

July 17, 2019

REVOLUTION UNITED

Student Ministry
Pastor Matt Jackson



Student Ministry never goes on vacation in the summer. The month of June was hectic and crazy to say the least. We began with a mission trip to Ecuador, followed by SWO leadership camp for 17 of us, followed by taking a group of 47 to CentriFuge at Ridgecrest, NC. God has done some

remarkable things this summer in and through our students. Serving in Ecuador is always a blessing, but to see 14 of our students grow in their faith at SWO

Leadership Camp and see God save 5 of our students at CentriFuge and draw many others into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him was awe inspiring. Our students are not only our future church, but they are stepping up



in ways that Paul envisioned Timothy to step up. Let us spur their excitement on for Jesus. Let us building them up and step out of the way to give them opportunities to lead and serve where God directs them. We continue to disciple them every Sunday morning in Bible

Study during the 9:15 AM hour and many of them are serving in Energize and the nursery during the 10:30 AM worship hour. If you get a chance, ask them how their summer has been! Join them in serving with the kids and nursery. They are a remarkable group of teens! Additionally, talk to the adults that serve in Student Ministry. We have a lot of tenure in the student ministry but are always looking for others to join our team. I might be a bit biased, but if you want to see God move in the next generation, come check out the Revolution!



Hope's Long Reach

Lynne Phillips, Team Leader

Biblical hope is a reality and not a feeling. Biblical hope is knowing that God always keeps His promises. Consider the long reach of Christ to bring sinners to himself, "Is the arm of the Lord too short that it cannot save?" (Num 11:23). Biblical hope is trusting God. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word batah has the meaning of confidence, security, and being without care. Using Discovery Group (A Missions Team bringing the Hope of God to residents of a Section 8 apartment community), God's long arm of hope is on full display in the lives of the residents living in the apartment complex where we minister in His Name: Here are just a few examples of God's long arm of hope extended to residents:

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*Sally, a widow in her mid-fifties, who lives alone and has no children, is recovering from the latest of multiply surgeries that address a myriad of health issues, the most serious being complications of diabetes and kidney disease resulting in wounds that don't heal and amputations of foot digits in an effort to save her leg. Sally does not attend a local church but considers Discovery Group 'her church'. Recently, Sally attended a community supper hosted by Discovery Group. During our time of Bible focus and worship music Sally raised her hands and lifted her face toward God offering praise and thanksgiving for the hope that He has given her. I was so overwhelmed by her expression of sincere and poignant worship and the sense of Shekinah glory that seemed to surround her that I had to look away lest I dare to look into the very face of God. That's the long arm of Hope.

*Louis, a senior citizen who recently moved into the complex, has limited mobility because he is crippled. His only relative, helping him 'pack' for his move, placed all of Louis's belongings in multiple small plastic grocery bags and small crates which he left scattered over every floor though out the new apartment, leaving little space and making it dangerous for Louis to move around. Because of his disability Louis was unable to unpack his things, nor is he able to clean his apartment and do laundry. The only furniture Louis had was a small desk, table, and a thin twin mattress lying on the floor. God, using Discovery Group, unpacked, organized and cleaned Louis's apartment, obtained furniture for him from the Brevard Sharing Center, and continues to provide regular house cleaning and laundry assistance. Louis; who is of Hindu background and follows other 'religions' that teach a false narrative about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through glistening eyes thanked us profusely and asked why we would do these things for him. We immediately responded that it was not us, but God who has supplied for his needs. That's the long arm of Hope.

* Dan has lived in this housing development for several decades. During a recent hospital stay, due to his deteriorating health, a relative moved

Dan out of his apartment and admitted him permanently into a nursing home, all without his knowledge. Dan was devastated emotionally when he learned that he would not be returning home. Discovery Group members had developed a close relationship with Dan over four years of ministry, assisting him with physical needs and often providing transportation to medical appointments. Most importantly, we have been consistent in sharing the gospel with Dan, who embraces a false religion. Now, two Discovery Group members continue to regularly visit Dan at the nursing home, encouraging him and witnessing to him. They even pick him up and bring him to Bible study and worship at EGFirst when possible. That's the long arm of Hope.

Sadly we just knew ... we visit this home each week delivering baked goods donated by Panera Bread. During our visits it seemed apparent that the adults living in the home were most likely dealing in drugs. Last week, the adult daughter was arrested on suspicion of supplying and selling hard core drugs. There are three younger children living in this home. Yet, for four years we have prayed specifically for this family, and especially the children... just as we have prayed for all the children living in this complex and other residents we suspect of dealing in and consuming illegal drugs. We know God hears our prayers and has plans to give these children, these residents, a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). That's trust. That's the long arm of Hope.

"The word which God has written on the brow of every man is hope." –Victor Hugo

* Not their real names



First Friends

Jenny Rider, Director of Operations

During the past quarter, our preschoolers enjoyed many activities. As we celebrated Easter, the children enjoyed our annual Spring Fling with egg hunts and enjoyed a visit from the wonderful Della Cox with spring farm animals for the children to interact with. Moms were honored during a special Mother's Day Tea, and students had fun with end-of-the-year classroom parties. On May 17th, 30 students graduated from our VPK program (PreK program paid for by the State of Florida). The students and loved ones joined us for this special

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graduation event. Graduates from the preschool receive a children's Bible, and all students receive a memory book with photos, art, and special reminders of the school year. We also hosted two weeks of VPK summer camp in June for a total of 28 students who enjoyed classroom learning activities and playground water play.

Registration for the 2019/20 School Year is about 90% complete with only selected spots left in VPK classes.

School resumes August 14, 2019 with the staff coming back the week of August 5th for planning.

