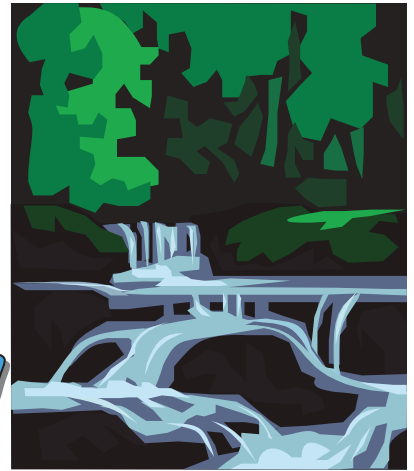


# The New River Rapids

## COMING TO A MALL NEAR YOU

By Pasture Scott



Scores of hungry believers will gather at the mall in Washington D.C. on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month for a day of fasting, prayer and repentance for spiritual breakthrough among God’s people in our nation. Even as the nations gather for sport in Beijing, this event will be far from ignored in the heavens. You can bet your bottom dollar on it.

In a much closer mall, right here at Douglas County’s Arbor Place, thousands of our youth will gather in the parking lot this October for the *7Project Rally* and be given an opportunity to turn to the Lord, repent of their sins and embrace King Jesus in their lives. This gathering will be no less impactful in the economy of God.

For the two weeks leading up to this momentous opportunity—one of the widest open doors in recent memory—ministry teams led by Mike Holt of the Georgia 7Project will lead assemblies in every high school and middle school in Douglas County. Every student from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be exposed to godly solutions to six of the greatest issues that plague our kids. The Seventh Solution will be held off until the final rally when the Lord Christ will be raised and will draw many to Himself. Gang members, addicts, satanists, pregnant teens, kids who have been molested or victimized along with “good church” kids will be gloriously set free!

Our kids are at risk and the statistics are sobering. 43% of those in grades 9-12 have tasted alcohol, 20% have used marijuana in the past twenty days, 50% of our 17 year old youth attend parties where alcohol, marijuana, Ecstasy and prescription drugs are available *EVEN WHEN PARENTS ARE PRESENT* (the numbers obviously soar exponentially when parents are nowhere around), 47% of teenagers have had sexual intercourse at least once in their young lives, 34% have had sexual intercourse with more than one person, suicide is the third leading cause of death among youth (girls to boys by an almost 2-1 ratio), 41% of our high schools have high gang activity (31% of middle schools) and 28% of those between the ages of 12-18 report having been bullied at school in the past six months.

That’s a boatload of numbers, I know, but all tell the sad, sad story of spiritual famine in the land. Solomon wrote these prophetic words 3000 years ago and he may as well have reserved them for our generation:

“Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint...”  
(Proverbs 29:18)

When churches stopped preaching “thus says the Lord” and prided themselves away from redemptive revelation, society ran amuck and the vacuum that was left was filled by the enemy. To borrow from a kingdom parable, while the church slept the enemy sowed tares and we are reaping that crop today.

But not all is lost. In fact, in the story of these two malls we find hope. Let us repent and turn from our self-rule and wickedness and turn wholly to the Lord our King and watch what He will do to turn this thing around. Without exaggeration, we could be on the cusp of the Days of Ezekiel and see dry, bleached bones come to life by the Spirit of God leading to a youth-led revival in these parts and beyond, the likes of which we’ve never before seen.

And it’s all coming to a mall near you.

- \*Saturday, August 16—videocast of “The Call” in the New River Worship Center, 10am-10pm
- \*Sunday, September 14—promotion and love offering for Douglas 7Project
- \*October 17-23—The Douglas 7Project in each of our middle and high schools; final rally in Arbor Place Mall parking lot...log onto <http://www.nospectators.net/7project/index.html> for more information

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### August Events

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Global Bridegroom Fast	4th-6th
Prayer Force	7th,14th,21st,28th
Fellowship Dinner .....	17th
TheCall webcast .....	16th
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City of Refuge .....	24th





# LIFE ON THE RIVER

## Let everything that has breath praise the Lord (Ps 150:6)

Has your experience of entering into communion and prayer been like rushing into God's presence and upon getting there-you sense you just aren't altogether there or really with Him?

