



## POWER IN FAMILY OUTINGS

At NELA Youth we have multiple programs, but our most effective program is our Family Outings/Mentoring. These are times we spend time per family by outings to parks, fishing, trail walks, indoor recreational places, lunch chats, cookouts, Sunday church services, volunteer opportunities, and special local events. These are opportunities to get them out of their surroundings and show them there is more! These are powerful times where we can truly mentor and disciple these children, as well as being able to step in and teach them the fruit of the Spirit when we see negative and reactive behaviors.

When we first began we thought this would be summer and after school, but the Lord has shown us something different and unique. Meeting in a large group is great, but you can reach them so much more by building relationships and spending time with them per family. It's being someone who is dependable and trustworthy in their lives. It also gives us an opportunity to connect with their guardians and older siblings, as well as see any needs that are vital. Our growth comes from neighbors and additional family members wanting to join us. It is absolutely all God!

Our focus is on mentoring them through knowing their identity in Christ which is best accomplished through personal relationships. Think about going to a large church. You learn on Sunday, but it's the small groups where you connect and grow. Look at Jesus...he taught large groups, but the deeper relationships were with the disciples.

### **Matthew 28:16-20**

**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

May these children will catch fire they can not contain and spread that throughout their family, community, city, state and the nations!

**LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE...GO OUT AND MAKE DISCIPLES!  
ANDREA GREER JONES**

Our mission is to empower youth to pursue their God-given potential and step into their Kingdom calling. Our hearts burn to see youth truly know who they are in Christ and awaken them to the greatness inside of them. We claim generational chains of poverty, teen pregnancy, addiction, and abuse to be broken in the name of Jesus!

#### **OUR AMAZING TEAM**

##### **Board of Advisors:**

Bryan Jones (President/Business Advisor)

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Brittany & Josh Hatten, Bryan &

Kassie Ponsell, Jamie Berry, Mickie

Jones, Bryan Jones, Ainsley Makou,

Alexi Markou, Andrea Greer





**HIGHLIGHTS**



We had four new baptisms...praise God! August outreach was super exciting as we had WM Fire Department come and speak with the kids and let them see their truck. They got to learn STOP, DROP & ROLL. Our goal for each outreach is to have community involvement to show these kids are many ways to serve and help others in our community.

Thank you to all those who filled a backpack with school supplies for these kids. They were so excited & grateful to receive them!



**REWARDS PROGRAM... "EARN"**



Our winners for most points earned by good behavior, helping others and random acts of kindness (every 4 months): CeCe Green, Fatman Jenkins, George Jenkins, VJ Jenkins, Desaree, Jonmiesha Gray, Ja'Niyah



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



*Anna*



*Makayla*



**NELA YOUTH NEEDS**

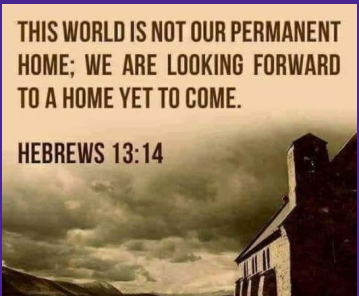
- Food donations (pizza, snacks, waters, etc.) for every first Saturday of the month Youth Outreach.
- McDonald's gift cards
- Bible crafts and give-aways
- Financial donations

- OUR DREAM LIST**
- A van to fit the kids
  - A location in Monroe or WM we can call home for these kids

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