

# Christian Community Center December 2016 Newsletter

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If you watch the news, you know that Baltimore City has a lot of crime, drugs and violence that make it difficult for children to have a safe and innocent childhood, but we thank God that with Jesus all things are possible. We'd like you to meet three special kids that God has sent our way.

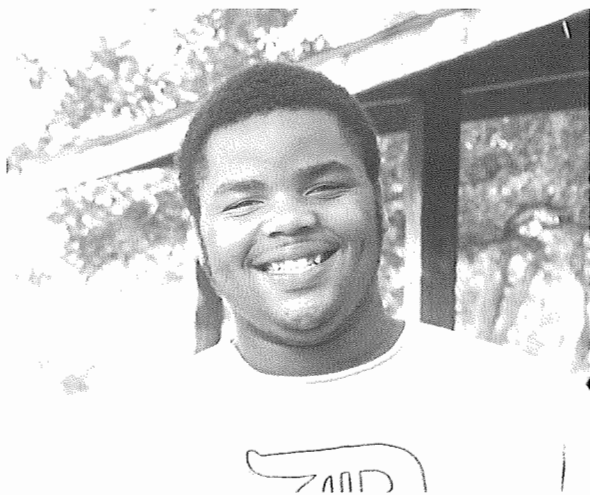
Hi, I'm Gabby (pictured right). I am 10 years old. The Center really means a lot to me. I have been regularly attending the mission ever since I was in kindergarten. I like the mission because it protects you from gangs and drugs on the street and it is a fun place to learn about Jesus. Jesus also means a lot to me because even when you think nobody cares or is listening, you can always know He cares and is listening. At the mission I like to play on the playground with my friends, but it wasn't until last summer, my very first year of camp, that I knew I loved the mission even more than before.



Hi, my name is Bryant (pictured left center), and I've been coming to the mission for five years. I like the mission because I have learned a lot over the years. I have developed a lot of experience like caring, sharing, and just being a good person. I love that when I was little here, I was getting served every day. People were helping me, but now things have changed, and I have become the one helping and being a roll model for the kids. I love the mission and the people that come and support and worship God.

*Proverbs 22:6*

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*



Hello, my name is Carl Kuniken (pictured left) and I am 16 years old. I have been attending the Center for nine years and it has been amazing. God has meant everything to me, especially when I have fallen into temptation. I have realized that it is not about falling into temptation that you should worry about, but what would you do to climb out of it, and for me that would be pray and live for God.

### Christmas Parties are Coming!

Thanks to churches and friends, we are able to have Christmas parties this year for about 100 children and 25 adults. If you wish to help with gifts, just earmark your check "Christmas" and thank you.

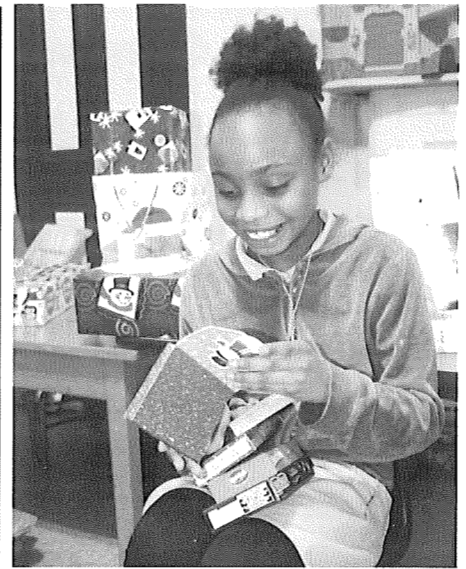
#### Christmas Party Dates

Ladies	Mon.	Dec. 19	10:30 am
Children 4-8	Tues.	Dec. 20	3:00 pm
Children 9-12	Wed.	Dec. 21	3:00 pm
Teens	Thurs.	Dec. 22	4:00 pm

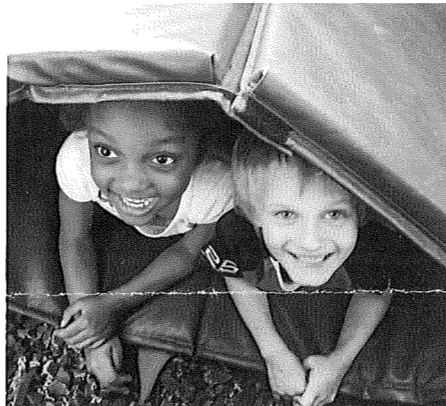
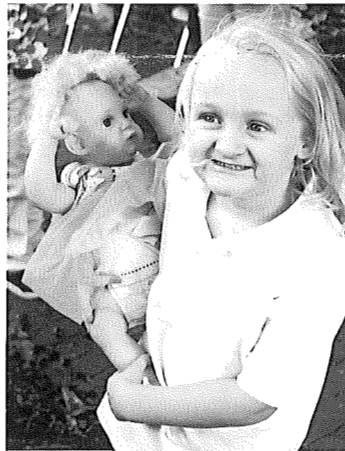
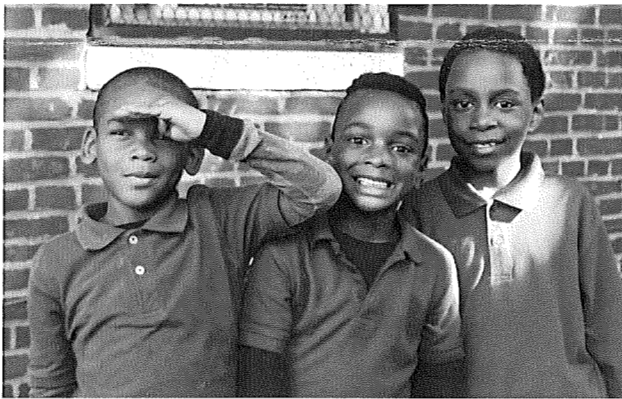
Ms. Betty wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

*Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*

*2 Corinthians 9:15*



### We praise the Lord for 2016. A great year with great kids!



We thank the Lord for so many friends who volunteer their time, pray for the ministry, and/or send financial gifts. Pictured here are some of the children who have been blessed by your kindness and generosity. They appreciate it so very much.

