

January eNewsletter

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
-Matthew 11:28

Upcoming Dates

January: Fall Semester Payments (9-12)
January 10: Process December reports (K-8)
February 8: Process January reports (K-8)
March 8: Process February reports (K-8)
April 8: Process March reports (K-8)
May 9: Process April reports (K-8)



Coordinator Spotlight

Greetings! My name is Peggy Walker, I'm the current Finance Chair of Berean Christian Junior Academy School Board. I'm also a wife and proud mother and grandmother. As my mother before me I have always had a calling to volunteer in my church and community, however that calling became a passion when my grandchildren started attending Berean Christian Junior Academy. I was nominated by my church to fill a seat on the schoolboard due to my 37 years of accounting and management experience in some of Atlanta's most prestigious law firms.

Since my retirement in 2012, I have enjoyed volunteering at several non-profit organizations which include: Meals on Wheels, Senior Services of Fulton County, Georgia Usher Association, and Federated Kings Daughters. While I enjoyed my volunteer positions with these wonderful organizations I felt motivated to do more closer to home. When my two younger grandkids started school I relished the opportunity to be a hands-ongrandmother, moreover, I saw a chance to positively impact the education and Christian experience of all the students attending Berean Christian Junior Academy. The Partnering for Eternity Program, which pairs senior citizens with students for mentoring and companionship, has given me an opportunity to help develop empathy, kindness and respect into the mind of students, while greatly impacting the lives



of seniors in our community. Every one of us has a responsibility to help others, in the PFE program our youth are constantly making positive impacts on the lives of seniors who have come to cherish the time they spend with each student. One of my beloved quotes found in the Academy Study Bible states, "Jesus desires that we shall become like Himself, filled with tender sympathy, exerting a ministry of love in the small duties of life". I am proud to say that the Berean Christian Junior Academy students that participate in the Partnering for Eternity Program benefit not only from ministering to their senior mentors but learn to embrace a spirit of love and service in their community.



Reflect on your Life Mentors

This month is *National Mentoring Month*. Take some time to reflect on your personal experiences with mentors, whether you were on the giving or receiving end. Here are some questions to help prompt your reflection:

- Thinking back over your life, name a few individuals who impacted you in a positive way.
- What impact did they have on you?
- What did they teach you about life? About yourself?
- Do they know about the impact they made on you?
- How were you connected with them in the first place?
- What do they mean to you today?

Please click the link below if you would like to share your mentorship experiences with us!

Activity Idea: DIY Bird Feeder

Materials Needed
Juice or milk jug
Non-toxic white outdoor spray paint
Non-toxic colorful outdoor paint
Small wooden dowel
Exacto knife
Paintbrush
Rope or twine
Glue gun
Birdseed



Step 1: Rinse out an empty juice or milk jug. Paint over the jug's label with the spray paint and allow it to dry. Paint the wooden dowel with the colorful outdoor paint and set aside to dry.

Step 2: Use an exacto knife to cut out a shape 2 to 3 inches from the bottom of the jug. Paint a diagonal line across the jug with the outdoor paint, then fill in the bottom half and let dry.

Step 3: Cut a small X just under the triangle and push the wooden dowel a quarter of the way into the jug. Use a glue gun to attach 3 or 4 lines of hemp across the top of the painted area, and around the tip of the wooden dowel.

Step 4: Cut a long piece of hemp. Wrap around the lid, glueing to secure, and leaving two long ends on either side. Fill the jug with birdseed to just under the triangle, then tie to a tree branch in your yard.

What was your favorite part of the holiday season?

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Christmas lights
Snow/weather
Family/friends
Games

Gifts - giving or receiving



Church/school events

Reminders

- Virtual visits are discontinued
 - As needed, students can deliver care packages/groceries/food or participate in a service activity (sweeping, raking, etc) for their weekly visit.
- Send us your stories and pictures!





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