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IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, "and I will be it's glory within.'

Zechariah 2:5

Summer: Focus on the Future

This summer has been extremely busy for Firewall Ministries as we prepare for the opening of three brand new centers. God has opened wide doors of opportunity for expansion and we are feverishly working to have everything prepared for the start of school. With this in mind, I thought it would be a good time to share with you some of the enhancements we have made to our program for this coming school year.

As excellence is one of our core values at Firewall Ministries, we are continually assessing our programs to see where we can refine, align and add vital components. During this process we came to the conclusion that we needed to increase every student's ability to develop life-long positive habits that will in turn boost their decision-making ability. Our students are constantly faced with peer pressure, difficult choices, and personal insecurities that prevent them from reaching their maximum potential.

So with this in mind, we will begin using curriculums based on the books titled *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and *The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make*. Additionally, we have designed our own curriculum based on the book of John. These three components will be delivered through a daily, interactive teaching time that will provide every youth with a set of tools that will enable them to successfully handle real life situations, thus promoting change in behavior from the inside out. As a result, our students will develop better relationships, increase self-esteem, make wiser decisions, define their goals, and ultimately balance their lives.



We have also greatly enhanced our emphasis on servant leadership. Each young person in our center is now assigned a daily/weekly task that can range from mopping and vacuuming the center to cleaning tables and serving snack. This not only teaches them responsibility and gives them ownership of the center, but it begins to develop a mindset that elevates work and service while producing a healthy humility and work ethic that will help them deal with the inevitable challenges of life. Leadership also necessitates a degree of entrepreneurship and self-reliance that our approach to out-of-school programming intentionally promotes.

We realize that to reach our ambitious goal of creating a culture of excellence, we must have a simple, but effective structure that provides consistency and discipline to all our students. These facts have necessitated our development of a point-based student management system that integrates all the components of our program into a simple but effective tool that promotes positive behavior while detailing clear consequences for negative actions.



We ask that you please continue to pray for us as we need college students, high school seniors and other adults to step up and volunteer to help us mentor and tutor these youth people. Getting involved with Firewall Ministries will be a blessing to you personally as it is much more blessed to give than to receive.

Firewall is coming to West Boca!!!

God has graciously given us the opportunity to partner with several churches in West Boca to provide a much needed Firewall center for the youth of the area. Calvary Chapel of Fort Lauderdale was our original contact and they have stepped up to help by converting a large storage area into classrooms that we will use to mentor and disciple thirty middle school youth. They did it all from putting up walls, to new wiring, and even installed an AC unit to keep us cool. They will also be supplying us with donated computers and other supplies to help get our center started.



This coming August 15th we will be teaming up with the Boca police department who has a substation right on the property to hand out backpacks, school supplies, and food to the neighborhood residents. This event will also give us an opportunity to meet the parents of the area and register the youth for our program.

Banquet News

We are honored to announce that Pastor Bob Coy of Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale will be our keynote speaker for this year's very special annual banquet on October 16th. Be sure to reserve that date as we will be sharing exciting news about the progress of our three new centers as well as laying out the huge mission the Lord has for the future of Firewall Ministries. Be there and be a part of the solution God has prepared for the youth of South Florida. We will be forwarding you all the sponsorship information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support and may God continue to bless you richly.



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