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Fall 2007

"People may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, BUT they are helpless against our prayers!" J. Sidlow Baxter

Released-time Updates & Happenings!

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Jerry & Helen's Corner— st. James Middle

Released-time classes offered to St. James Middle are powerful!

We began this year by "Getting to Know One Another." Helen and I shared about our lives; how we met, how we ended up in Myrtle Beach, and our relationship with Jesus Christ. As students begin to share their lives with us, relationships begin to be built. We are able to hear their hearts and they are able to care what we have to share with them because we've taken the time to show we care about them.

Our academic learning began with a Bible study entitled "Using the Bible." This study is an overview of where the Bible came from, who wrote it, how many

books, and how to look-up Scripture, and much more.

This year we will study the Bible through characters. Since August 27, we have already studied Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, and we are beginning to learn about Noah. In measuring out how big the Ark was, it helped us realize just how BIG Noah's job was. Through studying these characters, and other people in scripture, we are learning that obedience plays a enormous part in our relationship with God. We've also seen how our enemy (satan) has a 5-D plan- (Doubt, Discouragement, Diversion, Defeat and Delay).

Released-time students are beginning to realize

that we are in a battle; but they are learning that we serve an awesome God!

As of Sept 30 we have 83 students enrolled (39 8th graders, 22 7th graders, and 22 6th graders). 52 of the 83 are experiencing released-time for the first time!

We have a great opportunity to reach students of Horry County through the RT program with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We ask for your prayers for these students. If you want to pray more specifically, please contact me at 650-9509 or Jcaudill@timberlakechurch.net.

Blessings,

Jerry and Helen

St. James High Hi-lights— Mrs. Kim Mitchell

The first month has started off wonderfully! We have jumped into a study beginning with the beginning... Genesis and the story of creation. This topic has sparked such great class discussions and has really opened my eyes to how many questions the students have about the Christian faith. It is obvious that these high school students are truly seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and really desire to know Him intimately. We have also been blessed with Charlotte Smith, who is the youth minister at Church of the Resurrection. She has stepped on board to share with the students every Monday and it is always so relevant and powerful. We also have been blessed by Pastor Jason Earnhardt who is the youth pastor at South Strand Assembly of God. He has committed to share with the students once a month. Both he and Charlotte have connected with the students in tremendous ways and I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do through the both of them and through the class as a whole! Kim

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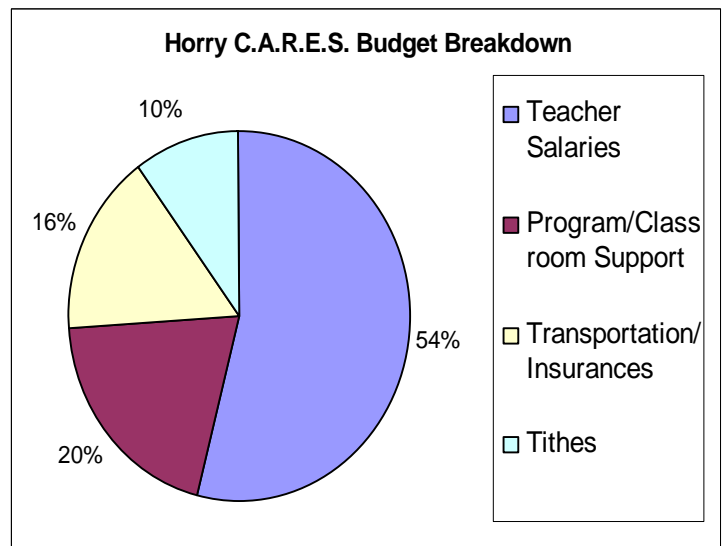
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Forestbrook Middle Happenings— Mrs. Kim Mitchell

The middle school students are also studying creation and much like the high school students have LOTS of questions about “the way it all began.” The time with them is definitely much shorter than the high school but it is just as meaningful. Curriculum aside, the thing that proves to be most powerful in my middle school classes is prayer time. There are days when we spend the majority of class praying for each other. The students really see the power of prayer and especially interceding for others. They are also beginning to be bolder in praying aloud themselves instead of myself or other adult volunteers praying. Prayer time also gives me insight into so many of the issues that the kids are dealing with outside of school and believe me there are many of them! Our time together is becoming a safe place for them to express those things amongst people who they know will be and are praying for them.

Kim



The average cost (per school) to offer a Released-time program is \$50,000 ! Please remember Horry C.A.R.E.S./Released-time as you give!

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dependent upon God
meeting our needs,
through His people!

