

# ***Kids 4 Christ 2010 Annual Report***

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**Nine Years  
of Kids 4 Christ  
2002-2011**

# Kids 4 Christ Honors Teen Volunteer

Kids 4 Christ volunteer Debra Wrape was recently given the Joyce Fletcher Service Award, recognizing her outstanding volunteer work during 2010. Wrape, 18, gave more than 300 hours of volunteer time last year, helping with KidsFirst Bible classes and Cool After School at Kids 4 Christ. She's served with the organization for many years, first as a teen and now as an adult. The Joyce award recognized her faithfulness to ministry, her flexibility in doing any job she's asked to do, and her growth both as a volunteer and as a Christian.

The Joyce Fletcher Service Award is named in honor of a Kids 4 Christ volunteer who set the standard for faithful, loving service. Fletcher passed away in 2008 but her legacy carries forward through volunteers following her example and the award named after her. The first Joyce Award was given last year to Charlie Caldwell.

To inquire about becoming a Kids 4 Christ volunteer, call 706 639 3234 or e-mail [info@k4c.info](mailto:info@k4c.info). A variety of jobs are open all throughout the week.



## Dr. Cheryl B. Clark Joins Kids 4 Christ Board

Dr Cheryl B. Clark, retired CPA and Christian counselor, joined the K4C Ministries Board of Directors in September. Dr. Clark has been serving non-profit ministries in a reporting and accounting capacity for more than a quarter-century, having formerly served on the Scenic City Women's Network board of directors and as treasurer for Bible in the Schools (BITS) of Hamilton County. She has a doctorate degree in ministry, teaches Sunday School at First Baptist Church LaFayette, and has recently started a marriage and family counseling ministry.

Dr. Clark serves on the K4C board beside Deon Phillips of The Care Mission, DFCS Case-worker Karen Oakes, K4C founders Gail and Kristopher Marks, and First Presbyterian PCA (Summerville) elders Gray Jorges and Gordon Little.

Cheryl previously served as a volunteer at Kids 4 Christ, but was more than eager to accept a position on the Board of Directors: "I have witnessed first hand the work of the Lord that this organization is doing. Simply working as a receptionist, I have been educated to the needs of the children in our area, and have seen those needs being met."

*K4C Ministries Board of Directors meets every-other month on the 2nd Tuesday.*

## Kids 4 Christmas Teaches Joy of Giving

An annual highlight at K4C is Kids 4 Christmas, a family activity held on a weekend before Christmas.

In 2010, 131 parents and children participated in the holiday event. After arriving children were invited to "gift shop" for two adult family members from a selection of items provided by The Care Mission. Outside of this event, many children at K4C rarely have opportunity for giving to others.

While children shopped, parents enjoyed music from Dennis Brown and participated in a devotional presented by K4C volunteer Terry Kinsey.

This worship service may have been the only time through the entire year some parents were exposed to God's Word or worship. During music and worship time volunteers were also able to meet and talk with many of the children's parents and grandparents.

### 2010 By The Numbers:

**KidsFirst Average Attendance: 86**  
**KidsFirst Highest Attendance: 119**  
**KidsFirst Lowest Attendance: 37**

**Cool After School Attendance: 91%**  
**Avg. CAS Grade-Level Change: 115%**  
(Participation by Enrolled Students)

**Miles Driven in 2010: 3,770**  
**Meals Served in 2010: 4,057**

**Book Bags Given Away: 240**  
**Christmas Bags Given Away: 71**

**Adult & Teen Volunteer Hours: 4,309**  
**Value of Hours if Paid: \$31,240.25**  
(At current minimum wage of \$7.25/hour)

When kids finished shopping they joined their parents for dinner. After supper each child was presented a gift bag containing a toy and a warm item of clothing donated by a local church.

The items in the gift bags were provided by individuals and groups around the area. These gifts were not intended to provide a full variety of gifts for a child's Christmas, but rather to show them the love of Christ and His people.

## Bridging the Gap to Fight Generational Poverty

Kids 4 Christ is a poverty-fighting ministry, but the kind of poverty fought at K4C isn't solely economic. Kids 4 Christ fights spiritual, mental, and social poverty - all factors of Generational Poverty. Generational Poverty isn't just a temporary financial situation, it's a completely separate culture - but many families from that culture aren't being reached by the traditional church.

That's why K4C activities are designed to be accessible and hospitable for children coming from Generational Poverty homes: Bus rides are provided for almost everything because some parents can't (or won't) take their kids to church. K4C serves meals because some kids don't eat regularly or eat well. Parents and children are never asked to pay or even give offerings as a part of being at Kids 4 Christ to avoid reenforcing bad images of church. K4C teaching material is tailored for children without parental support, for children with lower reading levels and smaller vocabularies, and for those in "non-traditional" homes.

Kids 4 Christ rewards children for making good choices and staying away from behavior that makes Generational Poverty cyclical, and provides appropriate discipline for those who make bad choices. Outreach activities at K4C - such as Adventure! and Back 2 School Blast - provide for some basic needs and appeal to parents so K4C volunteers can begin building relationships with families that might otherwise be unreachable, building a bridge from the street to the sanctuary.

