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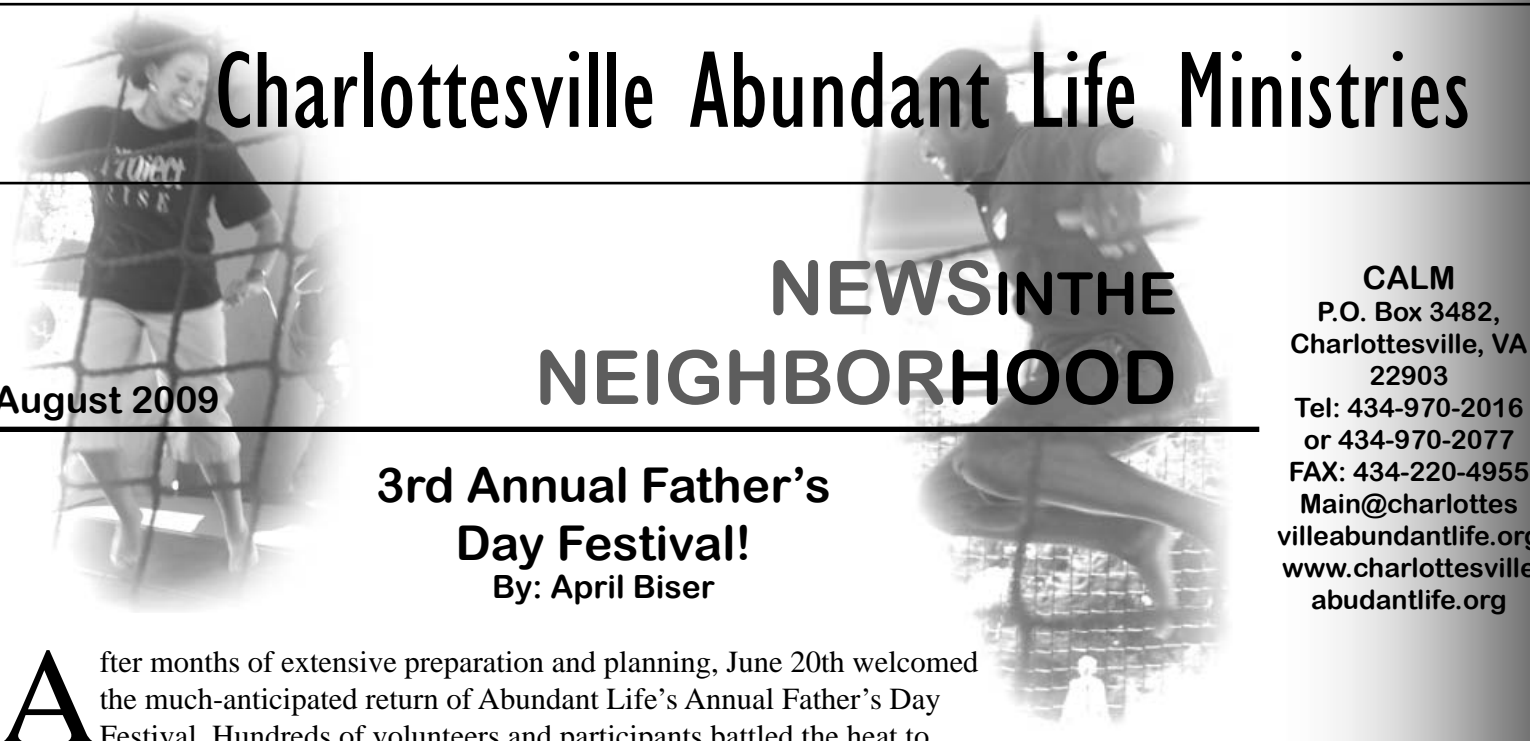
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# Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries

## NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

August 2009

### 3rd Annual Father's Day Festival!

By: April Biser

After months of extensive preparation and planning, June 20th welcomed the much-anticipated return of Abundant Life's Annual Father's Day Festival. Hundreds of volunteers and participants battled the heat to partake in the third year of the festivities.

The schedule of events included live music all day, a silent auction, a poetry competition, and for the kids, moon bounces, a bungee run, face painting, balloon art, and much more. This year's line-up featured local bands Tim Be Told, Eli Cook, Vaden Cox, On the Height Records with Burnt Bush Productions, The Eric Heinsohn Band, Bluzonia, Chickenhead Blues Band and Extraordinary Band.

Thanks to the many contributions of businesses and community members, this year was a landmark in our silent auction history, raising more money than ever before. We also introduced early online bidding, which allowed bidders to preview items and bid on them before the day of the festival.

The newest addition to this year's schedule of events was the poetry competition. Poets were invited to share their finest pieces on positive fatherhood. This year's winners were James Culmer in first place, Bernard Hankins with second, and Ebony Walden in third place.

Overall, the festival was a great success with volunteers and participants alike strolling our property in the neighborhood and enjoying the music, pizza, crafts, and catching up with old friends.

Abundant Life would like to thank all the businesses that generously contributed to this event along with the many volunteers who donated their time and energy. We could not have done it without you.

We would also like to thank everyone that came to this year's event and, if you were not able to, we invite you to check out the 4th Annual Father's Day Festival! §

**\*See the 2009 Father's Day Festival Sponsors on page 4.**

### "Who is Jesus?" by Allison Scott

At Abundant Life, we are celebrating another wonderful year for summer camp! During this year's Bible camp, we followed the story of a super-sleuth detective who stumbled upon his most important case: "Who is Jesus?" Each afternoon of the week, we discovered more and more about the answer to this question as our kids learned about people and stories from the Gospel of John. Fun skits helped us become eyewitnesses to stories from the Bible as different characters from the stories showed up each day to teach us about the kind of person Jesus was and is. Our children also had the chance to memorize a new verse every day!

