Good News!

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"Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones."

PROVERBS 15:30

ANSWERING THE CALL TO LEND A HAND

By: Zandre' Jean

Recently, there was a family at my school that experienced their home being burned down. The family of 5 needed clothing, shoes, etc. Out went the call to our family group! The next day some of our fantastic family group members that we're able to give responded to the request. Thank you, Jenny, Junior, and Josee (the 3 Js😊) for donating clothes to the family. Although you all haven't been out of the house much due to CoVID-19, you took the time to gather things, Jenny and Junior drove to pick them up from Josee and then dropped them off to our house. Thank you for serving and giving of your time! No deed is too small. In fact, this is huge in God's eyes. You have just LENT to the Lord!

THE J'S: (L-R) JENNY PROSPERE, JOSIE DUVIVIER, ETHAN PROSPERE, JUNIOR PROSPERE

Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

"Whoever is kind to the poor LENDS to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done."

THAJ BELONGILOT (L) AND ABBY RAY (R)

Proverbs 18:22 (NIV)

""He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord."

MOVING IN TO MARITAL BLISS

By: Abby Ray

Hi guys!

Just wanted to share some good news. As some of you may know, I recently got engaged on March 7th. My now fiancé, Thaj Belongilot, planned a scavenger hunt around Atlanta with some of our closest friends. At the final destination he sang a song and popped the question. And of course I said yes! It was such a pleasant surprise. :)
I am now moving to Knoxville, Tennessee to be in the same city. I am excited to join the Knoxville Church community. I am grateful for my time in this community and I can't wait to see where God takes it. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy.
Happy summer!

Best,
Abby Ray

VIEW THE "THE STRIVING AS ONE" DEVOTIONAL ON THE KEYDOGO - KEYS FOR LIFE YOUTUBE CHANNEL (HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=NPTQLVCJGS4)

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

"STRIVING AS ONE": VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SINGLES' DEVO

By: Jacqueline Guthrie

The International Singles Devo that recently took place on May 29, 2020 was amazing!! It was truly international in every way, starting with praise and worship from brothers and sisters from different countries and cities: the Philippines, Abidjan, and Denmark, to name a few. Then there were highlights of short Scripture sharing/lessons from all over the globe: Lebanon, Pretoria, Ecuador, and many more. The best part was hearing the good news of baptisms and church growth that has taken place during the COVID season all around! It was such a great reminder that all over the world, God has not stopped working during these times!! We ended the night with great fellowship through Zoom with multiple break out rooms! I was pleasantly surprised as I didn't have big expectations going in, but I was genuinely encouraged and glad that I joined in!

ZOOM-A-FOO SINGLES' GAME NIGHT

1 Thessalonians 5: 11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Saturday, June 20, the singles enjoyed a virtual game night through Zoom. Atasha Sharp messaged, "Thank you to the Ozims for encouraging the singles... Great time!!!" Hosts, Brion and Sharal Ozim engaged us through rounds of Scattagories (won by Jacqueline maxing out points with words beginning with 'J' and 'P'), Bible Jeopardy, and Name that Tune (90's edition), although JJ remembers dancing in middle school to some songs from the late '80s. While Darice and Matt suffered through this era (a casualty of being a Millennial or from Generation Z), Gary came out with the final win for the night knowing the most songs along with the artist's names. If you missed out, please keep in-the-know through our community's Group me page for the Thrive ministry, weekly emails from Emelyn, or our community's page on the North River Church of Christ website https://nrcoc.org/communities/west-cobb-smyrna.