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Summer Bible Camp at Chapelgate

by Mary Kay Cumby

Summer Bible Camp at church is the most exciting week out of the whole summer. The building sees more activity that week than any other. Last year, there were over 360 campers, 85 adult volunteers, and 74 teen helpers that filled the hallways each day to create an unforgettable week of camp.

Some have been confused regarding the difference between camp and VBS. We want to make the distinction because this is so different from the other programs offered in the area and different from the VBS that we grew up with. Our program lasts a full day — not just 2.5 hours. Our children do more than just sit at desks or tables and hear a lesson from a teacher in a school setting. Their snacks are not just goldfish or

vanilla wafers handed to them on a napkin. Their outdoor activity is more than playing on a playground. Their creativity can be expressed in other ways than coloring a piece of paper.

The primary focus of Summer Camp at Chapelgate is to share the love of Christ with the children so that they know that Jesus loves them more than anything. Throughout their full day program the children hear about Christ's love for them. They spend time each day at Bible with teachers that love to share the gospel and are able to relate to the children on their level of understanding. The children also hear about God's love for them from their teacher in their "grade group" throughout the day as they learn Biblical truths. All of this is



done in an age appropriate manner and in a fun, camp setting that is appealing to both the church and un-churched community.

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Christian Services of Howard County

by Nancy Talbot

Christian Services of Howard County is also known as the Christian Women's Thrift Shop. Their mission is to help people in need in Howard County by showing them the love of Christ. If you have never had the opportunity to visit the Thrift Shop, you are missing out on

a wonderful blessing. The entire organization is run by volunteers from several different denominations of churches from all over the county. Most of the volunteers are regulars, some come every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday that they are open, some come only on one par-

ticular day of the week. Many of the churches in the county have volunteers come certain months of the year. The three months Chapelgate concentrates on are March, July, and November.

I became involved with the Thrift Shop a little over a year ago.

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I work in the back corner of the store in an area called "The Treasure Cove." The household items in this area are little treasures we usually want more than need for our home. You would be surprised at what people donate. Often times, I have a set of fine china to sell. I love working in the store and meeting the customers. Many of the customers are regulars. They often share stories about their lives. One lady has a daughter that is getting married. She has purchased a few items, one being a couple of decorative boxes for an upcoming shower. There is a Middle Eastern woman that comes in regularly and we always have to hug. She is so precious. We met over a crystal vase many months ago. Every week she would admire it until one day she finally decided to purchase it.

There are many opportunities to show the love of Christ in the way we serve. People are very receptive to a kind word, help in a decision, or ideas to stretch their dollar. When

the door opens at 10 a.m., there is always a group of people waiting to come in. I usually notice a couple of people heading in my direction, ready to shop. They love to see if there is anything new.

The ladies who organize the area I work in keep everything so appealing. They change the setting to fit the time of year. And people do notice. One woman who sorts through the items for the Treasure Cove visits antique shops and surfs the net to make sure her prices are reasonable. Then there are the women who work the registers, people who work different areas of the store, and people who are constantly replenishing the items as needed. Other volunteers work in the office, sort the clothing and household items that come in, organize the pantry, sort the toys, check appliances, and pick-up and deliver furniture. As a volunteer, it is nice to know there is a job for everyone and that all the jobs are important.

Many of you already know that Eileen Shields is the woman behind this ministry. Her partner, Thelma Lyman, retired to Virginia last year. Two women with a heart for God decided to serve him by serving the needy of Howard County. We still have the needy in our county and, praise God, we still have the Women's Thrift Shop on Pine Orchard Road in Ellicott City. If you have never had the privilege of visiting the shop, please stop by one day. You will be blessed. If you decide to volunteer one time, once a week, or once a month, you will be blessed. The Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.



you need help?" Everyone is welcome to volunteer, but we do have heartfelt sincere needs for servants.

The heart of this ministry is servants, without whom we would not be able to do for "the least of these" (Matt. 25:40). Everyone who has lost a loved one, is "the least of these" for a season. "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). Oh, how these verses set the overall tone and attitude for each reception. As the Lord welcomes his saints home with great joy, He is very much aware of those on earth who are missing them terribly. Please consider joining Designated Huggers or another Caring Ministry — even if just for a season — for the "least of these."

As a note: Penny has recently stepped down as leader of the Designated Huggers Ministry. We are most grateful for her service to the Lord in leading this ministry for the past 8 years. Thank you, Penny! Future inquires about this ministry can be made to Cathy Dallwig — our Caring Ministry Coordinator. Please email her at caring@chapelgate.org for more information.

Designated Huggers Ministry by Penny Kendezejeski

"What is the Designated Huggers Ministry" is a question often asked because the name, albeit lovingly chosen by a former member, does not paint an informative picture of what we do.

In a way, Huggers is like that small boy who willingly offered a few fish and loaves so that the Lord could comfort and love those in need. The little boy did not know when his gift would be needed or how it would be used, but he was a willing servant who heard the Lord's request and responded.

Designated Huggers is a ministry that reaches out in love and in service to families who have suffered the loss of a loved one and who desire a home-going celebration/reception in honor of their family member to be held either at Chapelgate or at a private home before/after a memorial service. This is what we do, and the Lord does the rest; the menu is simple, consisting of finger foods or deli type foods, bread, sweets and drink. We have only served fish on one occasion! In the last ten receptions, we prayerfully planned and prepared food for 990 people. Some receptions numbered 200+, while some were less than 30. All were special.