Please pray for our dedicated staff, school families, financial needs, and enrollment. God continues to be faithful in meeting our needs, and we give Him all the glory for His provisions. Continue to pray for our preschool as we minister to families with preschoolers and that God will make the ministry needs clear to our staff for this upcoming school year.

Adult Fellowship Happenings

Pastor Tim Harden



Adult Fellowship Day Trip attendees enjoying a meal together after touring the Canaveral Port and the seafarers ministry there.

Day trips this quarter:

April - Sunrail Train Ride to Sanford
May - Canaveral Port & Ministry Tour

Programs this quarter:

April - Game Time with Pastor Tim
May - Josh Plummer, Chaplain Canaveral Port Min
June - Sea of Galilee (DVD)

Benevolence Report

Ed Davis, Team Leader

A total of \$9,002.00 was received this quarter, with a total of \$10,255.03 disbursed to assist a total of fifty-three clients. Forty-seven of these clients were non-members and six were members. Funds were divided as follows: four FPL payments were made, three water payments, and one gas payment was made to restore service. Housing needs were critical this past quarter. Also, \$250.00 was sent to Haiti missions and an \$800.00 loan was made to a member to buy a car to drive to work.

April - June 2019 Disbursements

FPL	\$4,415.88	(2 mbrs/ 26 non-mbrs)
Water	\$2,676.36	(1 mbrs/ 14 non-mbrs)
Housing	\$1,187.50	(0 mbrs/ 4 non-mbrs)
Misc.	\$1,975.29	(3 mbrs/ 3 non-mbrs)
		Total: \$10,155.23

Deacons Leading Through Serving

Andy Miller

The deacons were honored to be part of the ordination of John Hawthorne to join us in serving as a deacon and to participate in a close, around the table celebration of the Lord's Supper with the congregation on June 9th. Another wonderful part of the evening was to honor Ed Davis for his many faithful years of service to God with the designation of deacon emeritus. Our ability to serve God has also been increased by reactivation of Marc Kish and Brian Still as deacons. We are blessed to have George Miller serving with us as a yokefellow. Our monthly meetings have covered subjects such as; prayer, being a welcoming church, being on mission in the workplace, succession planning and serving widows. Speaking of widows, we are planning a special evening for you, so please mark your calendars with a hold for September 21, 2019 at 5pm. Please let any deacon know of opportunities for our service.

In closing, I leave you with a few words on prayer from our May meeting, James 5:16, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each

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other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." As you humbly serve the people in your workplace with the attitude of Christ Jesus, listen for their concerns, fears, or needs; and offer to pray for them.

Threads of Love

Lori Ingraham

This quarter we gave 22 pillows, 24 bibs and 24 drawstring bags to the Alzheimer's Foundation. We also gave 44 baby caps to Pregnancy Resources.

We have 24 members now that do an outstanding job. Not all can attend every meeting due to family doctor appointments, commitments, etc.

We receive many "thank you" notes from appreciative recipients of our handwork.

Also some members work at home, Jo Riccardo, Sue Carden and Kathy VanNostram crochet baby caps, chemo caps and blankets; Lorraine Phifer sews bibs and blankets at home; Melissa Weber sews baby blankets.

This quarter we received this Certificate of Appreciation from the Alzheimer's Foundation.



Operation Christmas Child

Lynne Phillips, Area Coordinator:
Space Coast Team

On Saturday, 24 August at 10:00 a.m. EGFIRST will host a Project Leaders Workshop where Operation Christmas Child volunteers from around the Space Coast and those who want to learn about the ministry will gather to kick off the Samaritan's Purse project's collection season with the goal to pack 12,512 shoeboxes in Brevard County this year with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items. These gift-filled shoeboxes will contribute to the project's global goal of reaching more than 11 million children in Jesus' Name.



Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for attendees to visit exhibits, shoebox craft making demonstrations and purchase gifts for their shoeboxes (cash only, please). Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the Operation Christmas Child ministry, learn about the latest resources, facts, ideas and best practices, network with other Project Leaders and OCC Volunteers, learn more about the impact the ministry is having on children around the world, and learn ways to get others involved. There will also be a guest appearance by Phillip A Bokz!

PRAYER LUNCHEON 10:00 A.M. 24 AUGUST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP.

Greg & Sue Vafiades will share their moving and heart warming experience distributing shoebox gifts to children in Durban, Africa. Angelia Bell, Singer/Musician /Song Writer/Recording



Artist and Director of Music, Wings of Grace Ministries, will lead this time of musical prayer and worship. If you'd like to volunteer to help with or attend the workshop and/or luncheon contact Lynne Phillips 321-258-4918 gnlyphillips@aol.com

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Celebrate Freedom in Review

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This year's Celebration Freedom was enjoyed by the performers and audience alike. We are grateful for the many talents that were shared with us to make this production possible, not to mention the countless hours dedicated by many to make this event possible..

In case you missed this performance here are just a few of the highlights:



A Confetti Celebration of Those Who Served In Our Nations Military



Pilgrim, Mary Brewster
(Cheryl Frontz)
Shares Her Story



The Presentation was made possible by 42 choir members and 30 orchestra personnel.



The USA Flag Processional



Marine Veteran,
Tom Baker,
Carries the flag of the
US Marine Corp

New Banners were displayed. This was made by Cheryl Frontz and her team.



The 2 event presentation added to the July 4th season celebrated by many in our congregation and community.



Fall Craft & Car Show

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5: 9 AM - 3 PM

Interested in displaying a car?

Contact EGFirst @ 321.254.2339

Interested in being a vendor?

Contact Jimaline Hawthorne @ 717.203.8555

or

Karen Moseley @ 321.480.0208

