

# Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch

# NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

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## Graduation & Student Recognition Day 2010

On Saturday May 29th 2010 we were proud to honor our students for their hard work during the past school year. This was a time to reflect on the growth and achievements that have taken place both in the classroom and out of it. The culmination of the day was the graduation of **Kristen Kirre Thames** from Sunbelt Christian School. Please continue to pray for Kristen as she takes the next step.



## Open House Oct. 2 2010



We would like to invite you to come out and join us for a day of fellowship, food, and entertainment. Starting at 10:00 am you can visit our families and tour our facilities. Lunch will be provided at 12:00. We hope to have you for a great time.

Sunbelt is pleased to have **Tammy Ingram** with us to share this year. She has been singing gospel music for over twenty years, the last ten with the group *Classic Country*. She has received several awards over the years for Country Band of the Year and Country Group of the Year. In 2005 Tammy was inducted into the Atlanta Country Music Hall of Fame. She recently wrote "Singing is a very big part of my life and I really enjoy performing and I thank God for the talent He's given me and for the people I've been able to meet through the music."

## It's The Little Things

A big **Thank You** to all of you who are using *Goodsearch* as your search engine. Since inception your efforts have earned us over \$500. What an easy way to support Sunbelt right from your own computer. Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for more information. You can shop online and support us from there as well.

This year Sunbelt Christian School has set a goal to save 500 points in our "Labels for Education" program. This will help us buy needed school supplies for our youth. If you would share this with your friends this goal can be easily reached. If you need more information on this program go to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

To those who have connected their Office Depot card to Sunbelt, we received our first merchandise credit this summer. If you buy products from Office Depot and would like to help us out go to [www.officedepot.com](http://www.officedepot.com). Our school ID is 70221841.

We are also participating in Tyson Project A+, sponsored by Tyson Foods. Each label that says "Support Your School" is worth 24 cents.

Remember, it's the little things we do that can help in a big way.  
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## Antioch Christian Church Workgroup

Volunteers from **Antioch Christian Church** Canton, GA visited Sunbelt this summer. Our thanks to Elizabeth Lindstrom, Wendy Duncan, Mike Smith, David Turcotte, Sophie Turcotte, Mike Conley, Sam Traylor, Courtney Smith, Cathy Cook, and Alexis Cook. Also pictured is Judy Trollinger, who has led missions groups to Sunbelt the past several years. Members of their team worked on



drywall for our newest cottage, split and stacked several cords of firewood, and helped with hay during their stay. We are very grateful for their efforts, but especially for the fellowship we shared with them and their Christian witness. We look forward to many return visits.



## South City Christian Church VBS

South City Christian Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana chose Sunbelt as its sponsored mission for Vacation Bible School this year. The week ended with a visit from John and Ginnie Lee Monferdini, our Sunbelt School teachers.

VBS kids collected items for the Ranch and an offering all week long and presented everything to John and Ginnie Lee in a huge wheelbarrow. The Monferdinis loaded the wheelbarrow and all the goodies into their van for the trip home with barely room for themselves.



This year's VBS theme was "Code J.E.S.U.S." About 15 kids from the Lake Charles area visited Damascus, Lystra, Phillippi, Athens and Malta with the Apostle Paul, learning about forgiveness, kindness, joy, the one God and God keeping his promises. Thanks to Jacquelyn Alexander, Rita Arabie, Robby Bacon, Ginger Beningo, Sherri Davis, Lisa and Arne Everett, Wanda and Kari Leake, Bonnie Manning and Irene Oakman for making VBS a big success and providing such a blessing to Sunbelt.

One of the girls said she wished VBS would last for TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DAYS! **Ginger Beningo**, South City's VBS coordinator, said she didn't have quite that many activities planned.

## *Gifts In Memory Of*

Mrs. Lavern Hill	Given by: Mrs. Kenneth Hill Peggy Derby
Bobby Pike	Jack & Alene Roebuck
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Bob Kegley	Sally Brown
Eric Swisher	Sidney Beaver

## *Gifts In Honor Of*

John & Ginnie Lee Monferdini	Given by: J. Gene Johnson
George Decker	Cy Severns
Stony Lockridge	Gwen Coleman
Hugh Townsend	Brice & Sonya Fletcher

### **Ranch Needs**

- Cold & Flu Medicines
- Batteries Size AA, D
- Wheelchair With 24+ Inch Seat
- Diapers Size 1
- Kitchen Trash Bags

### **Our Mission Statement**

“Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch is a non-profit ministry committed to the premise that all children have a right to a Christian home and family. Our purpose is to provide at-risk children, regardless of social, religious or ethnic background, that opportunity. Our goal is to nurture them in becoming stable, productive Christian citizens.”

### **Sunbelt Christian Youth Ranch**

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