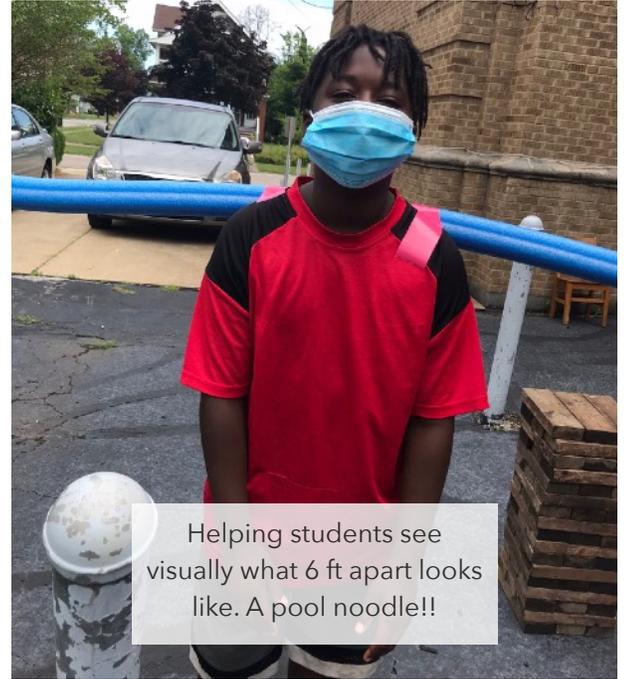


# Back to School? This is changing everything



The Learning Center has been so blessed to have gained a larger space, especially at this challenging time. All Praise goes to Jesus!!!



Helping students see visually what 6 ft apart looks like. A pool noodle!!

## A DIFFERENT YEAR INDEED...

2020 is a different year indeed. We are striving to safely be a blessing to our community, demonstrate the love of God in a tangible way and share the gospel message all in this Covid-19 environment. Back to school will look much different this year with a mix of classroom and distance learning. Our pastoral staff has been deliberate to determine how/ what is the best way to help and be a good steward of our resources. We will not be doing the HUGE "fair like" back to school event as in years past.

Our plan is to provide small draw string back packs with a few essentials (pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, filler paper & crayons) to a broad group of students.

More importantly we would then like to focus on a smaller number of students we have ministered to during the summer program

(approximately 20). Those students we would like to provide more support in the form of school uniforms, shoes, under clothes, socks and hair cuts or braids.

For family, friends and supporting churches we will need donations very much like in years past. Financial support to purchase back packs, donations of school supplies and financial support to dress out 20 students. (that translates into about \$200 a student) All we need is 20 people to take one student. That's EASY!

The Learning Center is looking to expand our ministry footprint to be a distance learning center to help students without the resources and support at home to be successful. All of the items above will be needed and used within this new programming goal. Your continued prayers and support will help us as our ministry continues to grow in the Cleveland area.

~PB&J

# The Tavern Update

This project continues to challenge my faith like nothing I have ever done before. I can see the end goal of a meeting place and christian coffeehouse, but it seem so far off. So many miracles have happened along the way; I already have a coffee maker, big screen tv and the commitment of an espresso machine. So God is outfitting and furnishing the building before it is complete. Please continue to pray with us for the resources to complete the Tavern Building project. Pray for God's perfect timing to come through and complete the project when it will best suite the ministry. Many aspects are coming along nicely. The HVAC is almost complete and electrical work continues to make progress with the labor of skilled electricians donating their time. I have been working with a mason to plan some restoration work on the front of the building, and I have reached out for another quote for the storefront glass and doors. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and encourage others to give to this project. Surely everyone can get behind a place of spiritual restoration and transformation, and a good cup of coffee.

Thank you for hearing my heart.

~Pastor Bob



My favorite part:

I learned how to stake! And I learned bible songs. I look them up on YouTube and my Gma likes them too!

## W O W G O D !

Summer Program 2020

The world is upside down but guess what, kids still want to have water balloon fights.

Our summer program has been a fun filled, highly sanitized, masked event. Students in the Buckeye neighborhood have received reading tutoring with students raising their reading level an average of 5 levels. We set the goal of reading 20 books over the course of the summer program; several students have reached this goal and several more will before we end. Students have had the opportunity to receive math tutoring, the main goal being that students memorize their respective math facts. Everyone has loved the science experiments we have done, a favorite was making their own windmills. The Tech center was successful because students practiced navigating websites, wrote pretend emails, learned about coding and had lots of fun playing educational games. The maker space allowed students to unleash their creativity. We built things out of recyclable materials, created art pieces and went through so many rolls of duck tape!! We were also able to provide snacks and 2 meals (lunch,dinner) to our students that literally live in a food desert.

Playing outside allowed our students to be children even though they had to be socially distanced. They learned how to play baseball, soccer and many other sports, They enjoyed creating chalk art and playing all of the water games. Most of all everyone LOVED skating. Many students learned to skate at summer program. Thank you to everyone that made skates possible.

My favorite part of summer program was our morning meetings. We would spread everyone out and then worship God as loud as possible. We completed an in depth study of Romans Road. Many students memorized all of the Bible verses. Students practiced deep breathing techniques to help reduce anxiety and increase focus. Lastly, I would take prayer requests and we would spend time in prayer all together. Over the 8 weeks we had numerous answered prayers and we praised God for them.

We had 9 students give their lives to Christ and that is the reason for it all.

~Pastor Shelby