

# Christian Community Center December 2018 Newsletter

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## Meet Terry



*Terry 2018*



*Terry & Anthony People 2008*

About 15 years ago, a group of young boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 10 started attending the Center. This special group of kids came almost every day and soon became like a family to us and to each other. As the years have gone by, it has brought us great joy to see a lot of these kids grow up and go to college, or go right into the work force. But what brings us the greatest joy is to see them living for the Lord into their adult lives. I can't think of a better example of this than the young man, Terry, whose story is told below.

"I have been attending the Christian Community Center for 19 years and this place has become my second home. By living three doors down from the Center, I had the privilege to attend for so many years. In 2004, I gave my life to Christ. In 2009, a close friend of mine (Anthony-pictured above) died in a tragic accident. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon stated that "a good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death is better than the day of birth." Anthony People had impacted many people in his life and was remembered for his walk with Christ. After the funeral, I had to let the Holy Spirit convict me and change my ways. My pastor started to do one-on-one Bible studies with me until I graduated from high school. In college I had to defend my faith countless times in many of my classes. At CCBC my professor and I were debating about the existence of God. Three years later I saw my professor post something on Facebook in regard to persecuted Christians. He is now saved and has been living for the Lord faithfully and has joined a local church with his wife. I am now about to graduate from Towson University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management."

Terry is graduating this December and then plans to work full time at Mercy Hospital while he pursues a master's degree. What a fine young man he has become. Terry and many of the friends he grew up with at the mission are pictured right. All of these young adults were counselors and helpers at camp this past summer. We thank God for how he has worked in their lives.



## Christmas Parties

We are blessed to be able to offer four Christmas parties for the children and adults who attend the Center. If you would like to help with gifts, just earmark your check "Christmas" and thank you.

## Party Schedule

Dec. 17	11 am	Women & Men's Party
Dec. 18	3 pm	4-8 years old
Dec. 19	3 pm	9-12 years old
Dec. 20	4 pm	Teens

*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*

*2 Corinthians 9:15*

## Our First Summer at Penn-Grove Retreat

The Lord blessed us with two great weeks at our new camp. We thank God for blessing us with beautiful weather and with excellent guest preachers. The pictures below capture the joy and excitement the children experience at camp.



## People-Kinlaw Scholarship Fund

In September, with the help of two churches, we were able to send two high-school girls to a Christian school. The two girls are doing really well academically and spiritually, and now some other teens have expressed interest in attending a Christian school. With some of the problems that plague public schools, we would love to send more of our kids to a Christian school. We named a scholarship fund after Anthony People and Amirah Kinlaw—two special children who faithfully attended the Center before going home to be with the Lord at an early age. Both Anthony and Amirah were intelligent and friendly and had a strong faith in Jesus. We still miss them and decided to honor their memory. If you are interested in helping send children to a Christian school, earmark your check "People-Kinlaw Scholarship Fund" and thank you so much.

We praise the Lord for all of our wonderful friends! Your gifts, prayers and support have blessed the lives of so many children .