



Crumb Donors Story Time

Notes from the editors

This monthly newsletter is our small way of trying to say a BIG THANK YOU to each crumb donor who supports us. We hope through our stories, you feel a part of us and know how important you are to us. Exciting things are always occurring here. We face many challenges as we attempt to grow as individuals, as a church family and as a true Community of Christ. Your support helps make each challenge seem more like an adventure than a burden. You are helping to make a giant difference. We love our crumb donors and are so blessed to have you in our corner. Your donations, prayers and support makes our world here in Chattanooga a much better and safer place.

In this issue....you will read two testimonies from our two new co-pastors, Craig Hidy & Keith Dutton. They both began their full time ministry here this month and we are so excited about their leadership here. You will also read 3 small “getting real” stories from 3 people here in Chattanooga. You will also find a brief thank you to a very special crumb donor. On the back page, you can read about the new “second mile” ministry opportunity. If you ever like to write something for the crumb donors newsletter, just send Mr. Jimmy an email at munson3@comcast.com or send us a letter by mail.

Crumb donors rock our world...YO BUDDY and thank you.

Chattanooga Urban
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Newsletter
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Edited by the
Yo Buddy Gang

Special Notes:

- ☺ Keith Dutton, Craig Hidy, Brenda & Craig Lenfestey moves to Chattanooga!
- ☺ Graceland Winter Term approaching for January!
- ☺ Keep inviting others to become crumb donors.
- ☺ School supply drive was giant success!

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Yo Buddy! (Chattanooga's way of Praising God)

Yo Buddy for every crumb donor who keeps this ministry alive and growing through your gifts.
Yo Buddy for Keith Dutton, Craig Hidy and Brenda Lenfestey for being our new team leaders
Yo Buddy for the Community of Christ Church Planting Center and director Craig Lenfestey being here.
Yo Buddy for the overwhelming success of our school supply drive....it was awesome!
Yo Buddy for new people! **Yo Buddy** for Terry Williams who comes here weekly to offer support.
Yo Buddy for the several congregations & individuals who support this ministry monthly!
Yo Buddy for those who prepares our meals and snacks each week at our activities.
Yo Buddy for prayer and how it helps us keep on focus on Jesus..
Yo Buddy for all the love in our church. **Yo Buddy** for repentance and forgiveness.
Yo Buddy for all the things we learn about God and Jesus each week at church. **Yo Buddy** for you.
Yo Buddy for the people who drives our van weekly. **Yo Buddy for God & Jesus!**
Yo Buddy for a God who keeps giving us another chance to get it right. **Yo Buddy** for our local church!
Yo Buddy for everyone who comes to our ministry and invites others to come too.

News about our recent break-in and a special invitation

It is our hope that each crumb donor knows you are very special to us and we hope you remain a crumb donor and invite others to join you in becoming a crumb donor. Occasionally we try to use this place to say a special thank you to a crumb donor or two. This time, we want to say a special thank you to Krissy Carter. Krissy is an 11 year old girl from Ohio. She heard about crumb donors and the Chattanooga Community of Christ ministry through her cousin who belongs to the Community of Christ. Since hearing about this ministry, Krissy launched a monthly campaign to raise change for this ministry in her own church and in her girl scout troop. Every month for the past 14 months, she send this ministry a crumb donor donation. Recently, Krissy's grandmother passed away and at Krissy's request, the family chose to have crumb donors as the Memorial receiver at her grandmother's funeral. We are so grateful for Krissy and her family. Krissy and her family are members of a Baptist church but they are strong supporters of this ministry also. Krissy makes sure that our kids in Chattanooga are not forgotten. She is one of our heroes and we shout YO BUDDY for Krissy and each crumb donor we have. Thank you all for caring.

Rocks "Boo" and Roses "Cheer"

Rocks for people who try to steal stuff. **Roses for folks who keep us safe.**
Rocks for folks who does mean and unkind things. **Roses for God's love.**
Rocks to families who does not keep God in their homes. **Roses for new hope in Jesus.**
Rocks to people who are "know it alls". **Roses for people who seek to be humble like Jesus.**
Rocks to depression and addiction and sickness. **Roses for God's healing power and forgiveness.**
Rocks to people who misbehaves in church. **Roses to having a new basketball goal outside.**
Rocks to sadness. **Roses for Kenn Phillips who gave us three boxes of candy.**
Rocks to violence. **Roses for Pastor Craig, Pastor Keith, Brother Craig & Sister Brenda being here.**
Rocks for those who do not help the poor. **Roses for all the great crumb donors who help us always..**
Rocks to war of all kinds. **Roses for those who are called to be peace makers.**
Rocks for all the poverty in the world. **Roses to Pastor Jared being home for a visit this month.**
Roses for all of those who generously give without expecting anything in return!!!

