

# Hot Off the Press! 7/27/14

## Free Coke if You Talk With Us about Jesus

By Colleen Scheid

It may not be the most sophisticated form of evangelism, but having a table at our church's annual block party, where people are invited to talk with us about Jesus Christ, has led to some fabulous conversations which never would otherwise have happened.

For ten years the block party has been a great place for everyone in the neighborhood to connect around free food and family entertainment. Three years ago, some of us wanted to create a space where people would feel free to have conversations about faith while they were at the block party. So we made two big signs that said: Free Coke if you Talk with us about Jesus for Three Minutes. We filled coolers with drinks, set up chairs, prayed, and waited to see what would happen.



The results were delightful. People of all ages came and eagerly talked of their faith, their doubts, their grievances with the church, their needs for prayer, their testimonies of the goodness of God. Intense, personal conversations about spiritual things, which so rarely flow for most of us in the routine of our lives, flourished in a setting that simply gave permission.

Encounters I will never forget:

- The skeptical girl in her young teens who wanted to know how she could know that God is really there.
- The boy, around 10, who told one of our high school volunteers that his mother had just died the week before. It was precious to see the older boy praying for strength and comfort for the younger boy.
- The young woman in her 20s who wanted to stand strong in her faith and realized that this meant she was going to have to distance from some destructive friends. She accepted our prayers with hugs of gratitude.
- The thoughtful Moslem man who wanted to understand better why we believed that Christ was God. (Luckily one of our volunteers that night was a professor of theology! They talked a lot longer than three minutes.)
- The older lady who had drifted away from church attendance and had just received a diagnosis of cancer. She felt terribly isolated, and soaked in our prayers and encouragement to return to her community of faith.

The first year we did this, we just chose a few volunteers who were good listeners and comfortable about verbally sharing their faith. Since then, we have firmed up the process to include a short training on the key elements of the gospel and how to share this in our own words, and on how to pray with people if that is their desire. We emphasize the need to be a good listener, to avoid debate over beliefs, and to be ready to welcome people to our church, or to tell them about any of its ministries which could help them. If Christians have caused any pain to them in the past, we apologize. This year we will add an activity for children where they make bracelets while hearing the gospel, stringing beads that represent different parts of the story.

One of the best features of our table is that we have an equal number of high school students and adult volunteers. It is such a joy to do this kind of intergenerational ministry.

Anyone interested in joining us on either August 5, 6 or 7, contact Colleen Scheid, [scheidison@gmail.com](mailto:scheidison@gmail.com) or 513-505-9826. Or come to a 45 minute training after either service on August 3 in the Fireside Room.

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## EMI Learning Opportunities at CHPC

**Roots and Branches/EMI Listening & Healing Prayer Intensive** - August 2 at 9:00am - 1:00pm. This focused, four-hour training will equip you with new skills for praying for others. Release and increase healing as you develop skills in listening and healing prayer. With targeted teaching, modeling, and labs, you'll leave with new tools in your prayer tool belt. Registration is Free! A love offering will be taken. Please give only as the Spirit leads. Register at <http://equippingministries.org/> or call EMI at 513-742-1100

**Volunteers needed for the Prayer Training** Can we practice our developing prayer skills with YOU? 10 volunteers needed from 9:30-12. Bring your relational concerns and WE Will Pray for You! Sign up in the atrium today or contact Susan Carson at [scarson@equippingministries.org](mailto:scarson@equippingministries.org)

**Sign Up for Renewing the Mind** This class will help participants explore and identify beliefs that need to be renewed. Learn powerful tools to help you break out of habitual mental, emotional and behavior patterns that rob you of joy and all that God desires for you. The class will be held Saturday, August 9 from 9:00 -5:00. Cost: \$20 includes materials and lunch. Scholarships are available. Taught by Anne Clippard. Register at <http://chpc.org/events/> or by contacting Jeanne Schneider at 541-5676, ext. 1160 or email [jschneider@chpc.org](mailto:jschneider@chpc.org).

## Block Party & Unity Walk Tuesday, August 5th

Hello CHPC,

This year there are many ways to participate in our **Annual Unity Walk**. There is a 1 mile walk, led by our own Joe Brooks and Reverend Charles King of First Baptist West College Hill. The 2 mile walk will be led by Good News Church. Andrew Wells will lead us once again in a 3 mile inspiring run west of College Hill and an option added this year will be a 3.2 mile bike ride around College Hill led by Lance Brown. Now if that doesn't excite you, I don't know what will. People come prepared please, with gym shoes, helmets and a heart to love others.

In Him,

Helen Brooks

### Children and Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service. Then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service.

This week's helpers are:  
9:00am Sarah & Jared Lowe  
11:15am Nathan Lowe & Jonny Wiers

## 27. sunday

8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 206
	• ASF	Various
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30pm	ACA Meeting	Clubroom

## 28. monday

5:30pm	Young Adult Fellowship	Off Campus
7:00pm	AHG Planning Meeting	Parlor

## 29. tuesday

5:30pm	Block Party Meeting	Fireside Room
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
7:30pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Off Campus

## 30. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
5:30pm	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Clubroom
6:30pm	TWEENS	Off Campus
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Summer CRASH	Off Campus

## 31. thursday

8:30am	Prayer	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
3:00pm	College Hill Farm Market	Parking Lot
7:00pm	ACA Meeting	Club Room
7:30pm	Alanon	BC 201 & 202

## 1. friday

## 2. saturday

9:00am	Inner Healing Prayer Training	BC 201 & 202
2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby

**The following assistive devices are available**  
Please ask the ushers if you need wheelchair seating or special hearing equipment. Also, handicapped accessible bathrooms are located to the right of the platform in the hallway leading to the white house parking lot.

Next week's helpers are:  
9:00am Michael & Marissa Fox  
11:15am Nate Smith & Sarah Lowe

July 27 - August 2 calendar