

New Camp News

We will be using a different camp this summer called Penn Grove Retreat in Hanover, Pennsylvania. It was not an easy decision, since we love Mountain View and have had so many wonderful summers there. But, because Penn Grove will allow us to come both weeks for a full five days instead of four, we felt led to make this change. Because of the extra day and because this camp costs a little more, it will end up costing about \$100 per child to come for the week. Penn Grove is a beautiful camp with a swimming pool, basketball courts, hiking trails, and a baseball field. It also has a miniature golf course and small petting zoo. If you would like to help sponsor a child, please earmark your check "camp" and thank you so much.

August 6-10 Older Children

August 13-17 Younger Children



Ms. Betty, our amazing camp nurse, is on the top step, making sure the children get down the sliding board safely.

Needs for camp:

Twin fitted sheets and blankets

Goggles and flip flops
(large and medium)

Prayer Requests:

Safe time at camp

To see spiritual growth
in our teens

Although the news often paints a very bleak picture of a city filled with drugs and violence, there are also many young people in Baltimore who desire to live right and serve the Lord. Patrick Riddick (pictured left) represents one of these special young adults who we are blessed to know.

Patrick Riddick

"I have been attending the Christian Community Center (The Mission) since 2003, which is mainly my entire life. I spent my childhood and struggling teen years at this place. This place never gets old to me. The mission is a second home to me, a home where I can go to hear the word of God. Those I grew up with who attend the mission are like family. This place saved me from living a bad lifestyle—a bad lifestyle that many people my age are tempted by and follow. Proverbs 1:10 mentions, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Living basically in the heart of Baltimore, I have faced temptation many times, but by the grace of God, I have not fallen short. I thank God for the mission, because without it I would be lost. The mission is how I know that there is a God—a God I follow and proudly serve today. I thank God for his many blessings to me and my family. I never knew I would have made it this far. With God all things are possible!"



We are so proud of the four graduates below who grew up attending the Center. What a joy to see them growing up to be such nice Christian men and women.



Carl graduated from Dunbar High School and is attending college in the fall. He is currently working at Charlestown Retirement Community.



Alicia (left) graduated from CCBC and is now working as a sign language interpreter.

Deja (right) graduated from Mervo High School and is working at Talbot's. She will be attending Towson University in the fall.



Jordan (pictured here with good friend Irvin) graduated from the Police Academy and is now a Baltimore County police officer.



Walter Smith—Enjoying Un-retirement

What a blessing “Mr. Walter” (pictured left) has been since he started working here part-time after being temporarily retired. The children all love him and he loves them! Walter is a patient and humble man who does whatever is needed. He teaches the Bible, drives children home, and sets a great example to all of us on how to selflessly serve the Lord.

This past school year, we averaged about 60 kids a day. At times, it was challenging, yet so rewarding. We thank God as he continues to send wonderful children our way.



Matthew 18:5

And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

