

# The New River Rapids Summer Missions

New River is sending missionaries all over the world this summer! Everyone should know about the mission trip to Honduras, June 7—17. This year we are sending out **Nathan Baldwin**, **Fred Gilkeson**, **Mark & Kayla Grant**, **Nick Mayhew**, **Katie McMichael**, **Elizabeth Pearlman**, **Colleen & Elizabeth Slavic**, **Don Spann**, **David Vautin**, **David & Jordan & Joshua Vineyard**. But there are missionaries being sent to other places as well. **Amanda Gilkeson** left for Africa on June 4th, to return July 18th. She'll be teaching English as a second language in the city of Moshi of the region of Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. **Kirsten Huth** left for New Orleans, LA June 2 to return August 10. She is assisting with the rebuilding efforts, church & youth group planting and spreading the Gospel in the French quarter. **Steve Obermeyer** returned recently from the tornado relief efforts and witnessing for Christ in south Georgia. **Wes Huth** is spending the summer as a non-traditional type of missionary, an intercessory missionary. He has committed to intercede for the church and Atlanta from midnight to 6 am at the International House of Prayer. We need to be spending time in prayer for all of these missionaries. Remember as a brother or sister to these missionaries either you are sending or supporting or you ain't.



Dave Vineyard demonstrates the cake frosting techniques he taught Emeril in preparation for the Honduras fundraising dinner on May 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

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## June Events

For more details about these and other events at New River go to [www.newrivercc.com/events](http://www.newrivercc.com/events)

Global Bridegroom Fast	2nd-4th
Prayer Force	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Fellowship Dinner.....	15th
(This is a fundraiser for Kids' Camp)	
Ladies Fellowship.....	23rd
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## Honduras Mission Trip

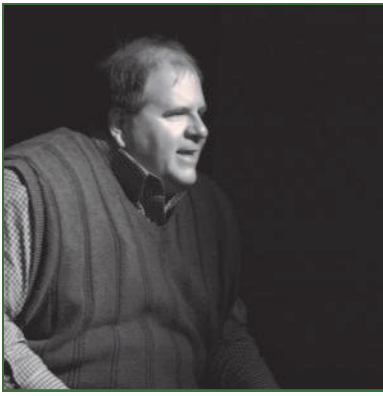
June 6th-15th

# Giving the Gift of Love

The BookBag Ministry was developed to help under-privileged children in a local school to obtain nourishing meals over the weekend when they are not at school. The only time some children have a good meal is when they are at school so the BookBag ministry was started to provide these children with take-home meals in their book bags. School is out soon so these children will not be able to have these nutritious meals during the summer.

The "A Gift of Love" ministry in Douglasville will take up the slack this summer by trying to provide meals for about 250 of these children each week. Juanita Clay plans to cook meals for around 250 people every Monday and Wednesday. Then she will deliver around 250 meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays to those that can't make it to the center. That means they need a lot of volunteers to both cook and deliver these meals. Juanita has planned to start her summer program on June 9th. You can contact Juanita Clay at 770/947-8200 for more information. A Gift of Love is located not far from the church at 3870 Longview Drive across from the skating rink. Please contact Yvonne Burrell at 678-773-1507, ybunny01@bellsouth.net or Jerald Hill if you have some interest so we can coordinate our efforts.





# Green P@stures

## THE CALL IS NOW

## AND THERE'S THE PLOW

Decisiveness is the fulcrum of true discipleship. Luke says that Jesus “*resolutely* set his face to go to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9:51) He’s about four months away from Calvary and the language that Luke employs emphatically illustrates our Lord’s decisiveness in seeing His mission through to the end. It’s more about His state of mind and not a geographical change. It has nothing to do with His checking MapQuest or getting a TripTik from Triple A. He knew who He was, what He was called for, and nothing was going to get in His way.

A few verses down, He encounters three would-be disciples. He says to each of them, “Decide!” Me? Or the world? Me? Or your will? Me? Or your level of comfortability? In each case they chose what was behind Door Number Two and left satisfied with that.

He says that a true disciple is one who has set his hand to the plow, or, in Elisha’s case *burned* the plow (see 1 Kings 19:21). Jesus **set His face** (“like flint”, Isaiah 50:7) to Jerusalem and we are to **set our hand** to the plow. Plowing is about harvest, and in the succeeding verses, Jesus sent out the seventy with this pep talk: “Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more plowers into the field.” Some plant, some plow, some water...but the Lord gets His beautiful harvest!

Our Lord cannot use scribes (the first guy) who are worried about looking foolish to their rich buddies when they are found sleeping in caves or under bridges “for a carpenter” instead of their large-mortgage house. He cannot use the ‘I’ll catch up with you down the road but right now I have a lot of personal stuff to iron out’ candidates (the second guy).

The call is NOW. And there’s the plow! And He will pass over those who waver between two worlds and the Lord knows *this* world will usually win out (the third guy).