For awhile now the Holy Spirit has caused me to consider this. It started with a look at the OT pattern (the Tabernacle) and the progression that took place when the people gathered. What is clearly seen, through just a courtesy glance is, that they entered His gates with thanksgiving in their hearts and His courts with praise. It's safe to conclude that this was part of preparing oneself before entering into the Holy place.

A recent look through some (not exhaustive) scripture helped me to lay a foundation to work from. It starts with reasons we praise Him.

Firstly, He is worthy! This truly needs to be considered! He is the Most High God who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth (Is 51:13). He is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and spender, and He is exalted as head over all. (1 Chron. 29:11).

Secondly, it deepens intimacy. Praise draws us closer to God and He is drawn close to us for "He inhabits the praises of His people" (Ps 22:3). He also delights in our praise and when we desire Him, through our praise and worship, it can be likened to the cloud of glory that so filled the temple that the priests could not stand to minister. (2 Chron. 5:14).

Thirdly, it blesses us. Praising God fills us with a depth of joy and satisfaction that no earthly

pleasure can bring (Ps 63: 3-5). When we praise, our focus turns to behold His greatness which transforms our perspective of life's difficulties.

Fourth, it's a weapon of warfare. We resist the enemy when we praise God. Praise also breaks down walls, opens closed doors, and wins battles as we fight to extend God's kingdom into places and hearts that the enemy holds captive. (2 Chron 20:22, Acts 16:25, Ps 149: 5-6, 8-9).

Lastly, it's a choice. A sacrifice of praise in knowing God identifies with all our pain, grief, disappointments (though not asking us deny it) He would have us to make the choice to praise Him for He is our hope (Heb 3: 17-18, Ps 42:11).

## Backpack Ministry to Needy Children Begins August 8.

For many children, the only nutritious meal they get is at school. So New River is partnering with Hand of Help Ministries to provide these needy children with simple food items for the weekends when they are not in school.

The new *Backpack Ministry* will involve NRCC with at least 12 children who will need food for the weekend packed in their special *Backpacks* each Friday and delivered to the school where they will be given to the school counselor to

hand out to the children before they leave for the weekend. We need for you to help us gather the food items and bring them to the church or to provide the \$7 +/- to purchase the items needed for the week. Some people will be needed to come to the church to pack the Backpacks with food and deliver them to the school on Fridays. This will not take long and if we have enough to volunteer, everyone will not be needed every week.

LIFEGroups could commit to sponsor a child or two by taking up a collection each week and turning it in on Sunday. It will only take a small amount from each person to provide what's needed for each child. So far we only have about half the commitments that are needed, so if you or your LIFEgroup would like to sponsor one of these children, please contact Jerald at the church or contact Yvonne Burrell at 678/773-1507 or ybunny01@bellsouth.net.

### LIFEgroup Contact Information

- Grant LIFEgroup for Families meets on Sunday at 5 pm at 4865 Wassailla Way in Powder Springs. Contact Mark & Davida Grant at 770/942-3786 or granite7@netzero.net.
- Maglott LIFEgroup for Families meets on **Sunday** at 5:30 pm at 1730 Hampton Pass, Douglasville off of Cedar Mountain Road on the North side. Contact Jim & Kim Maglott at 770/575-0315 or jmaglott33@yahoo.com.
- Vineyard LIFEgroup for Families meets on **Sunday** at 5 pm at 3858 Craggy Perch, Douglasville, near Chapel Hill Road and Anneewakee Road. Contact David & Melissa Vineyard at 770/949-8853 or Sheila Garza at garzaf@bellsouth.net.
- Mitchell LIFEgroup for Young Women meets on **Monday** at 8 pm at 3173 Christopher Ct. Douglasville, off Fairburn Road. Contact Sandy Mitchell 770/364-3730 or Hannah Penn at 770/570-3233 or sandy@pasturescott.com.
- Spann LIFEgroup for Adults meets on **Monday** at 6 pm. Location off of Chapel Hill Road, South of Chapel Hill Middle School. Contact Don & Sandie Spann at don.spann@newrivercc.com
- Ladies LIFEgroup for Women meets on **Tuesday** at 7 pm at various homes in Douglasville. Contact Cindy Millsap at cindymillsap@bellsouth.net or Ev Huth at Ev.Huth@NewRiverCC.com.
- Penn LIFEgroup for Families meets on **Wednesday** at 7 pm at 5540 Fouts Mill Road, Douglasville, off of Hwy 166 on the South side of the county. Contact Alan & Kelli Penn at 770/920-1100 or alan.penn@newrivercc.com
- Obermeyer LIFEgroup for Pre-Teen Girls meets on **Saturday** at 5 pm in Douglasville, near Chapel Hill Rd & Bomar Rd. Contact Alisa Obermeyer at 678/391-2995 or obermeyer7@yahoo.com.