COMMUNITY, This is what brings me to Chattanooga

By Pastor Craig Hidy

EDITOR'S NOTE: Craig Hidy is a 22 year old young adult. He recently graduated from Graceland University and spent the past summer in Australia with World Service Corp of the Community of Christ. This month, Craig responded to a call of God to become "Pastor Craig" here in Chattanooga and is now serving as a full time minister here. This is his testimony to our crumb donors. YO BUDDY!!!

For those that I have not met my name is Craig Hidy. This month I have moved down to Chattanooga from Stewartville, Missouri, to serve as co-pastor and a church planter. I have felt for sometime a call to help the disadvantaged in our world. The first time that I really recognized this call was about a year and a half ago in which I saw poverty stricken families struggling to meet essential needs of food, clothing, and shelter. That's when I saw how unjust the world is sometimes. That's when I realized that **Community** is not about yourself but the people next to you, the people you pass by. The people you pass by everyday are your brothers and sisters, but yet many times we neglect to see them as human beings because we see them as being inferior to ourselves.

Without a readjustment in our own viewpoint of **Community**, we will never fully be the Community of Christ we envision. This is what brings me to Chattanooga. This last January I came down to Chattanooga for a winter term offered by Graceland University. Here I saw a **Community** being lived out, as people were real with one another and dealt with struggles and challenges that life brought. I saw the gospel alive, as people that most people do not want to deal with were learning bible stories and were actively trying to live a Christian lifestyle. No longer were they being passed by, but were offered an opportunity to be present in an environment in which love is at the center. As I was there, I felt a continuing call to help the disadvantaged in our world. I feel that I cannot sit back and watch my brothers and sisters struggle.

As time went on throughout the year, a door of opportunity opened in which I was able to come down here as a full time minister. I have to say that I do not know why God has called this farm boy to this place in the inner city. But I do know that my love for God and my compassion for these people lead me. I have heard some people say that people like this will never change, that they will continue to make bad choices and decisions that keep them spiraling downward back to the place where they came. But I feel that we cannot say this without judging our own heart. I think we must always live with a hope that the impossible can become a reality. Without hope we will all suffer a life of emptiness. Through the love of Jesus Christ we all have hope that the next day might be better then today; and that the love we have today will be stronger tomorrow. For hope builds **Community** and with that hope we will not pass by anyone anymore.

I challenge you to notice the ones that you walk by everyday and reach out to them, talk to them, and show them love. For me I have been called to provide hope, called to meet the people passing by, and called to build **Community** here in Chattanooga.

Helping others...by Pastor Keith Dutton

EDITOR'S NOTE: Keith Dutton is a 24 year old young adult. He has served the Lord Jesus all of his life in camps, congregations, service projects and attended Graceland University. This month, Keith responded to the call of God in his life to become "Pastor Keith" here in Chattanooga. He now serve full time as co-pastor and church planter. This is his testimony for our crumb donors. YO BUDDY!

For those of you who don't me. My name is Keith Dutton and I grew up in Northwest Indiana. I attended the Highland IN. congregation of Community of Christ. Throughout my years in the Chicago Mission Center I had many opportunities to share the love of Jesus with others. I was blessed with many opportunities to learn from others, with others, and eventually teach others. I was also blessed with a great church family and home life.

I began to take part in urban ministry in high school. I helped plan services that Highland took part in with the Brainerd IL. Congregation and I also went on a mission trip to Columbus OH. But I really came to the realization of the need that people from urban communities have when I came to Chattanooga in 2000. I realized it more when I came back for reunion here in Chattanooga and spent time with some of the youth at camps and at spec. You can't realize the need and impact that you can have on the kids' lives until you come down here and have experiences with them.

I have only been down here for about a week and a half so far. But I do not doubt that God has called me to be here. And even though my life hasn't brought me nearly the troubles that these kids face on a daily basis, what my life has brought me is an abundance of love, guidance, acceptance and inspiration. I know that I am called to pass that on to the people down here. Because if I can change one person's life while I am down here than I have done a good thing.

It is also my testimony that if I didn't receive the love and guidance of my parents and family, my pastors, fellow priesthood members both at my congregation and throughout the Chicago mission center that I would not be here today, as well as everyone I went to camps with throughout the years . Those of you who have been an inspiration in my life have compelled me to come here and inspire others, so I plead that all of you who read this continue to inspire and look for others who you can inspire so they can continue Gods' work.