Camp was an amazing opportunity to be able to share the Good News of Jesus with each of our kids and let them know how much they are loved by God. It was so exciting to get to hear them begin to understand what the Gospel means for them!

Our Bible camp in the afternoons was accompanied by a time of educational enrichment in the mornings, as we explored a "World of Stories" through the lens of different cultures from around the globe. The children learned about stories by reading and listening to tales from different cultures, making crafts,

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Annie and Carrie Yoder and Miss Mouse the puppet read stories from around the world in the mornings...



year came from many different communities in the area and we had an incredible time sharing life together. Each evening we had different speakers and discussions related to what it means to be followers of Christ as we serve the Prospect neighborhood. These helped us to think about how the gospel shapes the way we relate to our neighbor in the social and historical context that we live in. These cherished times in the evenings together opened up new ways of talking about faith and new possibilities for friendship, as each member of our team had their own experiences to bring.

Our week ended with a banquet celebration for all the kids, parents, volunteers, and staff involved with this year's camp. This was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing all that we had learned during the week. And to really cap off the week, the kids and counselors were able to go on a reward trip to King's Dominion the last day of camp!

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to the many, many volunteers who gave of themselves to make camp such a great success this year—we appreciate them all so much! We look forward to seeing the ways that this week will continue to impact our children's lives and our own lives as we all continue to discover more about the Christ we serve. §



## Snapshots

By: Melville Krebs

Standing in the front hall at Johnson School, just as most kids are headed home for the day, I watch as tutoring is getting started. Buses are called, walkers and riders head out the door, but some lucky students gather to wait for their tutors to appear. Watching the kids and tutors as they begin their time together is such a blessing as the individual stories unfold...one tutor with one child, lives being changed right in front of you.

There's the quiet smile of a third grade girl as she walks down the hall with her tutor of three years. Who would have imagined that she would win the Martin Luther King Essay contest and be introduced to the School Board?

Look at that first grade Hispanic student, chattering away in English, with such a smile for his tutor. He will end the year on grade level, launched and secure in a new country.

That mischievous second grade boy, whose home life is so complicated, will get his homework completed as his parents and teachers have requested. What a difference that will make when he arrives at school prepared for the next day.

Here comes a first grade girl, beads swinging and clicking in her hair, eager to see her tutor today. When she is reminded that the schedule has changed, that she has to wait until tomorrow, there are tears. An incredulous nearby parent says, "You mean she's crying because she WANTS to come to tutoring?" Yes. That's it exactly.

A kindergarten teacher comes by, stopping to say she's so glad one of her little girls is now in the program. She can see a huge difference in her since she started.

Here comes the regular, a first grade boy who checks in every single day. "Is THIS my tutoring day?" He

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## New Perspectives

by Richard Feero



\* Photos taken by Summer Boy's Camp participants

mas and his desire to live out the sacrificial love of Jesus for the world. I was continually impressed with their thoughts and impressions on the readings.

The other aspect of the summer program that dealt with the arts was not possible without the support and help from many friends from the Charlottesville community. We were able to do a variety of engaging activities. One of the first weeks we received digital cameras for each guy to use, generously donated for the week from various friends. We also had the benefit of having Carrie Yoder come explain how cameras work and the artistic elements and styles used by photographers.

Another week we had the benefit of having local visual artist, Kate Daughdrill, provide her time, resources, and knowledge to us. She inspired the boys with her own work, introduced them to the McGuffey Art Center and supported and encouraged them as they engaged their own creativity. Thanks to Carrie, Kate, and everyone that let us borrow their cameras and wisdom for making these weeks possible.

One of the boys' highlights of the summer was the last week with local musician Bernard Hankins. With his help the boys created their own beats and lyrics. Before this week we traditionally ended the day with the guys' favorite activity, a hardcore basketball game. But now they were sacrificing their time on the court for more time writing lines and laying beats. Bernard inspired the boys by introducing them to his own work and explaining how he made it. He also graciously let us use his keyboards, microphones, turntables, speakers and other gadgets. By the end of the week two songs were created and the guys were ready to sign their first record label.

It was an honor to work with these young men and see how the Lord has been slowly impacting them over the last two years. My faith was challenged and encouraged by my relationships with the guys this summer. I was extremely blessed and thankful for the support from so many believers who truly made this summer possible. I'm also very thankful for the support given to me by the members of Trinity Presbyterian's City Parish. Thanks to them we had a nutritious and filling lunch everyday. As I look back on how smoothly the summer went and all the help I had I am brought to my knees with thankfulness and humility for the Lord's provisions and faithfulness to us. §

## Snapshots cont...

knows that his day is Tuesday, but one gets the sense that he wishes every day was Tuesday.

There goes a third grader with his tutor, who lives in the Prospect community and connects with him and his little brother in the neighborhood often. This capable boy could have a whole different life outlook because of this faithful mentor.

Sometimes there is resistance because the homework is hard, the reading is just not smooth and the numbers are hard to figure out, but here comes the tutor of a struggling second grader who has not given up despite the hard times. The tutor shows up, and with infinite patience works through those hard times to reach a sense of accomplishment and completion. Perseverance is important, even when you're 8 years old.

What about that fourth grader, the one who couldn't stay in his chair a few years ago? How many awards did he receive at fourth grade graduation? He will be at Walker this year, a model of how ESL students can succeed in our community.

Out on the playground, as we gather to begin, there's a second grade girl with eyes searching, searching for her tutor, who hasn't yet arrived. Her eyes light up as the tutor hurries up the sidewalk, a little bit late, but so importantly there.

There are no words that can adequately describe these pictures. They are a tangible vision of God's presence and grace here in the community. Lives will be changed in ways that we cannot imagine. Thank you. §