



Crumb Donors Story Time

Notes from the editors

We want to once again express our deep gratitude to each crumb donor who support this ministry. Without your support, we could not do anything. Thank you so much for caring and sharing with this ministry. This month Craig Hidy and Keith Dutton got set apart as our co-pastors. We are all excited about their leadership and dedication. Craig & Brenda Lenfestey continue to be great strength and support to us. They are helping lead us in some plans for our future growth. We continue to get new people weekly. Things are going well here and you are all a big part of it. Please know for sure, your monthly donations are so much needed and such a tool for ministry. Thank you again for your continued support. **CRUMB DONORS** are our reason of having **YO BUDDIES!!**

In this issue.... You will read a special thank you to a very special crumb donor who sent his support to us in spite of his own challenges. You will also read a testimony from our newest member April who got baptized this month. One of our members from our youth leadership team also shares his story with you . You will also read a special reflection from a special friend of Chattanooga who came here this summer with a group of young adults to serve here for a few days. Again, we wish we could hug each of our crumb donors. You are heroes of the gospel to us and we appreciate you all so very much. God bless you all!!!

Chattanooga Urban
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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.
- ☺ New crumbs donors join our family!

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

Yo Buddy for April getting baptized and confirmed this month and her baby getting blessed..
Yo Buddy for Keith Dutton and Craig Hidy getting set apart as our new pastors this month.
Yo Buddy for Alexandria Frazier being set apart as our Children Ministries Director this month.
Yo Buddy for Roemel Terrell being set apart as our "junior deacon" this month!
Yo Buddy for new people! **Yo Buddy** for Jared and Greg being here during fall break this month.
Yo Buddy for our fishing trip and bowling trip for kids during fall break
Yo Buddy for the car wash and haunted hill side trip for teens this month during fall break.
Yo Buddy for Craig & Brenda Lenfestey being here and making our church life better.
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 the new people who comes to church each week. **Yo Buddy** for our local church!
Yo Buddy for our world church & everyone who comes to our ministry and invites others to come too.

Special thank you to a special crumb donor

We like to use this little square often times to say thank you to a special crumb donor. All of our crumb donors are very special and we wish we could mention each one. Some crumb donors made very unique sacrifices for this ministry. This month, we want to share with you about Steve Challenges. The Munson family met Steve and his older sister here in Chattanooga shortly after Jimmy, Kathy & Jared moved here. Steve and his sister got involved in one of the early cell groups. Steve is very unique in many ways. Steve is handicapped and his sister was his sole provider. Steve's sister passed away a few years ago. Steve has since lived in a group home in Georgia. He is doing well. Each month, Steve and his room mates send our kids a small box of candy and some pencils. They also send between \$12 or \$16 in change which they collect through various projects. The instruction for use of the change is always the same, "Use this to spoil one of our special kids. Remind the kids God made me special too and special people stick together. Then it is signed.... "Steve, a friend of Jesus". We just want to say a special thank you to Steve Challenges and his room mates for being our friends and crumb donors.

Rocks "Boo" and Roses "Cheer"

Rocks for people who try to break in. Roses for folks who invites others to come to church with them.
Rocks for folks who never take accountability for their actions. Roses for God's love.
Rocks to broken hearts. Roses for new hope in Jesus which heals our broken hearts.
Rocks to the person who stole our watermelon at the center. Roses for people who seek to be like Jesus.
Rocks to death and the sadness it brings. Roses for eternal life and God's loving presence.
Rocks to people who misbehaves in church. Roses to having crumb donors who gives so much.
Rocks to the weather getting cold. Roses for baptisms and our new pastors being set apart
Rocks to violence. Roses for second chances which God keep giving us to get our act together.
Rocks for those who do not help the poor. Roses for all the caring and giving people in our world.
Rocks to war of all kinds. Roses for those who are called to be peace makers.
Rocks for those who can get over themselves. Roses to those who PUT God & others first.
Roses for all of those who generously give without expecting anything in return!!!

The Community of Christ is truly a place that has room for everyone....story of April & Jesus.

I got some great news. Last week, I got baptized and confirmed as a member of the Chattanooga Community of Christ. My name is April Sandell and I am 17 years old.

In early September, my foster sister Christine invited me to come to her church, which meets in an old bank building in East Chattanooga. Well, I just had my baby girl, Tiara, in May and I was a little nervous about “going to church” because most of the time church people love to past judgment on a single teenage mother. But Christine kept telling me that the Community of Christ was different than any other church. I finally decided to give it a try and I am so glad I did.

