



SMALL BEGINNINGS

HOLIDAY GROUP EVENTS

Around the Holidays we like to take all the kids somewhere special. Last year, we had an event donation of a limo ride/pizza party and a hayride/cookout. It was a blast and the kids still talk about it!

If you would like to donate a Holiday outing, please contact Andrea at 318.267.8221.



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When the Lord told me in 2020 to start a youth outreach, I had no idea what this would look like. I remember our very first meeting where six children showed up at Grace Place in Monroe. We played worship music and danced, learned about David & Goliath, worked on a take-home craft and ate lunch. Throughout that year and half, our number stayed about the same until the Lord told me in 2022 to move the outreach to West Monroe. That last event in Monroe, 30 kids randomly showed up! To this day, I have no idea how that happened. It was God!

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, even these seven, which are the eyes of the LORD; they run to and fro through the whole earth. Zechariah 4:10

Today we have a roster of over 50 kids and growing, as well as multiple programs to encourage and mentor. However, the number is not important. It's the seeds that are planted as they step into knowing who they are in Christ. It's the changing of mindsets to break out of bondage, so they can step into what God has called them to do. Believe me when I say, the potential in these children is remarkable!



Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more. Luke 12:48

The beautiful part of this is how God continues to train. There have been trials, persecution, and disappointments. It's in the humbling where there is growth and sharpening. This ministry does not belong to me, but the Lord. Holy Spirit decides what is taught each time. My only job is to be obedient and spend more intimate time with Him, so it comes in the overflow. If there is something I can impart to anyone reading this, it's that nothing and I mean nothing is more important than intimate time with the Lord. Make that a priority in your life and watch how He can use you!

All for the glory of God! Andrea Greer Jones 



HIGHLIGHTS

September outreach was powerful as we had the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Department (DMAC) come and speak with the kids. The testimonies that were given related to what many of these kids are experiencing currently. They spoke on the hats we wear throughout our lives and how we can choose to step into our purpose and our why. We had a handful who now want to be officers!



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But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." (James 1:16)

"Faith means surrender and commitment to the claims of Christ. We do not know Christ through the five physical senses, but we know Him through the sixth sense that God has given every man—the ability to believe." Billy Graham

Believing God is very important. I am not talking about simply believing that God exists but believing everything He says and being obedient to what He asks you to do. Becoming stronger in our faith is a lifelong process. The great news is that we are not expected to mature on our own because God will do the work in our hearts. However, we do have an important part to play in His plan.

How much we grow in our belief over time depends on how willing we are to...

- Let go of control: The number one reason you're under stress is because you're in conflict with God. You're trying to control things that only God can control.
- Submit to God's will: Better to side with God by doing something and be judged by the world than to side with the world by doing nothing and be judged by God. Submission to God's will leads to action.
- Trust in God's ability: Right now, look at your life. Where is your focus? Is it on yourself, or is it on a limitless God who can do anything? Our responsibility is to trust, know, and carefully obey God's Word.



LET'S PRAY

Father, forgive me for any unbelief. I repent for trying to control situations and not leaning on you. Thank you for knowing what is best! Even if I can't see it right now, I know you are working behind the scenes and the outcome will glorify You!! In the mighty name of Jesus!

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- Food donations (pizza, snacks, waters, etc.) for every first Saturday of the month Youth Outreach.
- Birthday gift donations
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