



RELEASED TIME TIMES December 2019



2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching.

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“Joy To The World, The Lord is Come”! This is a favorite traditional Christmas Carol sung around the world. Christ did come, but many do not know Him. Many have heard and rejected the truth of His coming. But the great tragedy is that many have not heard. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10:14-15, “How shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” More and more at the Greer Christian Learning Center we encounter students who have never heard of Jesus! They do not know Who He is and why He came. We can no longer assume, even here in the Bible Belt, that someone else will tell them. This is a great mission field, and ours is a great calling. And you, the faithful supporters of Greer Christian Learning Center, are critical to the call, for you are God’s provision. On behalf of our board and staff, I want to wish you and your family a blessed and peaceful Christmas. Thank you for your obedience to the Lord. -Joe Price, President

School Ministries National Board Meeting

We enjoyed hosting the national board meeting of School Ministries on Nov. 11. This group provides direction, oversight, and support for released time programs throughout the United States.

A program evaluation of the Oakland (CA) Released Time program conducted by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency documented that “students in the Released Time program performed better than their classmates as a whole in almost every category” and their scores “improved after one year...in three categories of literacy skills comprehension, spelling and vocabulary. The report further states that the program reinforces positive moral and character development that is antithetical to engaging in criminal or delinquent behavior.”

Is Released Time Legal? In 1952, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld RT programs as legal in all 50 states (Zorach v. Clauson). The three requirements for an RT program to be legal are: 1. Parental permission must be given. 2. Instruction must take place off school grounds. 3. No state resources may be used.



We are thankful for a \$2000 grant from the Crescom Foundation to help offset the costs of our bus insurance.

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New Board Member

GCLC welcomes new board member Caleb Rogers. Caleb, who attended RT as a GMS student, is COO of InvestiNet and is a member at Grace Greer. Caleb and his wife, Paige, have three children.

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Blue Ridge high school students participated in Worship Week during the third week of November. For three days guest musicians came to lead in praise and worship, and local youth ministers came to share God's Word. Monday, Andrea Krigbaum (Enoree Baptist) and Brett Plyler (NGU grad student) led worship and Hux (Fairview Baptist) and Andy Jones (Enoree Baptist) shared the message. Tuesday, Ben Earle (Outreach Church) led worship and Chris Harrison (Mt. Lebanon Baptist) shared the message. Wednesday, Brent Rains (Praise Cathedral) led worship and Bo Madden (Praise Cathedral) and JG Faulk (Greer First Baptist) shared the message. This week allowed students an opportunities to meet local youth leaders and hear about activities happening in their churches, sing praises, and respond to challenging messages.



Worship Week at BRCLC



Our prayer for you this Christmas season is that you and your loved ones will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with great joy.

-Cathy Neely, Director/GMS Girls' Teacher for the Greer Christian Learning Center and Jenn Nobel, Director of the Blue Ridge Learning Center

Operation Christmas Child



Ice cream Sundaes Parties

We are thankful for our GMS students! As a way to show our gratitude for our GMS students we had ice cream sundae parties for every released time class during the week before.