It is a church designed for people who are not perfect and they make understanding Jesus so simple. Every time I am there, I learn something about God. When I was younger, I got saved at my grand mom's church but since then I kind of lost my way. Well, when I came to the Community of Christ, I felt I was being saved all over again. I once again found myself happy to know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. I felt forgiven and accepted. I wanted to find a way to begin my life again in a better way. I want to give my daughter a chance to be happy. Well, the ministers there mentioned that in November they were going to have a baptismal service. As soon as I heard that, I knew that being baptized was what God wanted me to do. I immediately told Mr. Jimmy that I wanted to be baptized. Well, Mr. Jimmy announced it to Pastor Craig and Pastor Keith. They all were happy. But I just did not want to wait till November. I wanted to get baptized and start a new life with God as soon as I could. Jimmy's son, Jared was home. Jared and his friend Greg were going to be in charge of the service on October 15th and I knew that was when I wanted to be baptized. I asked them if it was possible for me to be baptized before November and they said, of course. They then told me about the “blessing of children” in our church and how that is a time when parents dedicated their children to God and ask God to help us raise our children. I told them that I wanted that blessing for Tiara.

So my good news is on last Sunday, Pastor Keith baptized me in water in our horse tank. It was his very first baptism and that also made me feel special. After I got baptized, Jared and Pastor Craig laid their hands on my head. Jared offered a prayer for me to receive the Holy Spirit and to become an official member of the Community of Christ. No one told me that I was too bad. They instead, were so happy to have me in the church. Also on that same day, Brenda and her husband Craig blessed my little girl Tiara. Miss Brenda offered such a sweet and beautiful prayer for her. I was so touched in my heart. The Community of Christ is truly a place that has room for everyone.

When I go to church there, I feel good about myself instead of guilty. I believe the people at the Community of Christ know that I am really a nice and good person. I feel like Jesus has given me a new family to talk to and to grow with. Since coming to this church, I feel like I have changed for the better. I want to be a good person and help other people to be good also. I want to help our church grow and other people to find Jesus. I truly feel like I am safe and saved. I feel my church family in the Community of Christ knows the real me. They know that I am a good person with a great personality. They see the good in me and inspired me to want to become even better.

I want to thank the people who support our Chattanooga church. You help so many people find new hope and support. With your help, people can rediscover Jesus. Thank you everyone. You help make my good news day very possible.

We are a church that is doing what Jesus did.....message from Roemel

First thing, in a way I am not really writing this. I mean I have not written anything out on paper. But I have talked to someone about all this and told them to write it for me. I hope it gets written in a way that sounds like a kid. Second thing, I want everyone who is a crumb donor to know, we appreciate all that you do for us. Without your help and the help of the entire Community of Christ church, dozens of us kids would not know Jesus. We would not have a safe place like the center to be at or good people to watch over us. I guess I just want everyone who cares about the Chattanooga Community of Christ to know one thing, we really appreciate you and you are doing a great thing in helping us. I've been going to the Chattanooga Community of Christ since I was 3 and now I am in the 6th grade. This church is amazing. I mean we got all the ghetto kids and people. You know the people that most churches kicks out. We kick people out too some times but the difference is we let them come back if they are willing to try to be good. Being good for some people comes a lot harder than it does for others. For most of our people it does comes harder and it requires special people of God to lead us.

Here in Chattanooga, we again just got two new pastors in Craig Hidy and Keith Dutton. I have seen a lot of pastors come and go from here already in my life. The only ones who has been here with us since the beginning and are still with us at the center is Mr. Jimmy & Miss Kathy and of course Pastor Jared who leaves us from time to time because he has to go to college. But Jared always comes back and bring new friends for us with him like his roommate Greg. But I mean we have had Pastor Terry, Pastor Paula, Pastor Carol, Pastor Steve, Pastor Otis, Pastor Jacob, Pastor Faith, and Pastor Kenny. They all had to leave us for one reason or another. So with two new pastors, we all are a little nervous about how long they will stay with us. We hope for good. But I guess our church requires a lot of work from our pastors but Craig and Keith are kind of young so maybe they will stick around for a while to help us.

Here is the third thing I want to say. I have been part of the youth leadership team here since we started one. It is important to me for our church to keep growing and to get better. Our church is a helpful church. I mean we help people when they need help no matter why they need help. It is kind of like we are a church that is doing what Jesus did. Pastor Craig & Pastor Keith asked me if I would help them by providing leadership as a "junior deacon" type person. They told me what I needed to do and will be telling me more stuff. I have to remind them to take up offering. I have to help them make sure the restrooms are clean and to take out trash. I have to help them remember when they made promises to people so they can remember to keep them. They just mainly want me to help Jesus help other people find a way to be happy. You know if you are a Christian you are very blessed and it is just good manners to be helpful to others. I also know for some reason Jesus has always been a part of my life and always want me to help the Community of Christ become better. Anyway I told my new pastors I would be happy to be the "junior deacon" type person for our church I am 12 years old and I want to be someone that God can be proud of. This past Sunday, Craig and Keith prayed for me and set me apart as a member of their leadership team. I just hope I can do a good job. I know they are counting on me but I think maybe God is counting on me too. I am not perfect. My family is not perfect. Pastor Jared told us once that the real Jesus never asks "perfect people" to be on his team. I guess maybe Pastors Keith and Craig is like Jesus in this way. They are not asking perfect people to be on our team here. They just want people who cares and I really do care about the people at our church. I know one of the things I've learn from coming to the Chattanooga Community of Christ, is God does not ask people to work for God because we deserve it but because we care. I hope I can continue to care about our church here in Chattanooga and I hope everyone who reads this will continue to care about our church here too. Caring about others is a good thing. Pray for our church here and pray that I will do a good job for my new pastors. Oh yeah, pray for my new pastors too. They got a big job of caring for a whole lot of people here.