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Who are the harvesters? Who are the ones “pressing into the Kingdom” (Luke 16:16)? They are people who will empty their entire life savings at His feet even though the religious tell them every reason why they shouldn’t. They are people who will walk away from a lucrative career because their life and livelihood is in His hands. People who will drop the nets at their feet, leaving every security behind because they see the Greater Incentive, a Treasure you cannot refuse.

We need to be more decisive than ever in these changing times. Before I finished that last sentence I was interrupted by a call from someone I know who just won over \$20,000 in the lottery tonight. Isn’t that ironic? The world will do stuff like that for us—anything to keep us from treasuring Christ. Anything to keep us from pressing in, pressing on or setting our hand to the plow. That twenty grand’ll be gone in a few days, weeks or months.

Decisively pressing in means fighting against that twinge that says, “man, I wish that had happened to me.” It means being unimpressed by what the world offers because you know nothing can compare to the richness of knowing about a Greater-than-all Treasure and going after it.

There’s the plow. It may look worn, earthy, scarred and rusty, but it’s Who you set your affection on at the far end of the field that really matters.

## LIFEgroup Rally

The LIFEgroup Rally on May 3rd was a wonderful time of connecting with fun food (pizza of course), entertainment and some inspiring presenters. I’m sure the Lord was pleased with what we did in His name.

Matt Obermeyer started everything off with an inspiring song and then Don Spann blessed us with his harmonica. Then we had a surprise visit from a visiting Hollywood personality, Forrest (Forrest) Gump who had a remarkable resemblance to our own Mark Grant, go figure.

We were blessed by Cara Maglott’s testimony that inspired us all and even brought some tears. Janine Millirons then sang like an angel for us and was a perfect way to introduce our special speaker, Luke Pollock. As a church planter, Luke has endured many trials in his ministry and personal life. His story will not be forgotten. Thank you Luke!

Thanks to all who participated. We will be looking forward to what is in store for us at the next LIFEgroup Rally this fall. (more photos on page 4)



Scott with guest speaker Luke Pollock at the LIFEgroup Rally May 3rd

## Women's Ministry

What can we offer you? We offer several ministry teams where you can use your spiritual gifts in service to the Lord:



Photos from the Women's Fellowship meeting May 23rd.

**Overseers Ministry Team** Members of this team will oversee and work alongside of all other ministry teams. Through prayer and seeking the desires of the Lord, this team will help to draw women to a more intimate walk with the Lord and gain a better knowledge of who they are as Christian women. They will encourage women to be all they were called to be in Christ Jesus. Please see Cindy Millsap if you have a desire to serve on this team. This team meets regularly each week and requires commitment.

**Prayer** Do you have a desire to pray for others? This team of women actively pray for the women's ministry, individual women, the church and special prayer needs of others as they arise. We pray that God guide and bless the ministry, the church of Christ and the women who participate in the ministry. These ladies are available during the worship service invitation and at women's ministry activities to offer prayer to those who need and request it.

\* Ladies prayer group meets on Monday nights 7pm.-9pm.

**Fellowship** From women's fellowship to devotional time, we have a variety of fellowship opportunities for you to enjoy. Maybe you have an idea for a new type of fellowship? Please feel free to submit them to the Overseers Ministry Team. We are planning and scheduling monthly large group activities and are seeking to do more small group as well.

**Small Group Bible Study** Bible studies designed specifically for women will provide opportunities to develop a deeper, more intimate relationship with God and fellowship opportunities with other women. There will be a variety of bible studies offered throughout the year. Dates, locations, and topics will be publicized as new studies begin. These bible studies will provide women with opportunities in areas of growth in their ministry gifts and callings. If you have a small group bible study you would like to lead, please submit it to the Overseer's Ministry Team for approval and we will help you get started.

**Accountability Groups** These groups will offer accountability to women by women in areas of specific struggle. We are not counselors, however if counseling is needed we will direct you to the appropriate people.

**Special Events** Please submit any special events ideas for women to the Overseer Ministry Team for approval and scheduling.

**Evangelism and Outreach** Women will be provided with outreach opportunities in their local church and community to serve.

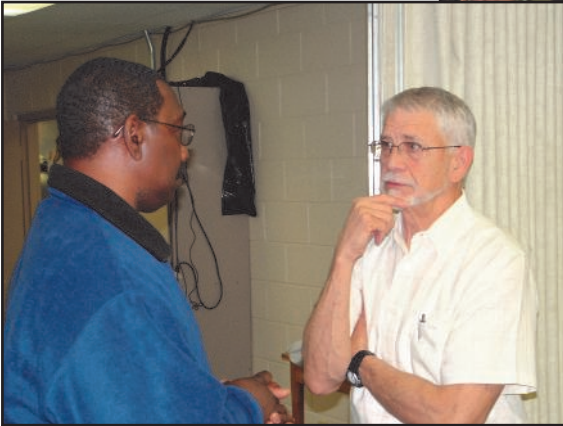


# LIFE on the River

Janine wows the crowd!



Cara Maglott gives testimony about her healing.



Are you pondering what I'm pondering?

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