7 PM: K4C Ministries Board of Directors Meeting

July 16, TBA: Ice Cream Party Attendance Reward

July 18 to July 22, 10 AM: MegaSports Camp at K4C

During the week of July 18th K4C will host a Christian sports camp for children attending class on Wednesdays. Volunteers are still needed for this exciting event.

July 30, TBA: Back to School 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/



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