

Thousands of "Buck\$" Spent at Christmas Store

On Saturday, December 11, the church opened up it's annual Christmas Store for the children and teens who have been involved in the tutoring program. Throughout the semester, they earned North City Bucks for participation and good behavior at the tutoring program and church activities.

About 20 children and teens were able to come by on Saturday and spend their



hard-earned bucks on Christmas gifts for their family and friends. They could buy decorations, jewelry, games, toys, and a number



of other items. After they purchased them, they had lunch and wrapped their gifts.

Several students headed home with more gifts

than they could carry, requiring help from the volunteers. One student's grandmother was deeply moved by the arrival of her grandson and several helpers holding presents.

We rejoice in this wonderful opportunity to bless the families of the children we minister to. We want to thank everyone who made this day possible: the generosity of those who purchased and donated items and those who spent their time setting up and volunteering during the store.

Children Host Brunch for Their Parents



During the last six weeks of tutoring, children attended one of two classes: singing or party planning. The skills learned were used on Saturday, December 4 -- by putting on a

Christmas brunch for their families.

The kids were in charge of cooking breakfast, setting up the tables and putting out decorations. When their parents arrived, they served them brunch. During the brunch, the students in the singing class led everyone in singing several Christmas songs.

About 40 people attended the event. Thanks to all of the people who made tutoring a success this semester — for the students at SLCC and several people who donated money to make the brunch possible.



Campus House Brings 85 People to Serve



While most people were making Halloween preparations in late October, a group of about 85 students and adults made the trip to St. Louis to work with the church. Christian Campus House, a college ministry in southwest Missouri, spent the

weekend with the church.

On Saturday, the group took on a variety of work projects: cleaning/organizing the church facilities, painting, landscaping, beautifying the neighborhood, and re-installing drywall on the 3rd floor of the Rectory. (We are using the Rectory as housing for those who are serving the church.) The group worked hard, and completed numerous projects.

About 15 members of the group went a few miles away to Inner City Christian Church to help out with similar projects at their building.



ety of costumes to the event. Over 60 children and adults from the neighborhood attended the evening festivities.



Throughout the weekend, the group was fueled by a small army of cooks who worked round the clock to ensure that the group had meals and energy to continue in their labor.

Sore, but energetic, they joined us for Sunday morning worship, led by several of the students. Before the group headed home, the church shared a fellowship meal with them.



Once the group finished these projects, they set up a fall festival in the parking lot and invited everyone from the neighborhood. The selection of activities included games, face-painting, a moon bounce, and food. The group wore a wide vari-

We were blessed to have Campus House work alongside us for the weekend helping us make some much needed improvements. We are grateful for the relationship with David Embree and Campus House and the opportunity to share the work of the kingdom with these students in inner-city St. Louis.



Scouting in the Lou

Urban Scouting Outreach (USO) brings skills and principles of Cub and Boy Scouts into the inner city while mentoring young men to develop character and desire to serve and improve their communities.

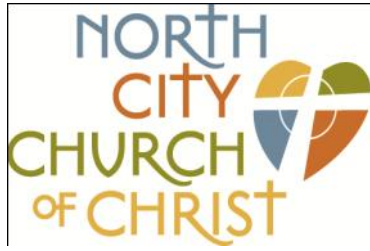


to replenish local food banks. Many of the children attend summer camp each year. In addition to Cub and Boy Scout activities, Craig brings the kids to church and has weekly Bible studies with them.

Led by Craig Piper, a member of North City Church, USO has worked with over 50 youth in the last several years. They participate in service projects around the city. Last month, they did a donation drive for canned goods

USO receives support from Mid-County Church of Christ to help with transportation for many of their activities.





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North City Church of Christ was founded in 1994 with the purpose of furthering the work of the kingdom of God in north St. Louis, MO. Since 2006, we have worshiped God in the Mark Twain neighborhood.

We are committed to weekly worship and discipleship, building relationships in our neighborhood, and improving the lives of those in our community.

We hope that you will continue to partner with us in the work of the kingdom. We welcome financial donations and in-kind donations. If your church is interested in scheduling a visit to our church, we would be glad to discuss work projects or involvement in programming.

To discuss any of these, please contact Daniel Gray at admin@northcitychurch.org.

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Now Booking: Summer 2011 Schedule

At North City, we continue to be grateful for the churches who come in to work with us to put on our summer programming. We have worked with churches across several states in the past few years and are always glad to have these partnerships in our ministry.

For the summer of 2011, we are making some changes to our curriculum model. Rather than providing 6 weeks of VBS, we are changing the format to add more educational enrichment opportunities.

VBS runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00-6:30 for 40-50 neighborhood children. The first week of the summer will resemble a traditional VBS program. The following 5 weeks will take a slightly different format.

Next year, we're asking groups to provide a short lesson each day, followed by enrichment classes. We're looking for groups to prepare to teach 3-5 classes for children to attend. Some ideas for

classes include hobbies, gardening, activities, games, crafts, carpentry, arts, bicycle repair, or fun science projects.

Summer Schedule
June 7th-9th: Reserved
June 14th-16th: OPEN
June 21st-23rd: OPEN
June 28th-30th: OPEN
July 12th-14th: OPEN
July 19th-21st: Reserved

We encourage groups to spend about a week with us. In addition, we work with each group to plan work projects around the church campus and neighborhood. Groups are also welcome to discuss other activities/programs for the week they are here.

We usually accommodate groups of 25-30 people, though we are open to any size. Groups can stay on campus where they will have access to kitchen facilities and showers. (Currently, it's bring your own bedding, but we're hoping to install dormitory facilities.)

We'd love to discuss your interest in working with us. See our open weeks above, and let us know if you want to bring your group.

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