

July 7, 2016



Dear Friends of Lifebuilders Ministries:

Once again we are in that ever so special Summer VBS and Block Party season...ever so special because kids in a very at-risk environment get to hear about Jesus in such creative, concentrated and loving ways from our wonderful partnering churches that provide these each year. This is the only way most of them will ever get to hear the Gospel-Romans 10:17.

Friday June 3 - Cedarbrook Bingo night for adults

and movie for the kids with pop and popcorn. Bingo prizes consisted of three \$5 and one \$20 (grand prize) Dollar General gift cards, pasta mixes, candy bags and 1-liter bottles of pop. Kids movie was "Alvin And The Chipmunks" and Winston shared about winning the "ultimate" prize out of I Corinthians chapter 9. 19 kids and 20 adults attended.



Monday – Wednesday June 6-8 "Serve Springfield"

by Ridgecrest High School Youth Group at Bolivar Rd and John B Hughes. Activities consisted of games, Bible stories and

just spending time with the kids. Lifebuilders was proud to be able to provide perhaps the first opportunity for youth (who mostly have grown up in Church) to experience the chaotic, risky and uncertain environment that kids in low-income communities have to deal with. We pray it spawns some future "local" missionaries!



Welcome Cup for New Residents at South Tower with hard candy, pocket tablet, pen, slim jims, wrapped in see-through cellophane and left at door with invitation to attend LBM Bible studies. What a novel idea, and it was thought up by the residents who attend the Bible studies. One new person has already shown up and another has promised.





VBS's

- Tues -Thurs June 7 -9 - Villa Marie
- Mon – Thurs June 20 – 23 Glenwood
- Mon –Thurs June 20 – 23 Bolivar Rd.



Block Parties

- Mon June 6 – Villa Marie
- Wed June 22 – Bolivar Rd.
- Thurs June 23 - Glenwood



VBS's used the 2016 Lifeway "Submerged" Curriculum which consisted of "underwater" scenes with submarines, fish, sea creatures, sea weed and emphasized "Diving Deep Into God's Word" with stories of Jesus diving deep into the lives of Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, and the Blind Man. Great "fishy" crafts puppet songs, and making T-shirts made it all very real to the kids! A total of 54 kids and adults were enrolled.

Block Parties consisted of hot dogs, chips, pop, candy bars, sno-cones, popcorn, bounce house, games, "The Walk" and "Outpost 515" Bands, special music by Ray and Sharon Schleuter, door prizes for kids, Walmart gift cards for adults, puppet songs, kids VBS songs, special messages by Donna Webb and Tom Colvard...and Oh, a rainout at Glenwood about 2/3 of the way through! You should have seen how everyone worked together to save the band equipment and get everything put inside. Total of 279 attended these parties.



Clearview Baptist Team

Outstanding Notes

- 19 member Mission Team from Clearview Baptist
- 23 member Mission Team from National Heights
- National Heights and Jefferson Ave. Baptist hosting Clearview team for the fifth year in a row
- 116 volunteers serving in just these three block parties

Monday June 20 Memorial Service at South Tower for Resident Dale Emerson who passed away a few days before. These are especially meaningful and appreciated because many times the deceased are not connected to any other family or church. A special thanks to Jose' Martinez for conducting the service and the 22 people who came to show love and support.



Other News

- A record number of 28 kids scheduled to go to camp this month!
- Record attendance (61) for a weekly service at Cedarbrook, Thursday June 30.
- LBM starting to do Recast and New vision presentations.
 - Second Baptist WMU Thursday morning, July 7 – Recast
 - Galloway Baptist Sunday Morning July 10 – Recast
 - First Baptist, Brookline, Mo Sunday evening, July 10 – New
 - South Haven – Date to be determined shortly – Recast

Blessed is he who has regard for the poor, the Lord delivers him in time of trouble. Psalm 41:1

In the months of June and July you have helped 11 families with food, 1 with bus pass, 7 car repairs, 1 with gasoline, 10 families with rent and 2 with utilities!

A very special thank you to Ace Transmission, Aasby's Automotive, Jay Borges and Mothers Automotive.

We always want to thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support and never take you for granted! Have a safe and blessed rest of your summer.

For His Kingdom,

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