K4C volunteers also present a seminar called Bridge Conference. Bridge Conference is a special 3-hour session about Generational Poverty, and how Christians can reach out to those who live in its grip by rethinking poverty within their own churches and ministries. The next free Bridge Conference will be held at 2 PM on Sunday June 12th at Kids 4 Christ. To RSVP for the June bridge call 706 639 3234 or e-mail [info@k4c.info](mailto:info@k4c.info). For online updates about future scheduled Bridge Conferences see [www.k4c.info/bridge/](http://www.k4c.info/bridge/).

## Back 2 School Blast 2010

On August 7th 2010 Kids 4 Christ volunteers gave away 240 book bags filled with supplies during the 8th annual Back 2 School Blast. The Blast was attended by 327 kids and adults. Attending children got their school supplies and also enjoyed carnival-type games, an inflatable, and face painting.

Back 2 School Blast is one of the ways K4C reaches out to meet physical needs of families in Generational Poverty. The connections made during B2SB add students to daily and weekly K4C activities and pave the way for closer relationships with Christ and His people.

Back 2 School Blast 2011 will be Saturday August 27th at 9 AM. Supply collection will be from July 5th to August 19th. For information about helping with B2SB call 706 639 3234 or call [info@k4c.info](mailto:info@k4c.info).



After School.

KidsFirst is the original K4C activity, Thursday night Bible classes with a bus ministry, meal, and recreational time. KidsFirst averaged 86 kids per week all year in 2010, but in the winter many weeks see over 100 children participating in Bible class and eating a warm meal at K4C.

## KidsFirst & Cool After School

Kids 4 Christ works hand in hand with children every day through its core programs: KidsFirst Bible Classes and Cool

Cool After School is the daily after school program at K4C and the only free academic program in the area. Since 2005, CAS has helped dozens of kids with homework, tutoring, and enrichment lessons.

For the 2010-2011 school year CAS has a dozen 1st-5th grade students attending daily; this low student to teacher ratio makes it easier to help kids with their individual needs.

Both CAS and KidsFirst are ways K4C builds deeper relationships with kids and their families as part of introducing them to Christ and His Church.

## Neighborhood Adventure!

Every summer K4C reaches out to kids by having activities in the neighborhoods where they live. Games, music, a lesson, and a hot lunch are provided to every child who comes to Neighborhood Adventure! activities, and many of those children often begin attending KidsFirst as a result. This year Adventure! will be held four days, June 6th through 9th, from 10:30 to 12:30 PM. Scheduled neighborhoods include Linwood, West LaFayette, and Carriage Hills Apartments.



## Camp & Rewards

K4C teaches children their choices can have both positive and negative consequences. One way is through KidsKash reward dollars given for good behavior and participation but taken away for bad behavior. KidsKash can be spent each month on toys, games, and prizes.

Children also participate in Achievers' Reward Outings. Recent outings include a trip to the Chattanooga Zoo, a hayride, and an annual trip to skate in Trion. The next outing will be in July.

This summer Kids 4 Christ students will again be earning a trip to Camp

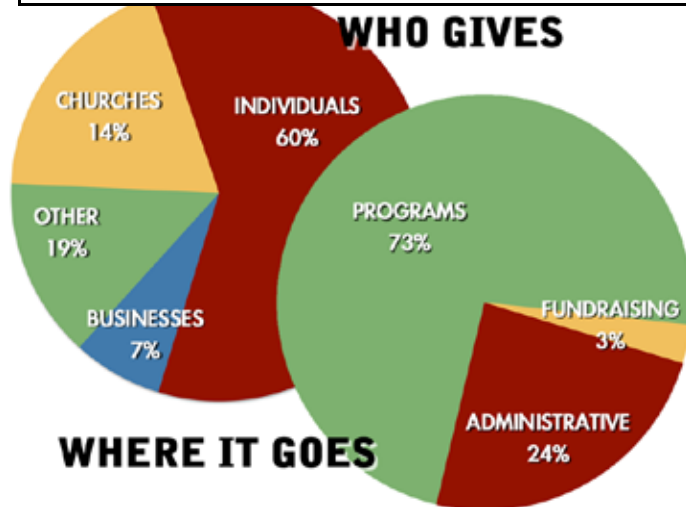
New Dawn in Kensington. Kids earn the trip through memorizing Bible verses (Proverbs 3 this year) or spending their KidsKash. Camp is a reward many look forward to, but also a life-changing experience that has brought many children into a relationship with Christ during the six years K4C has been sending them.

Through all these activities kids learn to make good life choice. Prayerfully this lesson, taught through both words AND actions, will make a lasting impression on each child as they move through life and continue to evaluate consequences of their actions.