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I had heard about the ministry taking place in Chattanooga, TN, a few years ago. I read Jared Munson's book, "Courageous Witness", I met Jared and Jimmy at one of my MEADS Classes, I also took a class at Spec that Jared participated in, and my heart yearned to be a part of this body of Jesus Christ. I wanted to see what this ministry was all about. I knew my life would be changed and I wanted to take others along with me on this journey.

I came up with a plan to include teens and young adults from my mission field to go to Chattanooga. I contacted other Community of Christ mission centers and arranged a mission trip with the Mid Atlantic Mission Center. Greg, Karen and I worked for many months praying and planning the trip. We decided on a *Kingdom Kids* ministry for the little children we would serve and came up with criteria for our young people to follow in order to be a part of this mission trip.

The theme for the trip became, "Courageously Choose To Love" and the participants had to study a chosen scripture from Doctrine and Covenants 161 and 162. They had to write a paper about how the scripture spoke to them and include what they expected to offer and gain from the trip as well as have at least 10 hours of community service. All of us went prepared and expected great things to happen. We designed programs, organized games and crafts, selected music, thought of snack ideas and most of all prepared our hearts to be the heart of a servant.

This scripture lays heavy on my heart and travels with me as I journey the path of the disciple: *Lift up your eyes and fix them beyond the horizon to which you are sent. Journey in trust, assured that the great and marvelous work is for this time and all time. Look to the needs of your congregation, but look also beyond your walls to the far-flung places where the church must go:*

The mission trip to Chattanooga, TN took all of us away from our comfortable ministry and straight to the heart and soul of the gospel. *We opened our hearts to the yearnings of our brothers and sisters who are lonely, despised, fearful, neglected and unloved.* A week in Chattanooga has made a lifelong change and powerful impact on 10 teens & young adults as well as 3 full time ministers in the Community Of Christ. We now have a new Chattatititude!

One young adult stated, "We came here to do the teaching and touching, but they taught us and touched us. Others said, "I know what thank you is now and what to be blessed is. They all volunteered and wanted to pray! We all grew inside. I had a week long high and it was awesome! The prayer from a 5 year old little girl, "Thank you ~ amen" will forever be with me. ZRO's prayer for our safe trip back home melted my heart. Every trip to Sonic will always have RoemeI with me and remind me what ice cream means in the life of a child! "

Jimmy & Jared Munson showed us how to live the gospel and share the peace of Jesus Christ. They showed us how to *"live prophetically as a people who have been loved, and who now courageously choose to love others in the name of the One you serve."* DC 162

The mission trip ministry is a vital part of transforming our teens & young adults to be the ministers fulfilling the mission of the church here and now!

I thank God daily for the opportunity to have been in the midst of such precious children, teens, young adults, and ministers. My life has been changed and I am paying it forward to all I meet when I travel. I use my experiences I gained the week in Chattanooga to witness and help congregations find vision and mission for their congregational life and personal witness. I am a more courageous witness and am facing my fears to help others find the peace of Jesus Christ. A special thank you to Jimmy and Jared for allowing us to be with you for a week of life changing ministry!

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The “Second Mile” ministry

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

This month as part of our “second mile” ministry, we have two requests. One request is for coats and gloves and blankets for both adults and youth. With the weather getting cooler, we have several requests already for coats, gloves, stocking caps and blankets. So if you have any of these items laying around not being used, we could use them here. Of course, we can still use food pantry items and personal hygiene items and your ongoing monthly crumb donations.

Also in addition to the center, we are again operating a trailer park ministry in Ooltewah, Tennessee. Our church trailer is in need of some repairs. We need to replace our carpet, patch some walls and repair some ceiling fixtures. With our new team here, we have the expertise to do the labor ourselves but we need the material. We figure to do all the repairs needed, it will cost around \$1200. So our second request is for any one who want to go a second mile with us, we could use a special donation for the costs of the supplies.

This month, our second mile ministry request is for coats and gloves, blankets and for some special crumbs for repairs to our church trailer. Some of you asked for special prayer requests from Chattanooga so here are some prayer requests. ***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. Our new co-pastors Craig & Keith are beginning the replanting ministry there so please pray for the success of this replant. YO BUDDY!!!
