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Our mission is to encourage and equip public school students in Horry County by teaching the truth found in God's Word. Released Time Bible Education is the only legal means by which Christian education is allowed during the public school day for 3 reasons: students must have parent permission; classes are held off campus; and no government funds are used to support released time Bible classes. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, interdenominational organization and we are supported by generous donations from individuals, churches, and businesses. No government funds are used.



## TEACHER'S CORNER

It has been difficult for us to not be face to face with our students and with the ever-changing circumstances of COVID-19, we will not be back in the classroom this upcoming semester of the 2020/2021 school year. Through much prayer and by God's guidance we are thinking outside of the box and finding new ways to share God's love. Now more than ever the needs of the students, their families, teachers, and staff are even greater than before. By God's grace, we will be back into the schools after summer. Until then, CSM will be teaming up with the guidance counselors in each one of the nine public school locations to be a conduit of God's love and provision. We are finding the needs are great and vary: from adopting students from the Angel Tree, providing a Thanksgiving meal, helping to keep the electricity on for a student's family, coats, shoes, backpacks, and even the simplicity of sending encouraging cards to the school's teachers and staff as they deal with adjusting to difficulties of online teaching. We are asking each of our hosts and shepherding churches if they would like to team with us in serving the public school in their area? If so, we would inform you as we hear from the guidance teams on any needs they have and we would partner together to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



CSM would like to welcome several new supporting churches of our Bible Release time program!

Gethsemane Baptist, Tilly Swamp Baptist, Ocean Drive Presbyterian, New Covenant Church, Pleasant Union Church, Beach Church, Kingdom Harvest, Grace Presbyterian and Calvary Chapel- listen for our CSM ad on their local

**Christian radio station WXMB 101.5** We are so thankful for all of our churches,

businesses and individual donors who have partnered with us over the years. We look forward to what God has in store for CSM in the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

## On Board

As the 2020-21 school year has progressed, the CSM board has "knocked on church doors", talking to individuals and also businesses but most of all praying; for God to supply the ministry with the funds needed to resume classes in the future. The classes that are planned for the next school year are as follows:

Aynor Middle & High\* individually owned building as host facility

Myrtle Beach Middle & High\*Trinity Church host facility

Socastee High\* host facility TBA

Socastee Middle\* Surfside Presbyterian host facility

St. James Middle & High\* Timberlake Baptist Host facility

We are close to our targeted goal but are still in need of "emergency" funding to restart for the 2021-22 school year. Please be in prayer to help support, financially, this vital program. Please also prayerfully consider being a long term supporter of CSM as we are already planning for the 2021-2022 school year. There has been expressed desire from other Horry County area middle and high schools to have a CSM program. We would love to be able to expand the program to those desired areas.

Our Thanks- the Coastal School Ministries staff and board would like to thank Laurie Fergusen, CSM's executive director, for her years of service to the Lord through her work at Coastal School Ministries. She and her husband are moving to Flat Rock, NC to be closer to her family and for her husband's work. She will be missed at CSM and along the