



Crumb Donors Story Time

A note from our editors and a giant Thank you to all our precious crumb donors!!!

With the Thanksgiving holiday, we are late in getting our November newsletter out to you all. We did not want our newsletter to get lost in the shuffle of turkey eating, pumpkin pie baking, football games and the blessings of families gatherings. Therefore, we are late on purpose. We wanted to give all our crumb donors a belated HAPPY THANKSGIVING wish. Our leadership team, our participants, our members, and our families here in Chattanooga are truly thankful for our crumb donors. Without your support, there would be no funding for our everyday activities of ministries and our necessary repairs. It is our sincere hope you all know how important you are to the life and future growth of this ministry. The ministry here is no more important than ministry anywhere else but your generous support allow this particular ministry to grow and bring hope to dozens of folks who have the odds stack against them. There are just no words to express how grateful we are. The needed repairs for our church trailer in Ooletwah can now be done because of our crumb donors. Our folks had a great Thanksgiving celebration because of our crumb donors. Christmas is stacking up to look great for our families here because of our crumb donors. Please know you are making a difference and we are so thankful for your sharing and being generous. God bless each of you.

**Crumb donors keep our cups overflowing...
Thank you all for the support. YO BUDDY**

Chattanooga Urban
Ministries Crumb
Donors Newsletter

November 2006 Edition

Edited by the
Yo Buddy Gang

Special Notes:

- ☺ Three more baptism in Chattanooga during November!
- ☺ Graceland Winter Term approaching for January!
- ☺ Three new crumb donors last month. Keep inviting others to become crumb donors.
- ☺ Funds raised for repairs to church trailer!

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

Yo Buddy for Anthony, Jimmy & Caleb getting baptized and confirmed this month.
Yo Buddy for Apostle Linda Booth coming here for a visit in November.
Yo Buddy for Steve & Cherry Koehler being our guest ministers at our Thanksgiving celebration!
Yo Buddy for Pastor Jared coming home for our Thanksgiving celebration and for bringing Jenny Klee!
Yo Buddy for the world church of the Community of Christ providing us with full time ministers here!
Yo Buddy for the possibility of expanding our ministry into new areas, neighborhoods and cities.
Yo Buddy for our Thanksgiving celebration Saturday carnival and all day ministry events
Yo Buddy for Thanksgiving celebration worship & dinner with more than 130 participants.
Yo Buddy for Craig & Brenda Lenfestey being here and making our church life better.
Yo Buddy for the replanting of the trailer park ministry which is already reaching new people.
Yo Buddy for each of you. **Yo Buddy** for increase in our number of participants.
Yo Buddy for the people who drives our van weekly. **Yo Buddy for God & Jesus!**
Yo Buddy for our co-pastors Craig Hidy & Keith Dutton and their leadership!

Special message to all our crumb donors

Under the leadership of our apostle Linda Booth, the Community of Christ is working on helping expand our Chattanooga ministries with additional facilities and ministries. She has already extended our team leadership with additional staff. This is all very exciting and uplifting. This support is very much appreciated. But for this all to come together and work out best for the ministry, we will need all of your ongoing support. We need your prayers for wisdom. We need your positive voices of support and your invitation to others to come our crumb donor team. Of course, we will need your ongoing generous giving of your crumbs monthly. God is opening many doors of opportunity for this ministry. It is going to take all of us to stay united in order to reach our full potential. There going to be new plants, new people, new spiritual growth and disciple-making, and additional new good news about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your ongoing support and please join us in our excitement and sincere hard-working team effort as respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The call of God through Jesus Christ is powerful and is requiring us to continue to be faithful risk takers. Thank you for joining this journey and thank you for continuing with us into our next level.

Rocks "Boo" and Roses "Cheer"

Rocks for people who are jealous of others. Roses for folks who invites others to come to church.
Rocks for folks who are not generous. Roses for God's love and the gift of his son Jesus.
Rocks to broken hearts. Roses for new hope in Jesus which heals our broken hearts.
Rocks to people who litter. Roses for people who seek to be like Jesus and help others.
Rocks to hate and abuse and the sadness. 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 more baptisms and for upcoming winter term.
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 victory lies in our Invitation.....

