

# COC IN JULY



## VBS and a special testimony...

COC is taking a summer break from our usual Saturday mornings and focusing on some special events for the kids on Tuesday mornings, working on streamlining the program for the coming school year, and VBS with our board president, Steve Iovino. Below is a message from Steve and a testimony from our director Pastor Tim Marschick. Thank you so much for your giving and support which are instrumental to keeping the mission of COC going strong!



“Vacation Bible School...VBS...what is the first thing you think of?

- 1) Is it that time of year already?
- 2) That week wears me out (I admit that can be my thought, but then,...)
- 3) I get to teach the kids about Jesus!
- 4) I can be that shining light on the hill

I heard an amazing sermon after VBS; the Pastor asked: ‘Who grew up in church?’ Many hands went up. Then came the big question, ‘How many kids do you see growing up in church today?’ Not

“On Tuesday I got to have some personal time with two of the most well behaved young men in our program: Jashawn, and his brother Josiah. I took them to the Treasure Island Fun center as a treat and to have some one on one time with them. But most importantly, to reward them for their dedication to the COC program and their desire to learn about Jesus and have Him in their lives. We had a real conversation about issues in the neighborhood. We discussed how getting involved with drugs and gangs in the area would be tremendously detrimental to their dreams: Josiah wants to be a NBA Basketball Player and Jashawn wants to sing and give his gift to so many. I was blessed to have this one on one time with them because of your generosity to give

through this newsletter. I wanted to reach out to all of our givers regarding a very important opportunity to raise an extra \$6000 in the month of August. These funds will assist with ushering in the new school year and launching the 2022-2023 season for our kids. We had an individual who has pledged to match a \$3000 donation, for a total of \$6000. This donation can only be accessed by raising more than our normal budget. We are asking this month to send a little extra so that we can match this \$3000. If we are able to meet this donation goal, we will then have \$6000 to put towards the start of this next 2022-2023 school year. These funds provide the vehicles to win more souls and disciple more individual kids who will know Jesus more deeply. Thank you so much for your giving and support.

*God bless you, Pastor Tim Marschick*



**“Donations, gifts, church teams, and love offerings are needed to keep the mission of COC going: to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to needy children and their families, by ministering both to physical and spiritual needs. Thank you for your giving.”**

many. Why? Church and Jesus are unimportant until they hear the Gospel. Enter COC some twenty plus years ago: witnessing to the children who never go to church. I am willing to bet John and Brenda Grampsas saw the need for a kid’s bus ministry! This need always baffles us as COC always struggles for money to bring in the children. Jesus told us not to hinder the little children from coming to Him. Please help Pastor Tim and his team: pray, share your newsletter, talk to others about COC.”

*In Christ, Steve*

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