January 2013

Happy New Year everyone!

I trust you had a blessed Christmas and New Year. The kids are back at school at Kiser. The 5th and 6th grade basketball team had their first practice tonight. The head coach is an Apexer, Andy Sollmann, and I am assisting him. Our first game is this Wednesday! Pray for patience on everyone's part.

We are ready to begin scheduling for the "Family Café" at Kiser, which begins two weeks from tomorrow on Tuesday January 22nd. The initial program will run for seven weeks...

* January 22
* January 29
* February 5
* February 12
* February 19
* February 26
* March 5

If all goes well, we hope to continue the program till the end of the school year.

We are looking for help in the following areas...

* **Food preparation, serving and kitchen clean-up (ideally, 8-10 volunteers weekly):** Rita Haworth will be heading up this part of the evenings. Rita has told me she already has some food donations lined up, but we will need some help filing in the gaps. Rita will be in charge of the menu and scheduling volunteers. The meal/study time is 6:00 - 7:30p. Set up will begin at 5:00p. If you are interested in helping with this portion of our evenings, let me know, and I will forward that information on to Rita, ASAP.

* "Homework Helpers" (ideally, 6-8 volunteers weekly): These volunteers will be assisting children with reading, basic math, English... The ideal time for arrival would be no later than 5:30p.

* "Parents' Pals" (Ideally, 6-8 volunteers): OK, I know that is a little corny. Seriously, we need some folks that would be willing to just come and sit with parents and get to know them. I can for see some great prayer ministry and Gospel sharing opportunities starting this way. We have several international families in the
community. I think this would be a great way to build relational bridges. If some of you have ESL training in your background, that may be a start for that ministry with parents. I will be coordinating "Homework Helpers" and "Parents' Pals" volunteers. Again, an ideal time for these volunteers to arrive would be 5:30p. Please let me know the day(s) you would be available to volunteer.

As you can see, we are shooting for approximately 20 volunteers every Tuesday evening. While we have know way of knowing yet how many will be coming, I am estimating between 60-80 students/family members. The students will be receiving a flyer later this week to take home to their parents, introducing "Family Café". Beginning next week, they will be receiving a reservation form each week to be filled out and returned to school, for the following week. By Friday, January 17, we will have an idea of what Tuesday January 22nd should look like.

In closing, I had an opportunity to speak briefly with Kiser principal, Mr. Fowler, this evening. We were discussing "Family Café", and these were his exact words, "You all continue to amaze me". I look forward to talking to him about our amazing Lord and Savior, who inspires and empowers us to serve!

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Blessings!

Randy Chestnut

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Galatians 6:14

Randy's Most Important Thing