



## Laying the Foundation for Success

This is truly an exciting time for our ministry. We are beginning to see the fruits of our labor. The past year has been spent planning and preparing for the future, and we are continuing to build momentum. We are continuing to lay the foundation for success, and strengthening our new programming. We currently have six programs up and running, and we are looking to add more in the future.

As we are heading into our summer months we begin shifting into our summer programming. We will continue **Table of Grace** throughout the summer. Every second Saturday of the month we will be providing a free meal for the community. It is a wonderful time of fellowship among the staff, volunteers, and the community we serve. The dates for the next few meals are **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, and **August 13<sup>th</sup>**. Table of Grace is a great opportunity to give back to the community, and to provide prayer for any who asks.

We have plenty of opportunities to keep the youth occupied this summer. For the younger guys and gals we have our **LEGACY Summer Day Camp** beginning on July 6<sup>th</sup>. For our teenage boys we have our **Confidence & Conditioning** program which will be starting back up on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also have our annual **Summer Camp** in Bliss, NY August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> which is open to kids 7-15. All of these programs are accepting applications, and are all very impactful programs. We are doing our part to reclaim the youth of Buffalo, and we ensure that all of our programs show these children the love of Christ.

UCM is proud to announce that we are partnering with **Greater Refuge Temple of Christ** for an awesome evangelism event called **Rock the Block** taking place on Jefferson Ave Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be a huge block party event so we can give back to the community, while sharing the Gospel and our love for Christ. This is an event that will be worth coming out to. We also will be resuming our annual fundraising banquet. This year's ceremony will take place on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Classic V Banquet Hall.

We are so thankful for all of your prayers and support over the years, and we would love for you to see firsthand how far your support goes. I extend a personal invite to come down to 967 Jefferson Ave and check out the building and see the programs in action. Again, **thank you for your prayers and support, and we look forward to continuing God's work in the city of Buffalo.**

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**Confidence & Conditioning** has gotten off to a great start so far. We just finished up our first six week session of the program, and we cannot wait to begin our next session. When we began the program we had very high hopes, but this first six weeks have exceeded our expectations. We have noticed almost immediate impact in the four young men that we are working with. They are showing growth in many different areas, and also showing a thirst for more knowledge and wisdom. We have seen increased confidence and public speaking ability, and each one of our participants

have improved upon their strength and endurance. These young men are also starting to build friendships with one another. The support and encouragement they give each other is wonderful to see. At the request of our young men, we decided to change the structure of the program slightly. We will now allow the young men to be able to participate in this program for longer than the initial 12 week maximum. This will allow us to have a more lasting effect on the participants.

**We are currently accepting applications for the next session of Confidence & Conditioning.** The program will resume on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will run on every Saturday throughout the summer.

**\*\*\*\*CALL TO ACTION\*\*\*\*** In the upcoming months we will be dedicating a full six weeks to wealth creation and becoming an entrepreneur. We are looking for local business owner who are willing to take some time out of their busy schedule to sow into the lives of our young men. If you fit this description please contact Zyris McCormick.



**L.E.G.A.C.Y PROGRAM**



As the end of the school year approaches it also marks the end of inaugural year of the **L.E.G.A.C.Y afterschool program**. We are proud to say that it has been a successful year for our children. All of our kids are on track to be promoted to the next grade. We also have a number of students who have achieved either merit roll or honor roll status. To see the growth that our kids have made is amazing. We've had some who came to us with no exposure to Christ, and now they **have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior!** Some of them have even conducted their own bible lessons for the whole group. The progress we have seen exceeded the expectations that we had coming into this year. These kids bring so much joy and energy to UCM, and we are truly privileged to be able to serve God's children. Now we shift our focus to **our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual L.E.G.A.C.Y Summer Day Camp Program**. Summer Day Camp is designed to focus on reading and literacy skills, and Christ-centered life skills. The campers will also enjoy

outdoor activities, arts & crafts, nutritional education, and field trips. This year we decided to extend our program to **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am-3pm. Day Camp begins on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and will run until August 26<sup>th</sup>.** Day Camp is free of charge, and applications are available at the office, or on our UCM website. We are still looking for volunteers who are interested in working with our youth, and training is available.

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## SUMMER CAMP IS BACK

Summer is right around the corner, which means that it is almost time for our annual summer camp. Applications for UCM Summer Camp are now being accepted. **Camp is open to youth ages 7 to 15. The cost for the awesome week of camp is \$165.00**



Summer Camp offers an affordable fun week away for children and teens. Campers ages 7 – 15 years of age enjoy the beautiful campgrounds, the fresh outdoors, and most importantly, really experience an encounter with Christ for themselves. The campers build lifelong friendships during chapel, Bible lessons, activities, arts & crafts, fishing, hiking and the waterslide! For the second year in a row we will be graced by the presence of H2Fitness out of Syracuse, NY. They will be providing some awesome activities to help our children get moving and become more active while having fun at the same time. We also have a couple of new surprises for this year as well!

If you have never experienced Summer Camp for yourself this is an awesome year to start. We are still accepting applications for those interested in volunteering as counselors, and we provide training. Camper and volunteer applications can be obtained by calling the office at 716-882-9472, or online at [UCMBuffalo.org](http://UCMBuffalo.org) under youth programs.

## THANK YOU!

Urban Christian Ministries would like to thank the young ladies of **Sacred Heart Academy** for taking time out of their vacation to volunteer with us. It was a pleasure to have them here with us for that day, and these young women of God have great futures ahead of them. Thank you again for all of your help!



## ROCK THE BLOCK!

Rock the Block is an evangelism outreach collaboration between Urban Christian Ministries and Greater Refuge Temple of Christ. The goal of the event is to reach people and winning souls for Christ through evangelism outreach in our community.

The event will take place on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm to 3pm. We have activities for the community as well to go along with the evangelism efforts. There will be face painting, a dunk tank, pony rides, petting zoo, hot dogs and hamburgers, and more. We will also have a give-away of school supplies, backpacks & hygiene products. There will be a prayer tent, and small local businesses will have tables set up to promote local commerce. This entire event is free for the community, and open to all.

We are still in the process of collecting school supplies, backpacks & hygiene products for the give-away. Donations can be dropped off at our 967 Jefferson Ave location. Please join us in helping to supply our community with some joy, happiness, and the love of Christ this summer.

## Save the Date!

After a year of hiatus, UCM is pleased to announce the return of our **annual fundraising banquet** to take place of **Friday, October 7, 2016 at 6:30pm**. The banquet will be held at **Classics V**, located at 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd in Amherst NY, 14226. Ticket prices are \$35.00 per person, \$60.00/per couple and a table of 8 for \$200.00. Tickets are available for purchase at our office. More information will follow in our next newsletter.

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## **Now Is a Great Time to Support UCM's 2016 Summer Programs**



As we continue our journey throughout the year, the programs at UCM continue to meet the educational, spiritual and physical needs of our youth and the community.

As you plan your charitable giving, remember that financial donations to Urban Christian Ministries will help to meet our budget needs, and will also benefit the needs of those we serve.

Please consider a generous gift to UCM in support of our summer programs.

Urban Christian Ministries is a non-profit organization impacting and mentoring youth, families and the community for Christ since 1970. Your donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to our office or made online at [UCMBuffalo.org](http://UCMBuffalo.org).