

*Sharing the good news of Jesus and His Kingdom and equipping the church to do the same.*



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## TWIN CANAL OUTREACH: "SHOOT HOOPS, NOT YOUTH"



whole community. I connected with kids and adults by teaching them to juggle. My dad and I learned together when I was a kid and it's always been a fun "go to" activity! It takes a lot of patience and commitment to learn. It's so much fun to see the youth do it – they feel such a sense of accomplishment. I'm thrilled that I had 3 youth juggling by the end of the day!

My daughter, Evie, came out to lend a hand. Four of the little girls handed her their sno-cones so they could try juggling. Evie was holding so many sno-cones that another little girl thought she was the one giving them away!

A number of uplifting conversations happened during the outreach. The atmosphere was really positive and the kids and adults were open to spiritual conversations and encouragement. One of the conversations I had was with the mother of Jayln Harris, the youth who was shot and killed four years ago. In spite of the pain and unfathomable loss, she was grateful for the event and had her hope firmly in Christ.

It was so good to see different churches and ministries united in Christ!

On a warm, actually, hot Saturday in August, a number of ministries and churches came together for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Shoot Hoops Not Youth Community Day," an outreach to the Twin Canal neighborhood in memory of Jayln Harris, a youth killed in the area. This annual outreach is coordinated by Vicki Mitchell, leader of United in Him. United in Him is a ministry located within Twin Canal.

The neighborhood has many needs and experienced high levels of violence in the last year. It feeds into Parkway Elementary School where my wife, Eileen, is a kindergarten teacher.

At the center was a 3 on 3 basketball tournament, but there were also all kinds of activities and food for the

## Joliff UMC Revival: Chesapeake, VA

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This week, at Joliff UMC, Rev. Greg West of Life in His Name Ministries powerfully preached a series of messages entitled "Christ in All Things: Believers Built into a Living House." Utilizing the Wesleyan metaphor of "the porch of repentance," "the door of faith," and "the house of holiness," Greg reminded us who we are in Christ. On the 4th night, he explained the nature of the church, the spiritual house we share as one body in Christ.

The Holy Spirit was present in Joliff UMC this week and moving in powerful ways. As the Pastor of that church, I pray that the flame would not die down, but fuel a transformation in this church that leads to deeper missional engagement in our community. I believe this is happening. I believe the Spirit's work in Joliff UMC is just beginning!

I thank God for my dear friend Greg West and his ministry with us, for he has launched us forward into the future in a faithful direction. I highly recommend him to you if your church needs Revival! The anointing of God's Spirit is upon him, and you will be truly blessed by his ministry.

## Upcoming Ministry Events

- **Sunday, Sept. 26: Virginia Beach Christian Church**
  - 10:00am: In-person and online
- **Sunday, Oct. 3: Lynnhaven UMC**
  - 10:00am: In-person and online
- **Sunday, Oct. 17: Blacksburg UMC**
  - 11:00am: In-person and online
- **Sunday, October 24: Great Bridge UMC**
  - In-person: 8:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am
  - Online: 9:30am and 11:00am
- **Sunday Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14 & 21: New Town UMC**
  - 10:30am: In-person and online

## Prayers for Afghanistan

At this time let's pray that:

- Believers who courageously decided to remain in Afghanistan would be given strength and protection
- Remaining missionaries would be salt and light as they respond to the country's humanitarian crisis.
- The Pashtun people of Afghanistan would hear the Gospel and come to faith. According to an interview with John Weaver, a Christian worker and author of *Inside Afghanistan: An American Aide Worker's Mission of Mercy*, this is one of the least reached people groups in the world.
- The attention given to Afghanistan following the Taliban's takeover would be used to advance the gospel there.
- Borders, Western Union and banks which are currently closed due to the switch of government would open back up so Christian missionaries in Afghanistan can receive support and others can enter the country to lend assistance.

## Bringing Revival Home: A Guide for You

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### Reflect on Repentance, the Porch of Repentance:

- "This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.'" **Isaiah 30:15**
- "The time has come," Jesus said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" **Mark 1:15**
- **Questions:**
  1. In what areas does the Church need to repent?
  2. How can I help the lost turn from darkness and repent?
  3. Where do I need to repent?
- **Respond to God in prayer**

### Reflect on Faith that Saves & Faith that Sustains, the Door of Faith:

- "So, Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'" **John 10:7-10 RSV**
- "Yet to all who did receive him (Jesus), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become

children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." **John 1:12-13**

### Questions

1. Where does the Church need to have greater faith?
  2. How can I help the lost turn to Christ and believe?
  3. In what areas of my life is God calling me to greater faith?
- **Respond to God in prayer .**

### Reflect on Holiness / Christ-likeness, the House of Holiness:

- "For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." **John 17:17-21**
- "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it." **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**
- **Questions:**
  1. Is holiness the goal of the Church and is it evident?
  2. When do the lost actually perceive and respect holiness?
  3. In what areas of my life is God calling me to be more holy that is, Christ-like?
- **Respond to God in prayer.**