

Special Prayers & Needs

- Pray for the Ministry and staff
- Pray for financial resources
- Pray for our Transitional Housing families
- Pray God will provide the resources to rehabilitate five JPM apartment buildings.
- Pots & pans, bake ware, toasters, cooking utensils, and towels.
- Telephones
- Tree trimming and removal
- A 15 passenger van
- Any good used vehicles
- Volunteers for maintenance work around campus.
- Volunteers for our apartment restoration project.
- Painters to paint different parts of the main campus.
- Stained glass windows for chapel

If you, your church, or organization can help JPM call Bob Lamoureux, Bill Reid at 704-392-4981

E-mail at bobl@jacksonpark.org or billr@jacksonpark.org

Volunteer your time to:

- answer phones
- help with mailings
- tutor a child
- work with families
- pick up donations
- work in food pantry
- work in JPM warehouse

Provide financial support
 Conduct a food drive
 Sponsor a JPM apartment
 Help a family come into the JPM Housing Ministry

Help with special events:

- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Camp
- Thursday Night Youth Ministry
- Tutoring/ Mentoring
- Special Projects
- Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner Service
- Golf Tournament
- Christmas Ministry
- Book Bag Ministry
- Praise in the Park
- Computer Learning Lab

The Jackson Park News

As an alternative to our paper copy we are offering our newsletter at www.jacksonpark.org. Go to the newsletter tab and sign up to receive an electronic copy sent to you by e-mail. Please let us know if this alternative source will suffice as we are trying to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. Receiving the newsletter electronically will help us cut back in the areas of paper, envelopes and stamps. Thank you for considering this alternative way of receiving the newsletter. While there check out our web site.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

We are coming up on the final weeks of Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*. Over the course of the 13 weeks of this class we have had some great discussions about finances and the difference between the way God views finances and the way the world sees them. We have covered quite a few subjects which will transform a person's understanding of money and reshape his or her perspective on debt. One of the phrases used in the lessons that was meaningful to our class was, "Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went." Many of the things covered such as investments, paying off your mortgage, and retirement planning may not be on our families' radar yet, but it was a good foundation for our families on how to get out of debt, stay out of debt and build wealth! Only time will tell the impact of these lessons on our families as they have learned new behaviors around money that are founded on commitment and accountability. I pray that as many of the principles in Financial Peace University are applied we will truly see a transformation take place for these families.

Tim Powell

October 2009

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I needed clothing and you clothed me... "
Matthew 25:35,36a

JPM Welcomes New Family To The Transitional Housing Ministry

The Board and Staff of Jackson Park Ministries welcome the Polk family into its Transitional Housing Ministry's program. Anthony and Kathleen Polk and their three adorable girls, Alyssa, Jordan and Haley, and as Kathleen is expecting a baby boy any day now. Be in prayer for this family as they enter a new phase of their lives as members of the JPM family. Please keep them in your prayers, and as you may meet them on Tuesday night, encourage them and let them know they have our loving support.



JPM Annual Thanksgiving Community Service



JPM's annual Thanksgiving Community Worship Service and Dinner has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2009, at the JPM campus. This event has become a tradition for many families who live in the Jackson Park, Boulevard Homes, Little Rock Homes and Stonewall Jackson communities. A twenty minute worship service is followed by a complete turkey dinner in the JPM gymnasium. Again this year, the Ministry needs the help of a number of churches and individuals in order to have this event. Ms. Karen Chambers of Christ Covenant Church has agreed to oversee this huge undertaking. Needed are the food items as well as volunteers to prepare the plates, serve the food, and clean up after the event. If your church or other organization can help by providing food or volunteers, please contact Karen Chambers at kchambers@christcovenant.org / 704-604-5933 or Bob Lamoureux at bobl@jacksonpark.org / 704-392-4981 to learn specifically what food you can provide or what work assignments are available. Thank you!

JPM Initiates "Each One Recruit One" Effort Jackson Park Ministries has long been

regularly supported by several hundred faithful JPM Partners. "Proud To Be A JPM Partner" appears on the Ministry's self addressed contribution envelopes that are sent out with its monthly Newsletter. Beginning in November and continuing through January, JPM is emphasizing the "Each One Recruit One" campaign. Simply put, the Ministry is asking each one of its present contributing partners to recruit at least one other person who would commit to support JPM with a \$25 or \$50 monthly contribution. A hundred or more of new JPM partners would go a long way of stabilizing monthly operating income for the Ministry. JPM currently operates with a very small paid staff of nine, one of which is part time and three of which are full time, non- paid volunteers. Even so total operating expenses are approximately \$ 50,000.00 per month. Currently, JPM serves thousands of needy clients a year, seven days a week. Will you commit to recruit at least one new Partner for us? Please pray about it, and we thank you in advance for your help.