## K4C Ministries Financial Report - Year End 2010

EXPENSE TYPE	SPENDING	BUDGET
OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$6,771.33	\$6,700.00
FACILITY:	\$28,647.08	\$23,950.00
INSURANCE:	\$4,821.24	\$4,623.48
TRANSPORTATION:	\$2,867.62	\$4,060.00
KITCHEN & FOOD SERVICE:	\$1,564.21	\$2,900.00
LIFE MINISTRIES	\$1,580.75	\$2,800.00
TEACHING MINISTRIES	\$3,020.82	\$2,550.00
SALARIED PERSONNEL	\$15,609.99	\$33,084.00
OUTINGS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	\$2,706.49	\$4,250.00
FUNDRAISING & RECRUITMENT	\$1,892.89	\$500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$69,482.42</b>	<b>\$85,417.48</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$5,802.13	
INCOME:	\$69,210.20	
EXPENSES:	\$69,482.42	
END BALANCE:	<u>\$5,529.91</u>	
NET GAIN/LOSS:	<b>-\$272.22</b>	
<b>SPENT 2010</b>		
BUILDING FUND:	\$0.00	\$16,814.47
<b>2010 IN-KINDS</b>		
IN-KIND (MATERIAL) DONATIONS:	\$23,665.42	

THIS REPORT HAS NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY AUDITED



*In 2010 53% of K4C's financial support came from within the City of LaFayette. 67% came out of Walker County.*

UNAUDITED 2010 FINANCIAL DATA

MONTHLY REPORTS POSTED ONLINE AT [WWW.K4C.INFO/ABOUT/FINANCIAL](http://WWW.K4C.INFO/ABOUT/FINANCIAL)

## Get Involved At Kids 4 Christ

Much has been accomplished since K4C began in 2002, but the organization still depends on community support to accomplish God's work. Please pray about a calling to these opportunities:

- Volunteering Weekly or Monthly**
- Monthly Direct Financial Support**
- Praying for the Ministry, Staff, & Kids**
- Inviting a K4C Speaker to Your Church or Club**

A list of different ways to indirectly support K4C is available at [www.k4c.info/involved/](http://www.k4c.info/involved/)

# QUEEN CITY FEST 2010

On November 6th Kids 4 Christ sponsored the first annual Queen City Fest at LaFayette Recreation Department. Cold weather kept some from attending the mini music festival, but those who came out had a great time listening to music from a half-dozen performers including Robbie Hopkins and the Georgia Clay Band, Mercy Call, Common Ground, and Martha Ann Brooks.

Admission to Queen City Fest was free, but concessions, donations, and raffle ticket sales raised nearly \$900 to benefit the ministries of Kids 4 Christ. Scheduled for warmer weather, a second Queen City Fest this fall will be even more successful.

Just like last year, Queen City Fest '11 will be held at the LaFayette Recreation Department, convenient for city residents who can spread a blanket or bring a lawn chair. Children are welcome to attend and can play on the rec. department playground next to the stage area. Admission will again be free with opportunity to support K4C by making a donation or buying concessions.

Returning performers scheduled for QCF '11 include Tim Veazy and Dennis Brown with Brown's Biscuit. New to this year's Fest is renowned quartet The Master's Peace. Other bands and singers will be announced throughout the summer as the concert date nears.

Queen City Fest '11 will be held on September 17th from 11 AM until the music ends. Musicians will perform on the Rec. Department stage on Municipal Park Drive.

For more about volunteering or performing during Queen City Fest contact Summer Loughridge at [summer@k4c.info](mailto:summer@k4c.info) or by calling K4C at 706 639 3234. Current information about 2011 performers is online at [www.k4c.info/qcf/](http://www.k4c.info/qcf/)



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# Upcoming Kids 4 Christ Activities

## Regular Schedule

### KIDSFIRST CLASSES:

Thursdays 6:00-7:30

Bus Pickup Begins at 5 PM

### COOL AFTER SCHOOL:

Weekdays 2:45-5:00

(Only on School Days)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 10:00-5:00

## Connecting With K4C

PHONE: 706 639 3234

WEB: WWW.K4C.INFO

E-MAIL: INFO@K4C.INFO

### FACEBOOK:

FACEBOOK.COM/KIDS4CHRIST

### MAIL:

PO BOX 1124,  
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### BUILDING:

108 W. WITHERS ST.

**05/20 - Last Day of School / Last Day Cool After School**

**06/06-06/09 - Neighborhood Adventure**

**06/12 @ 2PM - Bridge Conference at Kids 4 Christ**

**06/15-07/08 - Camp New Dawn Trips**

**06/27-07/04 - July 4th Break, Office Closed**

**06/30 - July 4th Break, No KidsFirst Classes**

**07/05 - Back 2 School Blast Collection Begins (until 08/19)**

**08/27 @ 9AM - Back 2 School Blast**

**09/01 - School Begins in Walker County**

**09/06 - Cool After School Begins**

**09/17 @ 11AM - Queen City Fest '11**

K4C also maintains a schedule of upcoming events online at [www.k4c.info/schedule/](http://www.k4c.info/schedule/) and posts events to its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/kids4christ/](http://www.facebook.com/kids4christ/) . Events may change as necessary.

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