Huggers consists of servants who rise up to fulfill the desires of the Lord when it is not convenient on a regular basis — deaths cannot be scheduled or pre-planned. Team Captains and their team members have chosen to be on a team and to serve when called upon.

Our task is simple. If you have put a table cover on a table and placed food on the table, you are qualified and trained. If you can bake a cake, pie, or cookies, and deliver them to the church when needed, you are a blessing! If you can clean up and gather table linens, we have a place for you. If you can roll deli meat and stack cheese, you can prepare deli trays. If you are unable to do any of these things, please consider praying for this ministry for God's provision for servants, Ministry Leaders, Team Leaders, Team Members, and for His provision for all our needs, as well as for His peace and comfort for those in the midst of grief.

Our volunteers have been some who came along side the Huggers as the Lord called them for a particular reception to help decorate, serve, or clean-up. Some volunteers have been at Chapelgate for another purpose or even attended the funeral service and, while walking by the kitchen, poked their heads in and asked "do

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Other activities throughout the day include recreation with boundless possibilities for fun when you combine the talents of the volunteers with their enthusiasm, the facilities, and the vast outdoors. The kids always want more! The music is lively and quick and full of movement as the children learn sign language to accompany their tunes. The live music in the morning last year was also a big hit. The snacks are always a high point in the children's day. An all time favorite is Salvation Sundaes! And they sure do love their t-shirts! There are also classes for the parents of internationals during

camp so that they can understand the materials that their children bring home. Chapelgate Summer Camp is power packed with fun and activities and could easily rival other local camps that charge hundreds of dollars.

The children do get a lot while they are here, but they have also learned to give much. Each year, the children prepare meals for those in need, whether it be the infirmed, shut-ins, parents of newborns, or anyone else who may need it. In the past six years, they have prepared approximately 48 meals to give out to the community. They make the meals during

their snack time, (which is where they usually prepare their own snacks), with each grade making a different component. At the end of the day, there are generally eight com-



plete meals. The children in

the past have also collected food for a family in need, school supplies for children in the city, and money for an orphanage in Mexico.

Children have also gained the non-material here at camp. They have gained friendships that they look forward to renewing each year. Families have found a new church home because they felt the love of Jesus during camp week. And children have Jesus in their heart because the Holy Spirit has entered in during Chapelgate Summer Camp. This year we will spend a lot of time outdoors hiking and exploring as we travel "Upward Bound."

Music, Missions, and Ministry

by Kelley Wolbert and Monica Laird

Kelley Wolbert has been a familiar face around Chapelgate for several years. She has gotten to know some of us, but many of us don't know much about her. I recently asked Kelley to tell me about herself and this is what I found out.

She spent all of her growing up years in quiet Sykesville, Maryland (the really rural part!), and she thought she was living on the edge when she moved into a dorm of the University of Maryland Baltimore County in Catonsville. On campus was a vibrant ministry called InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which is where God drew her into a relationship with Jesus. She graduated with a B.A. in Health Administration and a minor in Biology in May 2003. She began work as the Assistant Recreation Director at Catonsville Commons Skilled Nursing Facility while she was living

in Catonsville. She worked there about a year and a half and was invited to transfer to a Recreation Director position at a facility in Baltimore, where she worked for one year. She loved the residents dearly, and still fondly remembers each of them. She considered it a privilege to serve the Lord by loving them.

When she became an employee of Chapelgate she was excited about the opportunity to use her skills in administration and interest in missions. From January 2005 through December 2008, she worked as Scott Simmons' Administrative Assistant in the Mission department. She now serves



as the Assistant to the Senior Pastor and Executive Pastor and the Office Manager. Since her first days at Chapelgate, she has had many opportunities to grow both professionally and spiritually as she has worked among loving and passionate Christ-followers. It

was also a privilege to have three years to watch and learn from Pauline Chisholm as she worked in her humble and faithful way!

On Sundays she worships at a sister church of Chapelgate, River's Edge Community Church, in Oella. There she sings on the worship team and coordinates the Sunday Morning Crew and Sound Team volunteers.

She's taken part in two River's Edge mission trips to China where the team led English camps for university students.

If you see her in the church office, you can almost always hear her singing, humming, or whistling — that is if she's not already absorbed in listening to a song on her Pandora station. Music is her greatest passion, but she also loves to travel, and one of her very favorite places is New England. It is no surprise then, that her favorite season is fall. She loves spending time with her family, watching movies, and trying to make time to read more classic literature. She describes herself as an "extroverted introvert" — she may seem timid and quiet at first, but watch out once she gets to know you!

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Cinnamon-Sugar Crumb Cake

This was served at the January Scrapbooking Day and was very popular!

1 box yellow cake mix (do NOT use a butter cake)

1 stick butter

cinnamon and sugar to taste

Prepare cake as directed on the box. Pour into a greased jelly roll pan/half sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Immediately after removing the cake from the oven, place pats of butter randomly over the top of the cake and spread until absorbed. Sprinkle the top with the cinnamon and sugar mix.

Eat and enjoy!

- Lisa Beaumont



“He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8

Spring Quotes



“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”

~ Anne Bradstreet

“In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.”

~ Mark Twain

“The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.”

~ Therese of Lisieux