Getting Real Stories from Chattanooga

Saying “NO” to friends.....This is Sean. I want to let crumb donors know the difference you are making with several of us here. The only good male role models I have in my life are at the Chattanooga Community of Christ. Going to prison is something that runs in my family. Even my mom was there once for homicide and now my younger brother is in juvenile for a long time. Growing up on the streets will get you in trouble. I been in trouble a lot. I am 17 years old and I want to do something good with my life. In my church here at the center, I have learned many things. One thing I now know is that being popular is not always the right thing and doing the right thing is not always popular. Many of my friends try to get me to go to parties and do other things which get me in trouble. Many times I just cannot say NO. But this past weekend, some of my friends wanted me to go to a party where alcohol and drugs were going to be at. But this time, I said NO. I told them I did not want to go to a party that might get me in trouble. Instead I wanted to be sure I could go to church and try to be more like Jesus. Going to church is very important to me. It gives me a purpose and it give me a HOPE. The difference you all are making is kind of like this....I now HOPE to avoid prison. I now HOPE to say NO to drugs and other things. I now HOPE to graduate high school and maybe go to college. I even HOPE to be able to help our church here grow bigger and bigger and bigger. The difference you are making is that I now have HOPE. Thank you for this HOPE and the courage to say NO.

Not being laugh at....My name is Reggio. There are many things I love about my Chattanooga Community of Christ. My church here loves me even when I get in trouble. My church sees good in me when others don't. If it was not for my church, I probably be in juvenile or be dead. But one more thing I like about my church leaders is they do not laugh at me when I tell them some big personal stuff which is hard to say. Recently, I told my church family about what happened to me when my mom died. When my mom died a few years ago, I was sitting in the dark all alone and was very sad. In the darkness, I heard my mom's voice. She told me that I would never be alone. When I told this at church, no one laugh at me or said I was making it up. They believed me and told me thank you for sharing it. When you are 14 year old and do not have a mom, life sucks. It is easy for me to become sad and feel like no one cares. But when you belong to the Chattanooga Community of Christ, you know there are people who care. Sometimes when I feel really sad and alone, somebody from the church comes to get me. The difference this church is making in my life is I know Jesus better than ever and I know that I am never ALONE.

How much I love them....This is Pastor Jimmy. Recently I went to a late night movie with a group of our young adults from church. During the movie, my thoughts wonder off to my wife Kathy and my son. Jared. I thought to myself, “I hope they know how much I love them!” No sooner than this thought cross my mind, here came the presence of Jesus into my being. The holy spirit spoke to me in that moment, “Jimmy, does the kids and the people at the center really know how much their God loves them? This is why you are sent to them, to let them know how much I really love them!” I sat there during the rest of the movie thinking about those at the center, the neighborhood, our team leaders, our crumb donors and our mission to reach the lost with the good news of God who loves us all so much that he gave His only begotten Son so that we might be saved. After the movie, a group of the young adults piled into my car as we headed out to an all night café for an after movie snack. I shared my experience with them as we drove to the café. We talked about how complicated the religious world makes the gospel at times when the real good news is simply that God loves us so much and if we ever realize God's love for us, our lives are changed forever. I wonder as I write this, do you really know how much God loves you. I think you do to some degree because when we realize God loves us, it causes us to become more caring and generous. Thank you each for being a crumb donor. You are making a difference. God bless you and keep smiling.

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invitation. **INVITE SOMEONE**



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Crumb Donor

C/o Don Barber

1029 Cedar Creek Village Road

Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37122

The “second Mile” ministry

“If someone compels you to go a mile, go with him a second mile!” Matthew 5:41

The Chattanooga ministries is kept alive and blessed by our many crumb donors who goes way beyond what we ask or expect. You all already goes the extra second mile with us. Monthly, we receive emails, cards, letters or phone calls from so many of our crumb donors requesting for us to publish a list of items we need in addition to funding. We always hesitate to do so because you all are already so generous with us. You are all our partners in this ministry and we are so appreciative of each of you. But many of you continue to request such a list of items. Our needs are many and knowing you are so willing to assist us meeting our needs is so uplifting. We always need food pantry items and personal hygiene items and your ongoing monthly crumb donations.

This month, our second mile ministry request is for some of the following items.....**belts** for pants for children, teens & adults; **paper products** like toilet paper, paper cups, plates and napkins, plastic spoons & forks; **poster board** for school projects; large **garbage bags**; **first aid supplies**, **birthday cards** to send to our kids and families; and we can always use **board games**. Some of you asked for special prayer requests from Chattanooga as part of your second mile ministry. Therefore here are some prayer requests for those who want to pray daily for us. ***Our prayer requests:*** Jesus being alive in our homes. Our kids want God to bless their home and families so please pray that we can get the families of our kids to focus more on Jesus in their own homes. Replanting the church in Tall Oaks Mobile Home park. We had nearly 100 people involved in congregation life at Tall Oaks Mobile park but now there is a need to replant there. Our new co-pastors Craig & Keith will begin to replant this ministry in October so please pray for the success of this replant. YO BUDDY!!!
