



Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorm. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. *Zechariah 10:1*

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 non-profit, interdenominational organization**, we are supported by generous donations from individuals,

## INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

*It is hard to believe that Spring has sprung, flowers are bursting forth, just as Jesus also burst forth from the tomb during this time of year! Happy Easter to all! We hope you will be blessed by the Good News bursting forth in the CSM classes!*

**\*Teacher Merissa Plummer for NMBM** shared with the board recently: "I just wanted to share a testimony of the faithfulness of God. The last week of our Fall Semester, my dad became ill and Hospice let us know he was in his final days. I did not get to work Monday or Tuesday as I was with my dad and my family. I wanted so badly to see my students for the last time that semester and give them another opportunity to hear the Gospel message and invitation to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord. God made it clear I needed to work Wednesday and that I would probably not be going back to school Thursday or Friday. So, by faith, I went to school Wednesday and shared the Gospel again. When I got back to the school with my first class, one student stayed on the bus. With tears streaming down his cheeks he said, "Mrs. Merissa, I need you to pray with me right now. I need to be saved." So, we prayed right there on the bus, and he asked Jesus to forgive him and to be his Savior and Lord. Several more students prayed for forgiveness that day. God is so faithful! In the middle of the hardest week of my life so far, God brought about salvation...LIFE! My dad went to be with Jesus the very next day. A couple of weeks ago, I had the awesome privilege to see that precious student who asked me to pray with him on the bus, get baptized! God is at work! I can't wait to see all that He will continue to do this semester through CSM Bible classes."



**\*During the last month, Mr. Renfrow and Ms. Leslie's NMBHS** classes were visited by **Lakeside Next Gen, Pastor Andrew Mee**, who shared about what a true church is. Students were empowered to identify healthy church communities as they looked for a church home. The classes were also visited by local church planters and missionaries, **Ross and Erin Grall**. Erin also works with FCA, and looks forward to collaborating more with CSM! The Gralls shared their testimonies and told incredible stories about the mission field and how they had seen God work in miraculous ways. The students were inspired and encouraged to think about their own lives, ministry, and church involvement. Along with these visits from speakers, students continue learning about the history of Moses and how God worked through him to free the Israelites from Egypt. Students enjoyed watching the Bible series depiction of Moses as a supplement to their classroom lessons.



Ross & Erin Grall speaking to class.



The bus ride back.

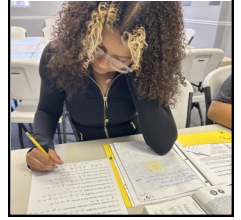
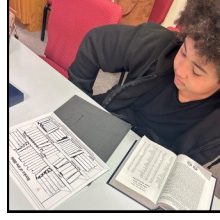
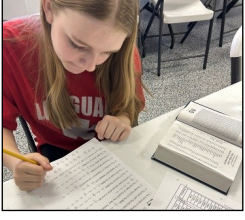
**\*At the Socastee and St. James Middle classes**, students have been stepping up in faith by leading their classes in their daily morning/afternoon prayer time in all of **Ms. Prunier** and **Mr. Spivey's** classes. "It is such a blessing and refreshing that our students eagerly read daily scripture, participate in our activities, and remain engaged in our lessons. We have already witnessed spiritual growth and gained knowledge in most of our students," said Mr. Spivey and Ms. Prunier.

**\*Students at the Conway Middle and Whittemore Middle** locations are working on learning all of the books of the Bible in order, from Genesis to Revelation. Teachers, **Ms. Piver** and **Ms. Roberts** started with the Old Testament and discussed the parts of the Old Testament; such as laws, poetry, etc.. The teachers have challenged all of their students to memorize all the books of the Bible by the end of the month. Several students have already learned the Old Testament Books. Along with Old Testament study, Ms. Roberts transformed the classrooms for both schools to resemble



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the tabernacle. She explained each purpose within the tabernacle and allowed students to walk from place to place to see a visual of the items within. The students were given time to ask questions and learn more about what each symbolized. The lesson finished with a video that related all the rituals to the purpose of Jesus.



Students at work at both Conway and Whittemore Park Middle.

\***Aynor students** continue to have great class discussions as they delve into the Word, expressed **Ms. Skipper**. Students also enjoy playing Bible Jeopardy. Ms. Skipper then told of her excitement about watching one of her last semester students get baptized, Although it was quite a chilly

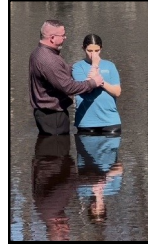
experience, for student, **Kendall**, she was even more excited than Ms Skipper!



Students showing signed signed class covenant.



Bible Jeopardy in progress.



Kendall being baptized.

\*Not only are **students from Loris Middle School** learning about Jesus from their CSM teachers, **Mr Hord** and **Mr. Stanley**, but they are sharing it with others! The CSM students that play on their JV soccer team, decided to put scripture wristbands on their cleats during their games to share God's love.



\*For the **Socastee High students**, teachers **Ms. Wielechowski** and **Mr. Stewart** had a husband and wife team, **Steven & Erin Graham** come share their testimony to the students. Although each was from totally different backgrounds, they share in their love for Christ through **Backyard Ministries**. They are founders and chief advocates in this outreach ministry which offers support for those dealing with homelessness and addiction, here in Horry County. Students were very appreciative of their CSM teachers exposing them to Christians who once struggled with homelessness and drug addictions themselves. The students expressed how it was a way to help them address some of their own fears.



Students listen intently to Steven and Erin's testimonies.

\***Mr. Ellis** explained that the **Mrytle Beach High students** are learning so much from the Bible; about the character of God and the continuation of His covenant promises that He has faithfully carried out through history. They have covered many foundational lessons from the Old Testament, setting the stage for the New Testament as it reveals that "when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son..." To go with the lectures from Scripture, students have engaged in discussions, video supplementation, journaling, and other fun activities.



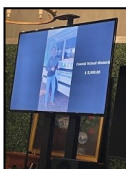
## On Board



It is with much appreciation and love that we will be saying goodbye to, and having our last Board meeting with, **Executive Director Randy Hilburn**. He will be stepping down from CSM which will allow him to fully embrace his new role as the **Senior Pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Aynor, SC**. Our congratulations go out to him in this new amazing position. The congregation at Salem Baptist Church are so blessed to have Randy as their Senior Pastor. And we are so grateful for the incredible work Randy has done for Coastal School Ministries over the years. He will truly be missed but we know he will continue to support the ministry through his love and prayers!

From presenting, to attending conferences, to speaking engagements, to just being a good sport... **We THANK YOU RANDY!**

♥ CSM Board



**“I Thank my God Every Time I Remember you.”** Philippians 1:3

We are always so thankful for all of our Churches, Businesses & Individual donors.

- ◆ Thank you to **Mr. Vincent Variale & Mr. George Mitford at SPC** who have volunteered to speak to our **SMS** classes about their years of missionary work.
- ◆ Thank you **Steven and Erin Graham** for your testimonies to CSM students.
- ◆ Thank you **Circle 555** for your grant donation.
- ◆ Thank you to coordinators **Don Livingston** and **Ashleigh Riley**, representing the **Good News Club**, and **Jason and Shannon Merica**, founders of **Jesus Loves You ministry** for sharing with CSM teachers at their last teacher meeting.



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- ◆ Thank you **Randy Hilburn** for faithfully helping to lead CSM over the years!

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