JPM Staff



**Annual Praise In The Park To Be
October 17th**

JPM's annual Praise In The Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 10AM to 3PM. Treats for the kids, food for all. Christian music and entertainment will all be provided for the families living in Jackson Park and surrounding areas. If you or your church group would like to participate in this community event, please contact Brian Smothers at (704) 392-4981 or brians@jacksonpark.org

Luke 4:18 &19 "The Spirit of the Lord is with me. He has anointed me to tell the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin and the restoring of sight to the blind, to forgive those who have been shattered by sin, to announce the year of the Lord's favor."

Annual JPM Commitment Dinner

The annual Commitment Dinner will be held on Saturday November 14. This dinner is a time when we can recognize our supporters, hear testimonies from our Housing Ministry graduates, and showcase children who are in our children's ministry such as the Dance Worship Ministry. It is also an opportunity to introduce new individuals to the work of Jackson Park Ministries. Please plan on being a part of this exciting event. There will be an excellent catered dinner, a silent auction and an opportunity to hear from those whose lives have been touched by Jackson Park Ministries.

To learn how you or your church may participate, please contact Bill Reid at (704)392-4981 or e-mail at billr@jacksonpark.org



Ron Sigmon Joins JPM Board

The Board and Staff are pleased to announce the election of Mr. Ron Sigmon to the JPM Board of Directors. Ron is the President and Owner of RS Integrators, Inc. He is an NC State graduate in electrical engineering. Ron and his wife Teri, have three children, Matthew, Meredith and Mallory. The Sigmons are currently visiting Forest Hills and Elevation Churches while deciding on a new church home.

Welcome Aboard, Ron!

An upward possibility

A downward trend

"For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts. " Isaiah 55:9 When God steps onto the scene of humanity, He does not do the natural, but the supernatural. When He speaks, He speaks the answer not the problem. When times get hard, we tend to tighten up on the grip of what we have, forgetting that what we have is not ours, but Gods. It's His time, His talent and His finances. In Luke 6:38, we see our giving is the measuring stick that God uses to return back to or through us that which we have given. Many times God will challenge us in our time of need to see if we have the spiritual eyes to see past our natural need and have the God kind of faith by imitating what he did. "Be imitators of Christ as well-beloved children" Ephesians 5:1

A classic example of Gods ways and thoughts being higher than ours was when he used a widow, a most unlikely person at a most unlikely time, to provide a meal for a Prophet. 1 Kings 17:8-16 recounts she was challenged to look beyond her natural need, and to see the upward possibility. She could keep what little she had in the downward trend and miss God showing up and doing the super natural, or place what little she had in the hands of God by obeying the words of God spoken by Elijah. As the story goes, she did obey the word of the Lord, and God not only provided a meal for the Prophet; but, he provided many more meals till the downward trend was over. That is how her story ended in her downward trend. How will your story end in this downward trend? When God's word is spoken to YOU, will you be able to see beyond your need and see the upward possibility, or will you keep the little, and miss the opportunity of the Creator of all heaven and earth showing up and doing the SUPERNATURAL in your natural. He is able to do so much more than we could ever imagine.

We must trust Him and obey his word.

Brian Smothers

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1John 4: 4-16 Dear children, you belong to God. So you have won the victory over these people, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. These people belong to the world. That's why they speak the thoughts of the world, and the world listens to them. We belong to God. The person who knows God listens to us. Whoever doesn't belong to God doesn't listen to us. That's how we can tell the Spirit of truth from the spirit of lies. Dear friends, we must love each other because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love doesn't know God, because God is love. God has shown us his love by sending his only Son into the world so that we could have life through him. This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the payment for our sins. Dear friends, if this is the way God loved us, we must also love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. We know that we live in him and he lives in us because he has given us his Spirit. We have seen and testify to the fact that the Father sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God lives in those who declare that Jesus is the Son of God, and they live in God. We have known and believed that God loves us. God is love. Those who live in God's love live in God, and God lives in them.