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A Lasting Impression On The Community

Summer is almost over and school is about to start back in Sampson County. Many young people have already started back to college and thousands more are preparing for orientation next week. This summer, the youth of Sampson County have made a lasting impression on hundreds of



people through the Illuminate project. Lives have been touched and perhaps changed forever. The diligent work will not be forgotten by the eleven families who received the blessing of a new wheelchair ramp. Over 180 young people volunteered to engage in community projects throughout Sampson County. It was a project that was a blessing not only to the recipients but to all that were involved-young and old alike.

The wheelchair ramp project headed up by Scottie Baldwin of Rowan Baptist Church helped over 11 disabled individuals have a new outlet to the outside world. Many of the disabled did not have the simple ability to get out of their homes without the aid of a wheelchair ramp. They could either not afford such a luxury or simply did not have someone to take the time to embark on such a project. What a blessing it was

for the eleven individuals who were richly blessed by the young people of Sampson County through the Illuminate Mission Week. Annie Mildred Worley, a disabled senior citizen from the Union Grove area was one of the thankful recipients. She replied, "I enjoyed the young people being at my home and helping me. They are a great group of people and they are doing the Lord's work in helping people like me. I am really going to enjoy my new ramp!"



Young people like Marcus Page, a student at NC State, and Hannah Sessoms, a student at Lakewood High School, volunteered to share a week of their summer vacation to help people across Sampson County through worshiping God and working for God through missions. Marcus Page stated, "A lot of people right here in Sampson County need help. I have a grandmother who has a disability, so I can relate to what these people are going

through. The elderly lady we helped lived all by herself and had to get around on a scooter. When we finished the ramps, people would just start crying because they were so thankful. It felt really good helping people." Marcus went on to state, "We are here for a purpose. When I am helping others, I feel like I am fulfilling this purpose-doing God's work and showing his love to others. I hope I am planting a seed in someone's life and that God will work in their lives and their families." Hannah Sessoms replied, "I was a youth leader and the first day we just prayed to God that we would get lots of things accomplished. God answered our prayers. I love the feeling I got when I finished the ramp and saw the look on the people's faces. It was very rewarding." Scottie Baldwin, project leader, stated, "Missions start in our backyards. We felt like it was time to give back to the community we live in. We are looking forward to next year and hope that more churches can get involved in Illuminate."



"The Illuminate Board, Youth, and Community can't thank the volunteers enough. They followed Christ, just like His disciples, they walked away from their work, family, and friends to serve Him. We would also like to thank the Dept. of Aging for all their help. They provided the work sites and materials for all the ramps that were completed. Thank You!"



Missionaries to PENNSYLVANIA

Nine members from Baptist churches located within the Eastern Baptist Association traveled to Pennsylvania for a week long Mission Trip July 24 - 30. Thorndale Baptist Church, Coatsville, PA was the host church. The mission team's work involved conducting a Vacation Bible School in the mornings and construction, paint and landscaping projects in the afternoons. We are very thankful for their giving of their time and love to share God's love with the people of Coatsville, PA.

Pictured from left to right are team members Donna Landes, Patricia Parker, Ashley Hartsoe, Johnny Parker, Pam Riggle, Lawrence May, Ashley Faircloth, Paula Matthis and Robin May.



It's A Busy Fall Schedule for...



It has been a busy year and the Fall schedule for New Life Baptist Church (NLBC) and New Life Christian Academy (NLCA), a ministry of NLBC, is filling up fast! Take a look at some of the events already scheduled...

August 19th, from 6:30-8:30 pm NLCA is holding an Open House. Anyone interested in learning more about NLCA is encouraged to attend. The first day of school

for NLCA is August 23rd. NLCA offers classes for K-4 through 12.

August 21st -NLCA is having a yard sale at Tumbleweed Gymnastics, starting at 7am - many items have been donated by several families including appliances, furniture, baby

items, clothes for all sizes, household items & decorations and so much more!

For more information about NLCA visit their website at www.nlbhome.com or call 910-592-3700.

On September 12th, NLBC will be holding a "Round Up Sunday" with the Wehry Family ministering in song in both the morning and evening services. There will be a dinner following the morning service, where NLBC members and guests will enjoy good home cooking & desserts. All that attend are encouraged to wear western or country apparel. Just relax and leave your ties and high heels at home this day.

September 16 & 17 All of the NLBC Youth will be traveling to Baltimore, Maryland. They will be attending a youth conference hosted by Rosedale Baptist Church. The guest speaker for this event is Kenny Baldwin.

On September 24th & 25th the NLBC ladies and teen girls will be traveling to The Anchorage at Lake Waccamaw for a weekend Ladies Retreat.

On September 25th the NLBC teen boys & chaperones plan to attend Christian Music Day at Carowinds.

October 2nd is NLBC's annual Harvest Festival. A Family-Friendly event where you will find a multitude of games, face painting, hay rides, farm animals on exhibit, dunk tank, cake walk, a jump house, giant slide and much more! The event will be held from 6-9 pm - That same weekend on October 3rd, The Peart Family missionaries to Haiti will be NLBC's honored guests. Harry Peart will be speaking in the AM & PM services.

On October 24th is NLBC's annual Friend Day - this is a big day where the members invite family and friends to the morning worship service with a dinner on the grounds to follow. The Kearney Family missionaries to Ghana, West Africa will be NLBC's honored guests on this day. Frederick Kearney Sr. will be speaking in the AM & PM services.



NLBC is located at 2605 Southeast Blvd., (Bus. Hwy. 701) right next door to Tumbleweed Gymnastics. You can get more information about NLBC by visiting their website, www.nlbhome.com or calling 910-592-8778

A note from Pastor Dave Page...

"My family and I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to one of our services or special events. We are excited about what God is doing here at New Life Baptist Church and it would be an honor to have you visit with us. New Life Baptist Church is not just a church, it is a family. It is a place where everyone feels at home. Our mission is the Great Commission (Matt.28:19-20) and everything we do is with you in mind. We look forward to meeting you soon!"



Sermon On A Mount has become a regular event in May for NLBC - The speaker bridles, saddles and rides an unbroken horse while giving a message on trusting God.

Rocky is among one of the most favored guests at NLBC - he shows up several times a year but his most famous appearance occurs during VBS in June.



The Members of NLBC work hard to put together the Harvest Festival for the community. Each year the attendance exceeds their expectations.



The Wehry Family frequently ministers at NLBC. The next time they are scheduled will be on Sept. 12, 2010 for "Round-Up Sunday".