

What's your newsletter article look like?

I am assuming you read the cover article of this newsletter each time you receive it. If not, give us a call and we will take you off the mailing list—we need to save money any way we can! If you do read the article, why? Curiosity, compassion, interest, too much time on your hands? What do you gain from the words penned here—hope, motivation, faith? I trust something good comes from the 3 minutes you spend looking over the thoughts conveyed.

But I have a question for you. If you were to write the cover article for the newsletter of your life each month, what would it look like? Would it stir people and cause them to rejoice with the victories you have been involved with the past month? Would it cause folks to stop and consider the implications of benevolent ministry? Do you think it might start conversations among family and friends about the poor, the needy, the disenfranchised, the last, the lost and the least?

Or would your newsletter tell the story of success in the world's eye? Would it share of houses and land and larger bank accounts? Perhaps you would tell of the promotion at work or the increase in the investment account. Maybe you could talk about the new vacation home or the latest ski adventure, it's the last good couple of weeks out west you know!

If the guy living under the bridge read your article would he be able to relate to anything you write? Would his heart and emotion connect with some expression of the heart of God you were involved in during the month? Would hope be birthed within him as he read of you giving of your time, talent and treasure to assist some weary soul, some wayward traveler, find their way again?

I don't expect you are going to write a newsletter article each month. However, the fact is, we are all writing the story of our life each day we live. We are revealing to those around us, by our actions and attitudes, what is really important to us. We are telling our family, our church, our world what is of the greatest priority by the way we speak, the places we spend our time, and the lives we invest our treasure in. I hope somebody likes reading your story every month. — **Pastor Bruce**

Summer Camp 2004: From the hood to the woods

This summer is packed with camps for 1st through 6th graders for all of the kids of the city we have relationship with through Kids Church, tutoring, and by being in their neighborhoods. We have three overnight camps and two-day camps planned. Overnight camps run Thursday through Sunday on June 10-13, July 1-4, and July 8-11. Day camps are July 19-22 and July 26-29.

We are looking for sponsors for the kids to enjoy a week of camp at \$50 per kid per week. This will cover transportation, activities, staff, food and supplies. Please send any sponsorships to the City of Refuge at 380 14th Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. If you or someone you know is interested being a counselor or volunteer, call Jen Nations at 404-874-2241.

City of Refuge Contact Information

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Warehouse Update: 1300 Simpson Road

We have moved into the renovated offices at the donated warehouse off Simpson Road. The next phase of construction is scheduled to begin on May 17th. The plans include construction of a dining hall, commercial kitchen, locker rooms, bathrooms, laundry facility, gymnasium, and workout facility.

Thank you...

A special thanks to Fellowship Bible Church of Roswell for their financial gift allowing us to purchase a semi-truckload of canned vegetables to benefit the ministry of Compassion Atlanta.

Volunteers Needed...

Summer Jam is a time for out of town groups to join with us in ministry in the city. On June 17-20 and 24-27. If you are interested in working Summer Jam Camp with us, call Tony Johns at 404-874-2241 ext. 7747.

Weekly Events: Hands to the Plow

- Sun. Breakfast on Bankhead 9:30 AM/Service 10:30 AM
- TuES/ThöRS. safe Haven 11 AM-2 PM, Feeding Program 5 PM
- TuES. Teen Service 7 PM
- Wed. MID-week Service 7 PM
- Wed, Fri. Bridge Ministry 6 PM
- Sat. Kids Church 8 AM, Ring of Fire 12 PM

Summer Events

--MAY--

- 13 Last Day of Kids Club
- 21, 22 Men's Retreat
- 22 Kid's Church

--JUNE--

- 10-13 Youth Camp
- 17-20 Summer Jam Camp: Week 1
- 24-27 Summer Jam Camp: Week 2

--JULY--

- 1-4 Youth Camp
- 8-11 Youth Camp
- 12-16 Teen Camp
- 19-22 Day Camp
- 26-29 Day Camp