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From the President's Desk

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By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. - Hebrews 11:3

It never ceases to amaze me that as we think about the victories that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord and the fact that they come to the avenue of faith is amazing. This first indicates that by faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God. God took the unseen and spoke it into being. His ability to create is also the same ability that allows us to study what he created. The consistency of his created order allows us to be able to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

This year at Genesis One Christian School we are introducing STEM education classes. We are so excited about the possibilities of God using us to teach the children of Genesis One about his consistent world, their unique design within that world and their ability to define, articulate and provide solutions as

a foundational part of their learning about Christ as our Savior. We're hoping to include robotics construction and programming/coding, the use of drones, engineering related assignments and mathematics. We're asking God to help us develop/disciple young men and women who solve problems today that impact the future.

A proverb I recently read goes like this, *"What I hear, I forget; what I see, I remember; what I do, I understand."* We want the children of Genesis One to not only have knowledge, but to have understanding; to have trained heads and consecrated hearts. They will be *difference makers* for the cause of the kingdom and our great King, Jesus.

I invite you to help us make this a reality.

CONGRATULATIONS | Jammal Banks: New Assistant Principal of Mendenhall High School

Our very own, Duriel Jammal Banks, was hired as assistant principal of MHS beginning this school term, 2021/22.

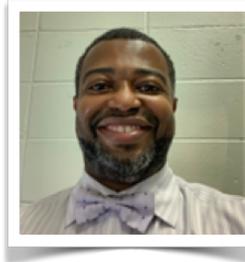
Mr. Banks has a long history with TMM. In his own words:

"I was in 8th grade when I began my journey with the Youth Leadership Development Program, (YLDP). I learned important life lessons and skills that helped me to navigate life and helped position me where I am now. Over the years I developed a great desire to work with kids– the seed, I am sure, was planted during my YLDP days. Because of my passion for youth, I have been a high school teacher for 13 years."

Mr. Banks served as Youth Leadership Development Coordinator of TMM's Summer Enrichment Program over the past several years.

Mr. Banks has a Master's degree and is currently working towards his Doctoral degree.

We are so proud of you, Mr. Banks!



Community Outreach: Food Give-Away Day



July 1st was Food Give-Away Day at The Mendenhall Ministries.

Thanks to you, our ministry partners, seventy families were blessed with enough food for a nutritious meal for four.

Youth from YLDP helped to package and distribute the food.

Volunteer Update

There was a flurry of activities at The Mendenhall Ministries this summer: from clearing brush on the farm, to painting, electrical work, carpentry work, VBS, math and reading enrichment classes, ACT prep, workshops, and movie going. Lots of work! Lots of fun! Lots of fellowship!

Three teams volunteered at The Mendenhall Ministries in June and July: Sowing Seeds of Joy (SSOJ), led by Ron & Star Nelson, Dallas, TX; Two Cities Church youth, led by Justin Moormann, Winston-Salem, NC; and Highlands Presbyterian, led by John & Margaret Rhine, LaGrange, IL.



(Left) SSOJ conducting "Healing the Wounds of Trauma" workshop. (Right) Sowing Seeds of Joy (SSOJ) & Two Cities Church volunteers



(L-R) 1. SSOJ- Leaders Ron & Star Nelson arriving for work; 2. Volunteer sharing the Word; 3. Volunteer passing his skills forward; 4. Volunteer prepping gym door for painting.



(L-R) 1. Two Cities Church: youth working on farm; 2. Youth adjusting ladder to paint gym; 3. Suzanne Keys, Esq., holds volunteers' attention while giving a historical overview and sharing her experiences as trial lawyer at TMM Law Office; 4. Youth painting gate to farm.

Praises | Because of your faithful partnership:

- Pro Pruitt Rental & Outdoor of Magee, MS reduced the price of a zero-turn commercial lawn mower by 1/2, enabling us to purchase the mower in July.
- We blessed 70 families with enough food for a nutritious meal for four.
- GOCS had a very successful 2020/21 year and is excited about the 2021/22 year which began August 28th. Already enrollment is 49. What a praise!
- Kids had fun in VBS/Summer Enrichment/YLD Program as they learned Bible stories and verses in June. They also received enrichment in reading and math. Older youth had hands-on training in leadership and ACT prep.
- TMM staff, including GOCS teachers attended workshop on robotics; and a mini-session training in Trauma Healing.
- Volunteers gave TMM administration's reception and restrooms a complete overhaul: new vanities, new toilet bowls; and new ceramic floors. The painting will be completed within next few days.
- Volunteers also power-washed and painted the external walls of gym. They scrapped and painted the doors also.
- Plans are underway to integrate STEM/Robotics into GOCS 2021/22 curriculum.

Volunteer Update continued

The refurbishing of the house on Hwy 49 has been a labor of love. John & Margaret Rhine and their fellow volunteers from Highlands Presbyterian Church, LaGrange, IL: Mike & Laura Reihsmann, Jerry Jones, and Millie Webster have faithfully worked on rehabbing this house over several years, making several trips per year. Their hard work and faithfulness has paid off. If all goes as planned, the house will be ready for occupancy by early September.

This will be a steady stream of income for the Ministry toward ministry operation costs.

It will also be a quality and comfortable home for a deserving family.

John Rhine installing ceiling vents.



VBS/Summer Enrichment/YLD Program

There was lots of excitement this summer on TMM's campus: Vacation Bible School, reading and math enrichment, and youth leadership development going on as one integrated program!

Former GOCS students served as assistant teachers/tutors while they honed in on their leadership skills and prepped for ACT. Students who were tutored in math and reading will be on target, if not ahead, as they return to school this year.

Mr. Hardy, GOCS Principal; Mr. Banks, YLD Coordinator; youth leaders; volunteers; and certified GOCS teachers, who trained the youth in the art of teaching, did a phenomenal job.

YLD participant giving one-on-one instructions in math.



Robotics Workshop for TMM/GOCS Staff

No one wanted to break for lunch! "Let's continue on", they said. "We can snack as we work."

These were some of the comments from Robotics Workshop participants when Ray Holt, robotics instructor, announced that it was time for lunch.

The main purpose of the workshop was to familiarize TMM staff, especially GOCS teachers, with robotics.

"We took to it like 'ducks to water,'" commented Evelyn Njoroge, TMM's Development Director.

The workshop was scheduled to end at 2pm, but it lasted until almost 4pm. It was very educational! It was FUN!

We are looking forward to the integration of STEM/robotics into GOCS curriculum with great anticipation.

Students are in for a real treat!



GOCS teacher, Mrs. Nelson, focused on building her robot.



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A New Year, A Greater Challenge at GOCS

Genesis One Christian School opened with a bang on July 28th. Registration is already up by more than 50% from last year. Forty nine students are enrolled. It is highly probable that the demand will increase.

We believe that much of this increase is due to the successful 20/21 year at GOCS. Students continued to have face-to-face instructions and performed well academically. During that period, Covid-19 protocols were strictly adhered to. No student got sick!

However, we know that the challenges and risks are greater with the Delta variant. As we move forward, we ask for your prayers: that God will give us wisdom and discernment as we navigate these uncharted waters; and for His divine protection for the students, parents and staff.

Participants of 2021 YLD Program. Participants ranged from 9th grade through college freshmen. Mr. Jammal Banks, YLD Coordinator, is 2nd from Left. Mrs. Tarrah Lockhart, extreme Right, taught ACT prep classes.

