

Christian Life Skills’ Praise and Petitions!

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Spring Session Completed with Successes!

We completed the Spring session of the Life Skills in Action and the Young Adult Leadership Training (YALT) program in partnership with Pancakes and Jesus and the Lincoln Park Community Center. The session culminated with two special events. The first was a trip to the Kinglsey Center Health Fair where the youth and their families participated in a variety of activities including basketball, African Dance, and numerous healthful learning activities. The second event was a fishing trip to Zelenople where most of the youth had the amazing experience of catching two or three fish each!!!

The fishing trip has been a feature in the Pancakes and Jesus ministry for a number of years and now the joy of fishing has

been shared with many of the Christian Life Skills youth. The day out in God’s country, fishing and fellowshiping with the excellent hosts of the local fishing club was a blessing to all.

Blessing the Seniors with Words and Deeds!

A special event held earlier was the creation and presentation of Easter Baskets for the seniors who frequent the Lincoln Park Community Center. Volunteer students from the University of Pittsburgh and the church volunteers assisted the children and youth in creating the baskets from a variety of items. Donations of craft materials by Mr. & Mrs. Nate and Carol Williams helped to make this project a success.

Each basket included an Easter card with scriptures explaining the true meaning of Easter. The youth also

studied the biblical story of Easter.

The youth presented the baskets to the seniors with expressions of respect and appreciation for their elders. The seniors responded with hugs and big smiles as they each received a basket. It was a pleasant intergenerational occasion.

Union Baptist Church Approaches a Milestone

Under the excellent leadership of Ms. LaVerne Stotts, the Union Baptist Church Christian Life Skills ministry is close to completing its second round of students in the Rite of Passage phase of the Christian Life Skills ministry. In the fall the current group of youth plan to go through Skill #9 and then prepare for and complete the Rite of Passage.

This will be the second time that Ms. Stotts has empowered a group of mentors and youth to make the journey through all nine skills and the Rite of Passage. Her diligence and consistency in the face of challenges has been an outstanding example of what it takes to persevere and

sacrifice for the sake of this generation of youth. In addition to her dedication to the youth, she faithfully serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Christian Life Skills.

Prayer Requests!

Please pray for the Union Baptist Church life skills ministry and all of its participants that they will move successfully through the final phases of this aspect of the ministry including the Rite of Passage. Pray for the transition these youth will be making to more responsible and challenging roles in the life skills ministry after they complete the Rite of Passage.

Pray that the long-awaited completion of the curriculum will become a reality in the near future. Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Ted Jones who have served the Christian Life Skills ministry in various capacities since the founding of the ministry in 1986. They have experience a season of losses in their family as a number of their loved ones have gone to be with the Lord—all within a very short period of time.

You will notice that this newsletter includes no photos. Please pray that the Executive Director and others in the CLS ministry will adapt to the newly purchased camera that enables us to transmit photos electronically and place them in the newsletter.

Pray for the future shaping of the ministry, with its partners, curriculum, the vision and mission that anticipates souls saved and lives transformed as whole families understand more clearly the life God longs to give us in Him. “In Him we live and move and have our being.” Acts 17:28

Pray for God’s direction and provision in all aspects of the ministry and with the emerging partnerships.