# Student Life Kids' Camp 2008

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, sixteen kids and five leaders headed to Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL for Student Life Kids Camp. We were ready for four fun filled days of excitement and Bible teaching. The theme for this year was, **THE WAY, Matt 7:13-14** *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."* We joined close to 900 other campers in orientation to get things started. We met the drama team, the squad leaders, the camp director, the worship leader, Chris Orr, and the camp pastor, Chad Norris. Chad reminded the kids to bring their Bibles each time they came, "because we were going to get into the word this week".

Our first worship service was incredible. There is just something amazing about 900 kids singing in worship to their King. Chad Norris took us to Leviticus 10, where Nadab and Abihub wanted to worship God but because they built unauthorized fire to God, the Lord consumed them with fire. Chad then took us to Hebrews 4:16 where it says "to approach the throne with confidence." He asked what makes it different now from the time in Leviticus. The difference is Jesus. We started saying the Lords Prayer and stopped at "Thy kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Chad explained that Jesus' death allows us to have a relationship with God while we are on earth. Time in the Worship Center ended with Late Night and a Pinky Promise with our camp director that included taking a shower and using soap.

Day two brought more worship, family group time learning from John 15, outdoor games were we learned that the girls are faster than the boys at making a pyramid out of laundry baskets and that Kenny Dallas believes in the sneak attack in dodge ball. We enjoyed the pool, and Kenny taught the boys the rules of underwater boxing, and we played putt putt while we waited for our Aqua Jump time. We headed to the lake, received our life jackets and waited for the magic words to jump in the lake. They went to the slide, to walk on water, the trampoline, the catapult, Saturn, the moon-walk, and the ice burg where few made it to the top and they all had fun.

That night at worship Chad had two glass vases on stage. One was filled with clear water and one with muddy water. He told a story of the lake at his grandmothers house when he was a boy and how he was scared of the water because he couldn't see what was in it. Walking with Jesus is an adventure and we don't know what will happen. He told us that after we accept Christ, the way is not always clear (like the clear water that you can see everything in) the way is muddy (like the muddy water) but we do know that Jesus is always with us even in the "muddy water".

Day three brought more excitement and fun including water games. The kid's favorite is the slip and slide. Kenny and Jesse Johns got muddy on that one. Hannah was willing to lay her head in a mud pit and have muddy water poured on her forehead from a plunger so the girls could win but lucky for her they sounded the alarm to switch games. We headed for more putt putt before the Inflatable's. In our last worship service Chad Norris took us to John 13:31-35. Chad told us we are not doing a good job at loving others. He challenged us to concentrate on loving God and people.

This year at camp we learned that the narrow way leads to life and we need to stay on it, Jesus will join us in the muddy water, Emily Obermeyer can roll up into a ball on the Inflatable's, the Tongue Twister gets really fast and very few can keep up, Stephanie Walker is a trooper, Sarah Foreman is not quiet, the broad path leads to destruction, Jake Dallas likes baked beans, Hunter Walker can put an entire piece of sausage in his mouth at one time, when we look in a mirror we can not see our face just the reflection of our face and we need to see ourselves the way God sees us as precious and holy not a failure or a misfit, chocolate and peanut butter are really good, Micah Thaxton can rescue kids on the play ground, Darby Demarest is great on the slip and slide and her mom is the best, the good night fairy does not always wear Sponge Bob boxers, and the Dallas' are going to need a farm. Join us at church in a few weeks when we share more of our camp experience. Next years camp is already on our minds so come and go with us !





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Come join us for the webcast at New River beginning at **10 am on Aug. 16th**. No childcare provided but stop by with your kids, even for a short while, to pray and worship on this historic day.

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