Baptism of Jimmy and Caleb....In May of 2006, one of our young leadership members named Roemel came to Mr. Jimmy to tell him about a neighbor who he wanted to bring to church. He said his neighbor is very active and therefore has always gotten in trouble in every church he went to. He shared that other churches have even invited his neighbor not to come back till his behavior was better. Roemel stated, "I think only our church can handle this challenge." Mr. Jimmy agreed that our church should give it a try. Our young inviter then said, "well, if you feel that brave Mr. Jimmy then maybe I should invite his brothers and sister to come too. They will require even more of a big big house with room for EVERYONE type of an attitude. I wanted to break the challenge to you in tiny bits." Well, Roemel invited his neighbors to come to our Memorial Day Reunion and it was their first time to meet the Community of Christ and the first time for us to meet them. Roemel was right on. It was going to be a challenge but the type of challenge that the Chattanooga Community of Christ can handle. Roemel's neighbors began to come to every activity of the church they could. There were moments of great adventures as our relationship grew. But in spite of the challenges, Roemel's neighbors began to be a part of our family. They began to volunteer to pray, to read, to tell stories and to help in other ways. Since May, they witnessed nearly 20 baptisms and confirmations. Then one day, in the church van after a very hectic children activity, the oldest neighbor named Jimmy asked the van driver if he was good enough to be baptized or if only perfect people could get baptized. The van driver shared that the Chattanooga Community of Christ was a church where no perfect people were allowed but only people who tried to love Jesus and know they needed God to help them during their life. Jimmy said, "good then I want to be baptized if this church wants someone like me." Then his younger brother Caleb shouted from two rows back in the van, "I love Jesus too and if you don't mind that I have problems, I want to be baptized too." From that moment on the church van, plans and preparation was made for Jimmy's & Caleb's baptism. Other good news, Jimmy, Caleb, their younger sister and brother has began to invite others to church causing our church family to grow even more. Now here is the great news, on November 19, Jimmy and Caleb got baptized and confirmed at our Thanksgiving celebration and their parents came to church for the first time to witness it.

Talk about each one reach one!!! A neighbor invited a friend. A friend invites a brother. A brother invites a sister. A sister invites a brother. Children invites mom and dad. Neighbor invites more neighbors and Jesus adds to his church daily. **The victory lies in our invitation!!!!**

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The baptism of Anthony....Two summers ago, Jared Munson and Greg Vojeck were the co-directors of a basketball camp at our church center. The day before the camp began, they got a phone call from a ten year old church member. The young member said he had a friend who he wanted to bring to camp. He warned the directors that his friend had a very bad temper problem that has gotten him into some serious trouble with the law. He added that his friend never came to church and probably did not believe in God. He said if his friend lost his temper he would fight. Jared and Greg told him to go ahead and invite the friend as this was a church for those who needed special ministry. The friend came and had a great time at the camp. He started coming to church more and more but was always quiet and never verbally participated. After a few months, the boy's temper got him in trouble at school and he had to go to a boot camp for several months.

He gets back home with his grandparents and again get invited by a school friend to come to the Chattanooga Community of Christ. He becomes the sound equipment director but still never participates verbally. Our new co-pastors Craig & Keith join our team and begins to spend time with Anthony, the teenager with anger issues. Anthony begins to invite friends to come to church with him. Anthony begins to offer prayers, share his testimony. He begins to know when other need special ministry and alerts our ministry staff. He begins to become one of our teen leaders.

Our pastors invites Anthony to get baptized. Anthony says he wants to but not sure he should as he still has anger issues but he will pray about it. He asks the elders to pray for his anger problem but still anger issues remains. He says if being baptized and following Jesus does not mean you have to be perfect then he wanted to be baptized. However, Anthony was sure his grandparents would not approved.

Our pastors went and talked with Anthony's grandmother about the possibility of him getting baptized. She said she did not think he was well behaved enough but she would leave the decision up to Anthony. Anthony said he needed to think about it more. He said he was afraid he would mess up again but our pastors told him that Jesus did not seek him out because he was perfect and beyond messing up again but because he was loved and part of God's big big house.

The great news is on November 19, 15 year old Anthony got baptized and confirmed. Two days later, he called Mr. Jimmy and told him that he has been talking to a friend about baptism and the next time, we have a baptismal service, he thinks his friend might be ready. Each One Reach One. A friend invites. A classmate re-invites. Pastors invites. The invited one says yes and begin to invites others.

Our Victory Lies in Our Invitation!!!!